



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008**

*Moderator Tucker
Announced at
9:17 P.M.*

*Linda Hartson
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 align="center">FOR SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>MATTHEW J. QUANDT 856 ✓</p> <p>JAMES TANIS 283</p> <p>ROBERT ALDRICH 722</p> <p>WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL 964 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than THREE</p> <p>KATHLEEN M. TER MEULEN 1049 ✓</p> <p>LINDA E. VAN DE CAR 1044 ✓</p> <p>FELICIA DONOVAN 1113 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEE OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>MARGARET (PEG) DUHAMEL 1367 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR TOWN TREASURER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>DONALD BRABANT 1348 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR TOWN CLERK</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL WALKER 444</p> <p>LINDA HARTSON 1058 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>10,112 Beginning Voters + 8 New Voters 10,120 checklist - end</p>	<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEE OF ROBINSON FUND</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Seven Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>PETER A. SMITH 1335 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEE OF SWASEY PARKWAY</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>JAY PERKINS, SR. 1342 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">Vote for not Six Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>JOANNE TOLAND 1326 ✓</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1756 Total Votes</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 as follows: Amend Article 2, Definitions; Article 4, District Regulations; Article 5, General Regulations; and Article 6, Supplementary Use Regulations by creating a comprehensive revision of these articles, and replacing existing language of said articles with those revisions and additions as proposed, in their entirety?

1327
YES ✓
NO
259

NOTE: The proposed revisions are intended to update the language and uses within the ordinance to "present day" terminology and create compatible uses, to maintain continuity, and to provide some "user-friendly" formatting.

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: Amend Article 2, Definitions by adding a new definition, "Residential Conversions", as follows: "The conversion of existing residential buildings (principal residential structures as well as accessory structures) into not more than four (4) dwelling units."?

Amend Article 4, Section 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding residential conversions to those uses allowed by "Special Exceptions" in the RU, R-1, R-2, R-3, C-1, C-2 and NP districts.

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I Notes outlining additional criteria associated with such conversions, as follows:

"1. In addition to the criteria set forth in Article 5, Section 5.2 Special Exception, the following criteria must also be met:

Conversions - The conversion of existing residential buildings (principal residential structure as well as

ARTICLE 3 CONTINUED

- (a) The number of spaces for off-street parking shall comply with Article 5.6 Off-Street Parking;
- (b) The minimum lot size required shall be such that each dwelling unit is provided with thirty percent (30%) of the minimum lot size required for the district;
- (c) The structure has been a residence for a minimum of ten (10) years;
- (d) The lot must meet a minimum of twenty percent (20%) open space unless otherwise stated in Articles 4.3 and 4.4 Schedules II and III.
- (e) For conversions intended to become rental units, one of the dwelling units shall remain owner-occupied.
- (f) The Board of Adjustment may require the Planning Board to review the proposed site plan. All conversions consisting of three or more units must be reviewed by the Planning Board.
- (g) The Board of Adjustment may allow expansion to an existing structure for the purpose of providing additional area for the units provided all other requirements are met. Any expansion greater than 400 square foot (in footprint) shall require Planning Board review of the proposed site plan."
- (h) Prior to any renovations or building, the owner shall provide evidence to the Town Building Inspector that septic facilities are adequate for both units according to the standards of the Town and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Water Division). If deemed necessary by the Building Inspector, such evidence shall be in the form of certification by a State of New Hampshire licensed septic systems designer. Also the owner shall provide evidence that there is adequate potable water according to the standards of the State of New Hampshire."

1032
 YES
 NO
 554

NOTE: The proposed amendment will afford property owners the opportunity to convert existing residential structures into not more than four (4) dwelling units, provided the specific criteria set forth for "conversions" and "special exception" are satisfied.

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: Amend Article 3, Section 3.2 Zoning Map by extending the C-3, Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district within Tax Map Parcel #47-8 and #47-9, following Watson Brook to the east as depicted on the map?

1059
 YES
 NO
 522

NOTE: The proposed amendment will increase the area of the existing C-3, Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district and provide additional opportunity for expansion and/or future commercial development along the easterly side of Epping Road.

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: Amend Article 3, Section 3.2 Zoning Map by rezoning Tax Map #32-2, #32-3, and #32-4 from R-1, Single Family Residential to NP-Neighborhood Professional zoning district, as depicted on the map?

1010
 YES
 NO
 534

NOTE: The proposed amendment will create a transition zone between properties situated along NH Route 27 which are currently zoned residential and commercial.

Article 6: Zoning Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 6, Section 6.12 by adding a new subsection?

1315
 YES
 NO
 295

6.12.2 No dock, wharf, float, pier, waterfront walkway or any related waterborne structure shall be permitted within 400 feet of the String Bridge downstream abutments."

NOTE: The proposed amendment will provide protection for the aquatic spawning grounds located within this area of the river by prohibiting any structural development.

Article 7: Zoning Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 6, Section 6.7 Retail Uses by adding a new subsection limiting the floor area of retail services, as accessory uses, in the NP, CT, CT-1 and PP zoning districts? New subsection to read as follows:

1057
 YES
 NO
 440

- "6.7.3 Retail services allowed as accessory uses in the NP, CT, CT-1 and PP districts are limited to the following floor areas shown below to a maximum of 1000 sq. ft. per lot.:
- A. NP: 10% of the gross floor area of the principal building,
 - B. CT and CT-1: 20% of the gross floor area of the principal building,
 - C. PP: 15% of the gross floor area of the principal building.

Proposed retail areas shall be physically linked to the principal use. Specifically, in cases where there are existing structures, the retail area shall be located in an existing building. For new proposals, the retail area shall be located in the same structure as the principal use.

Drive-thru facilities are not allowed as part of this provision."

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding "Retail Services" as a permitted Accessory Use in the NP, CT, CT-1 and PP zoning districts as described above including references.

NOTE: The proposed amendment will permit, as accessory uses, those retail services that are associated with the principal use of the lot.

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 8: Zoning Amendment #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 7, Section 7.7 General Regulations Governing Open Space Development, 7.7.1 Density, and subsection 7.7.1A Bonus by incorporating language making an allowance for 'affordable housing rentals'?

1196
YES
NO
338

NOTE: The proposed amendment will augment the existing regulations by adding definitive criteria distinguishing between "sales" and "rental" components of the affordable housing language.

Article 9: Shall the Town choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year, including the following?

Budget Recommendations Committee (1-year term):

Robert Aldrich Eileen Blanchard Jay Childs Marc Carbonneau Robert Corson Gerard Hamel
James Knight Christopher Moutis Vicky Nawoichyk Anne Surman

Measurer of Wood & Bark: Robert Eastman **Weigher:** Jay Perkins, Sr. **Fence Viewer:** Douglas Eastman

1369
YES
NO
218

Article 10: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,130,000 for the purpose of design and reconstruction of the String Bridge, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,130,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, authorize the Board of Selectmen, or Town Manager, to accept any state or federal grants related to the project? This project will be eligible for 80% reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.
(3/5 ballot vote required for passage).

Passed

1192
YES
NO
485

Article 11: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$377,000 for the purpose of design and engineering work for improvements to the Great Dam, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$377,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, authorize the Board of Selectmen, or Town Manager, to accept any state or federal grants related to the project? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.
(3/5 ballot vote required for passage).

Passed

1152
YES
NO
519

Article 12: 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 \$19,253,258? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$18,286,759, 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. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

893
YES
NO
757

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$85,500 for the purpose of renovating the communications and dispatch center at the Public Safety Building? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

YES 971
NO
675

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000 to be placed in the vehicle replacement capital reserve fund established by Article 14 of the 2007 Town Meeting, for the following purposes:

- 1. Replace 1984 Forestry Truck- Fire Dept. 2008 - amount of \$25,000.
- 2. Refurbish Engine #4 - Fire Dept. 2008 - amount of \$56,000

The above amounts represent 50% of the total project budget. The initial 50% was approved in 2007. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1098
YES
NO
565

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$58,700 for the purpose of replacing failed windows at the Exeter Public Library? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1233
YES
NO
459

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$50,000 to the Arterial Shoulder Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 25 of the 2006 Town Meeting, for the purpose of creating bike paths, improving and widening road shoulders and linking sidewalks with bike paths? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1061
YES
NO
620

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000, to be added to the previously established Town Retirement Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

YES 835
NO
803

Article 18: Shall the Town establish a capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of property appraisals and fees, and raise and appropriate the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund? The Board of Selectmen will be agents of the fund and may spend from the fund for the following purposes: 1) property appraisals; and 2) ancillary fees. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

767
YES
NO
851

Article 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two-hundred forty-nine thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$249,333) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 18 of the 2008 Town Warrant to purchase land for public safety purposes? This sum will come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

932
YES
NO
671

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$40,000, for the purpose of replacing Command Car C3 in the Exeter Fire Department? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

765
YES
NO 844

Article 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of purchase and installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Parks & Recreation Building on Court Street? This appropriation will allow the Town to meet NFPA codes and correct deficiencies identified in the Town's Safety Inspection Program. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1160
YES
NO 464

Article 22: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$30,000, for the purpose of conducting a system evaluation study on the Town's storm water system? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

966
YES
NO 636

Article 23: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$30,000 to be used to install a master box and fire detection system in the Raynes Barn with connection to the Exeter Fire Department, and to provide money for the continued restoration of the barn including the east and west sills and the barn doors? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

700
YES
NO 898

Article 24: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Watershed Management Plan for the Lower Exeter River? This plan already includes the Little River in Exeter and two other areas of the Exeter River watershed. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1072
YES
NO 550

Article 25: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$19,944 for support of the Rockingham County Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, an agency that provides at home nursing and hospice care to Exeter residents? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1375
YES
NO 263

Article 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$10,500, for support of the Seacoast Regional Mental Health Center, an agency that provides mental health services to residents of Exeter? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1261
YES
NO 374

Article 27: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$4,000 for the support of the New Outlook Teen Center, an agency providing recreational, educational and prevention programming for youth ages 11-18 and families in greater Exeter? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1276
YES
NO 376

Article 28: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$3,200, for support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), an agency that provides community services at no charge to the elderly of Exeter? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1377
YES
NO 268

Article 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$2,495, for support of Great Bay Kids Company, an agency that provides daycare for Exeter children? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1145
YES
NO 494

Article 30: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$2,000, for support of Families First, an agency that provides health care and family services to Exeter residents? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1268
YES
NO 383

Article 31: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$2,000 for support of the New Generation Shelter, an agency that provides counseling, parenting education, life skills, and aftercare to Exeter residents? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1154
YES
NO 480

Article 32: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$800, for support of the Seacoast Chapter of the American Red Cross, an agency that provides emergency service and care to Exeter residents? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1305
YES
NO 325

Article 33: Shall the Town discontinue the Portsmouth Avenue Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund created by Article #33 of the 1994 Town Warrant? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the general fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

1300
YES
NO 305

Article 34: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), for the purchase of Gilman Park, so it may continue to be used for the enjoyment of the public, subject to an easement to be held by The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire? The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1543
YES
NO 118

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 35: Shall the Town establish an ambulance service revolving fund in accordance with RSA 31-95-h for the purpose of providing ambulance services within the Town?

All revenues received for such services shall be deposited into the fund, and the money shall 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.

1149
YES
 NO
 441

Article 36: Shall the Town collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$2.50 per vehicle for the purpose of supporting, wholly or in part, public transportation with emphasis on the needs of the elderly in the Town of Exeter as authorized by RSA 261:153 s. VI? Proceeds of said fees will be deposited into the Town's Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, with the Board of Selectmen appointed as agents to expend from this capital reserve fund for the purposes for which it was established. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.

1005
YES
 NO
 668

Article 37: On the petition of Rosemonde Roy and others, "Shall the Town authorize the Exeter Parks and Recreation Department to study the possibility of developing a Dog Park in the Town of Exeter?"

YES 692
 NO
 948

Article 38: By petition, "Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to investigate the advisability of adopting the New Hampshire renewable energy property tax exemptions, RSA 72:61-72?"

1195
YES
 NO 421

Article 39: On the petition of Francine Berman and others "Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$1,000 for support of the Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network, an agency that provides shelter, foods, and case management to local families that have become homeless?" The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

1150
YES
 NO 494

Article 40: On the petition of George St. Amour and others, "Shall the voters of Exeter, NH vote to require "Receiving Towns" when enlisting the aid of the Exeter Fire Department to pay the cost of Exeter's emergency response team? (Said response being referred to as Mutual Aid.)"

785
 YES
 823 NO

Article 41: By petition, "Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a lease for at least 35 years with the Exeter Sportsman Club, Inc. on that portion of Town owned land now occupied and the current access there to?"

1028
YES
 NO 617

Article 42: On the petition of Alan C. Bailey and others, "Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,500 in order to retain a recognized reputable Forensic Auditing firm to, without delay, commence a Forensic Town Audit, for the fiscal years 2004 thru 2007 inclusive?"
 The majority of the Board of Selectmen does not recommend this appropriation.

389
 YES
 1228 NO

Article 43: By petition, "Shall the voters modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Exeter, based on assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to age 75 years, \$152,251; for a person, 75 years of age up to 80 years \$183,751; for a person 80 years of age and over \$236,251?"

"To qualify, the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or if owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,426; or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$51,976; and own net assets not in excess of \$194,251; excluding the value of the person's residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse."

1044
YES
 NO
 553

Article 44: On the petition of Ann H. Warren and others, "Shall the Town approve the following resolution be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor? Resolved: We, the citizens of Exeter, NH, believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes."

1040
YES
 NO
 589

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING