

TOWN OF EXETER
SECOND SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998
EXETER TOWN HALL

The Second Session of the Town of Exeter Annual Meeting, Exeter School District Annual Meeting, and Exeter Region Co-Operative School District Annual Meeting was held in the Exeter Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 1998. The ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty; the machine printed the Zero tape which was signed by Charles Tucker, Town Moderator and other Exeter officials, and the tape was posted as required. Moderator Tucker explained to the poll workers what was required of them, and reminded them that only he, his Assistant Moderator (Steve Hermans who is also Exeter School District Moderator), Town Clerk, and Assistant Town Clerk, could go into the booths to help voters when necessary. He then called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. **"to elect officers, vote on zoning articles and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session by official ballot."** Town Manager George Olson made a motion that the Moderator not read the warrant(s) in their entirety. The motion was seconded and approved. Moderator Tucker declared the polls would remain open until 8:00 P.M.; absentee ballots would be processed beginning at 2:00 P.M., pursuant to N.H. RSA 659:49. There being no further announcements, Moderator Tucker declared the polls open for voting.

At 7:50 P.M. Moderator Tucker reminded poll workers, and others that the polls would be closing at 8:00 P.M. At 8:00 P.M. Moderator Tucker declared the polls closed; however, anyone in line would be allowed to vote.

Following the last ballot cast, the ACCUVOTE voting machine was closed and the final tape showing the voting results was printed. All write-in ballots, and those ballots that could not be read by machine, were counted by election workers, and tally sheets were filled out. At 10:25 P.M. Moderator Tucker announced the results of the Town of Exeter 1998 Annual Meeting votes.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers:

Selectmen (vote for 2): Paul Binette (1,325 votes),
Wendy Stanley Jones (1,277 votes)
Town Moderator: Charles Tucker (1,700 votes)
Checklist Supervisor: Margaret Duhamel (1,674 votes)
Library Committee Trustees (vote for 3):
Carolyn Jacobs (1,372 votes); Lynn Maxwell (1,366 votes); Barbara Young (47 write-in votes)
Town Trust Fund Trustee: Sandra Parks (1,554 votes)
Robinson Fund Trustee: Harry B. Thayer III (1,600 votes)
Swasey Parkway Trustee: Wayne Raymond (1,619 votes)

ARTICLE 2. Zoning Amendment #1: Yes= 1426 votes; NO= 487 votes
Article 2 passed

ARTICLE 3. Zoning Amendment #2: Yes= 1461 votes; NO= 443 votes

Article 3 passed

ARTICLE 4. Zoning Amendment #3: Yes= 1532 votes; NO= 348 votes

Article 4 passed

ARTICLE 5. Zoning Amendment #4: Yes= 1343 votes; NO= 536 votes

Article 5 passed

ARTICLE 6. Zoning Amendment #5: Yes= 1300 votes; NO= 505 votes

Article 6 passed

ARTICLE 7. Zoning Amendment #6: YES= 1220 votes; NO= 557 votes

Article 7 passed

ARTICLE 8. Zoning Amendment #7: YES= 1265 votes; NO= 503 votes

Article 8 passed

ARTICLE 9. Election of necessary Town Officers, and/or Committees for ensuing year:

Budget Recommendations Committee: Salvatore Morgani, Samuel Daniell, Ann Titus, Neil Fitch, Ann Burke, Benjamin Labb, Robert Eastman, Marshall Armand, Carol Aten, Jeffery Warnock, Curtis Mackail, Eileen Blanchard, Christopher Moutis, Jeffery Salisbury, Alan Williams; **Fence Viewer:** Peter Dow; **Weigher:** George Wool; **Measurer of Wood and Bark:** Robert Eastman.

YES = 1551, NO = 202

Article 10: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,500 to maintain the Town Office building, i.e. replacement storm windows (\$9,500), install a roof snow belt and re-shingle the roof (\$25,000) and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required).

YES = 1,314 votes NO = 526 votes

ARTICLE 10 passed with 71% ballot vote received

Article 11: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,000 to clean the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at the Town Library (\$8,000), and provide for water proofing of the building (\$42,000), install a humidification system (\$17,000) and retrofit the electrical and lighting system (\$19,000), and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 1,108 votes NO = 788 votes

ARTICLE 11 Did Not Pass as 58% ballot vote received

Article 12: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,000 to repair the portico (\$25,000), reconstruct the cupola (\$150,000) and clean, repoint and water proof brick (\$1,000) at the Town Hall and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such

bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 1,147 votes NO = 724 votes

ARTICLE 12 Did Not Pass as 58% ballot vote received

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to install a diesel exhaust removal system at the Public Safety Complex and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 1,104 votes NO = 764 votes

ARTICLE 13 Did Not Pass as 58% ballot vote received

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to renovate the Town Clerk's Office space by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 908 votes NO = 947 votes

ARTICLE 14 did not pass

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to renovate the interior of the Parks and Recreation Department by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 803 votes NO = 1070 votes

ARTICLE 15 did not pass

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,000, the remaining \$532,000 cost to come from State funds, to reconstruct the Great Bridge (Water St. bridge) by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 1651 votes NO = 346 votes

ARTICLE 16 Passed with 83% ballot vote received

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000 to repair the Swasey Parkway seawall and storm drain (\$224,000), make renovations to the roadway (\$71,000), and provide for regrading and landscaping (\$30,000), by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal

Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required.)

YES = 1121 votes NO = 872 votes

ARTICLE 17 Did Not Pass as 56% ballot vote received

Article 18: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to engineer and rebuild the intersection of Hampton and Guinea Roads and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required).

YES = 889 votes NO = 1066 votes

ARTICLE 18 Did Not Pass as 45% ballot vote received

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000, to be paid out of sewer fees, for the purpose of responding to the Administrative Order issued by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to reduce copper and ammonia levels in the Town's sewer discharge (\$589,700), replace the Water St. sewer collector (\$308,031) and upgrade the capacity of the Town's sanitary sewers (\$102,269) by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required).

YES = 1547 votes NO = 418 votes

ARTICLE 19 Passed as 79% ballot vote received

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,475,000 to complete the separation of sanitary sewer and storm water in the Court St., Elm St. areas by the issuance of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and determine the rate of interest thereon? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. A two-thirds ballot vote is required).

YES = 1244 votes NO = 711 votes

ARTICLE 20 Did Not Pass as 64% ballot vote received

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set therein, totaling \$10,493,911? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,683,497, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:30, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (A majority of the Board of Selectmen recommends this Appropriation).

Note: Warrant Article 21 does not include Warrant Articles #10 through 20 and #22 through 37 and Article 41.

YES = 1474 votes NO = 437 votes

ARTICLE 21 Passed

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Selectmen and the Exeter Police Association, IBPO Local 624, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits: 1997 \$31,458, 1998 \$65,510 and 1999 \$114,242, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,967 for the 1998 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation in the prior fiscal year? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1367 votes NO = 566 votes

ARTICLE 22 Passed

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town, if Article 22 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 22 cost items only?

YES = 1128 votes NO = 703 votes

ARTICLE 23 Passed

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town fix the annual salary of the Town Clerk at \$39,566; and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,153 above the sum budgeted therefore? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

YES = 1167 votes NO = 707 votes

ARTICLE 24 Passed

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to indefinitely accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in Trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19?

YES = 1594 votes NO = 336 votes

ARTICLE 25 Passed

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,122 to be added to the previously established Town Retirement Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such monies from said funds as are required by the Town to meet its obligations to retiring employees? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1323 votes NO = 614 votes

ARTICLE 26 Passed

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 to be added to the Portsmouth Avenue Capital Reserve fund previously established? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1242 votes NO = 669 votes

ARTICLE 27 Passed

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to \$130,000

for the purpose of replacing the Town's fuel dispensing systems as required by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1997 fund balance in that amount for this purpose? Such transfer will have no impact on the 1998 tax rate. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1586 votes NO = 355 votes

ARTICLE 28 Passed

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to \$65,000 to upgrade the Town Clerk's computer (\$30,000) and copier(\$5,000), for restoration (\$25,000) and the microfilming of documents (\$5,000), and authorize the transfer of the December 31, 1997 fund balance in that amount for this purpose? Such transfer will have no impact on the 1998 tax rate. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1193 votes NO = 738 votes

ARTICLE 29 Passed

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town authorize the withdrawal of \$10,343 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the purpose of making final payment on a portable difibulator? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1791 votes NO = 188 votes

ARTICLE 30 Passed

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,721 for the purpose of continuing the Town's residential curb-side recycling program? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1479 votes NO = 367 votes

ARTICLE 31 Passed

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500 for the reconstruction of sidewalks and the creation of a sidewalk reconstruction program? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1350 votes NO = 483 votes

ARTICLE 32 Passed

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town designate the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend funds from the Town's Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund as established in 1996? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1251 votes NO = 543 votes

ARTICLE 33 Passed

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$75,000 to rebuild the Town's tennis and basketball courts? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 808 votes NO = 991 votes

ARTICLE 34 Did Not Pass

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$10,000, the remaining \$40,000 to come from state funds, for the purpose of reconstructing sidewalks on Main Street? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1456 votes NO = 376 votes

ARTICLE 35 Passed

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Town raise and appropriate through special warrant article, the sum of \$20,000 to provide for enhanced park maintenance, and the preparation of a Park Maintenance Program? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1028 votes NO = 440 votes

ARTICLE 36 Passed

ARTICLE 37: Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1 for the purpose of future Bus Replacement for the Parks & Recreation Department, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund and designate the Selectmen as agents to expend? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 936 votes NO = 847 votes

ARTICLE 37 Passed

ARTICLE 38: Shall the Town enact bylaws pertaining to tattooing and body piercing pursuant to N.H. RSA 31:39,I(m), to be enforced by the Town of Exeter Health Officer?

YES = 1414 votes NO = 377 votes

ARTICLE 38 Passed

ARTICLE 39: Shall the Town enact bylaws pursuant to the enabling authority granted under N.H. RSA 31:30,I(j) sanitary conditions of restaurants within the limits of the Town of Exeter, to be regulated in accordance with Sanitary Food Code regulations adopted pursuant to N.H. RSA 147:I,II, and pursuant to N.H. RSA 31:39,I(k), licenses issued by the Town Health Officer or designee?

YES = 1565 votes NO = 196 votes

ARTICLE 39 Passed

ARTICLE 40: Shall the Town discontinue the following portion of Garrison Lane: commencing at a point approximately 1,100 feet northerly of Brentwood Road, adjacent to the southeasterly bound or corner of Tax Map 56, Lot 2 and continuing in a northwesterly and northeasterly direction following the existing course of Garrison Lane to a point approximately 1450 feet westerly of Epping Road, at the southwesterly boundary of Tax Map 47, Lot 4-1? Such discontinuance shall not take effect unless the Planning Board approves prior to the March 1999 Town Meeting, a subdivision of Tax Map 46, Lot 1, Tax Map 56, Lots 2 and 3, all of which lots are owned by Rockingham Economic Development Corporation.

YES = 1129 votes NO = 412 votes

ARTICLE 40 Passed

ARTICLE 41: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of

\$60,000 for the purpose of expediting the repair and reconstruction of roads? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

YES = 1355 votes NO = 431 votes

ARTICLE 41 Passed

ARTICLE 42: On petition of Gail E. Morse and others shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 for the purpose of establishing a program which deals with the control of mosquitoes by natural predators or other natural means?

YES = 1045 votes NO = 752 votes

ARTICLE 42 Passed

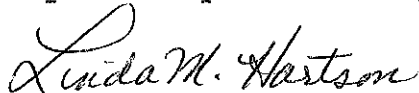
ARTICLE 43: On petition of Benjamin Labb and others shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,800 for mosquito control for 1998? (A majority of the Board of Selectmen does not recommend this appropriation.)

YES = 695 votes NO = 1133 votes

ARTICLE 43 Did Not Pass

There were a total of 9,584 registered voters; 2,061 voted by machine, and 108 voted absentee for a total of 2,169 votes cast, or 25% of the registered voters.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Hartson, CMC
Exeter Town Clerk