



Ballots Cast 3,090 11,318 total voters

BALLOT 1 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022

2790

Andrea J. Kohler
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>FOR SELECTMEN Three Year Term Vote for not more than TWO 2142</p> <p>JULIE GILMAN ●</p> <p>NIKO PAPKONSTANTIS ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○ 2144</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>FOR TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY Three Year Term Vote for not more than THREE</p> <p>LINDA TOBER 2016 ●</p> <p>KATHY CORSON 2120 ●</p> <p>BARBARA YOUNG 2065 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>FOR TRUSTEE OF SWASEY PARKWAY Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DWANE STAPLES 2313 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p>FOR SELECTMEN One Year Term Vote for not more than ONE 2276</p> <p>NANCY BELANGER ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROBINSON FUND Seven Year Term Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JANE McCAFFERY 2245 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>COREY STEVENS 2243 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p>FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST Six Year Term Vote for not more than ONE 2296</p> <p>MICHELLE BERKE ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>		

ARTICLES

Article 2
Zoning Amendment #1: By petition, are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Town of Exeter's Zoning Ordinance to revise the definition of "Bed and Breakfast" contained in Article 2.2.12 as follows:

The proposed Amendment will be underlined text for proposed additions and strikethrough text for proposed deletions.

Bed and Breakfast: The primary dwelling of an owner-operator and or detached accessory structure on the same property, that provides exclusively for the lodging of transient guests and whose posted rates shall include breakfast. ~~A Bed and Breakfast shall not be used for any other hospitality or business related use.~~ A Bed and Breakfast shall have not more than four (4) rentable rooms and a dining area capable of accommodating the number of registered guests. The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.

2401
YES ●
NO ○
454

Article 3
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five million seven hundred thousand and zero dollars (\$5,700,000) for the purpose of design and construction of a new sewer pump station and force main on Webster Avenue, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$5,700,000 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 funding through a \$1.05 million dollar federal grant, \$1.395 million in state ARPA funds, and \$325,500 in principal forgiveness from the NHDES. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. Debt service to be paid from the sewer fund. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2226
YES ●
NO ○
614

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) for the purchase of land and buildings at 10 Hampton Road (aka the Qessential Building), including making minor renovations to the property, to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department as recreation space, public parking and main offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,250,000 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 .86% interest: .06/1,000, \$6/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2123
YES
NO
 761

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars (\$330,715) for the purpose of design and engineering of water, sewer and drainage improvements in the Westside Drive area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$330,715 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 \$100,000 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 5-year bond at .50% interest: .006/1,000, \$.63/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2176
YES
NO
 658

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year.
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE: Liz Canada, Kathy Corson, Enna Grazier, Bob Kelly, Judy Rowan, Christine Soutter, Cory Stevens, Chris Zigmont, Anthony Zwaan
FENCE VIEWER: Doug Eastman;
MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK: Doug Eastman; **WEIGHER:** Jay Perkins

2416
YES
NO
 274

Article 7

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 \$20,387,002. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$20,084,542, 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: .17/1,000 assessed property value, \$17/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2001
YES
NO
 781

Article 8

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 \$4,249,390. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$4,161,433, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2027
YES
NO
 772

Article 9

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 \$7,385,953. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,298,636, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1994
YES
NO
 788

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Exeter Police Association, which calls for the following increased salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase
FY22	\$38,749
FY23	\$37,431
FY24	\$55,513
FY25	\$78,204

2186
YES
NO
 651

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and forty-nine dollars (\$38,749) for the 2022 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. (Estimated Tax Impact: .017/1,000, \$1.73/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

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Article 11

Shall the town vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Exeter Firefighters Local 3491, which calls for the following increased salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase
FY22	\$54,408
FY23	\$72,593
FY24	\$68,174

2236
YES
NO
539

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-four thousand, four hundred and eight dollars (\$54,408) for the 2022 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. (Estimated Tax Impact: .024/1,000, \$2.43/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

Article 12

Shall the Town 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
FY22	\$22,082	\$29,145	\$51,227
FY23	\$17,538	\$17,899	\$35,437
FY24	\$26,976	\$33,003	\$59,979

2159
YES
NO
665

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-one thousand two hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$51,227) for the 2022 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 \$29,145 through taxation (General Fund), and \$22,082 (Water/Sewer Funds). (Estimated Tax Impact: .013/1,000, \$1.30/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 10-year lease/purchase agreement for \$650,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for Engine 5 in the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$82,355), which represents the first of 10 annual payments (a total of \$745,453) for this purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .037/1,000, \$3.68/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2128
YES
NO
724

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment for the Exeter Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,064, which represents the first of 7 annual payments (a total of \$385,547), for this purpose. This lease agreement shall contain an escape clause. (Estimated Tax Impact: .026/1,000, \$2.64/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2318
YES
NO
534

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$249,000) for the purpose of making improvements to the Raynes Barn located on Newfields Road. The appropriation of \$249,000 will be offset by an LCHIP grant (\$100,000) and a withdrawal from the Conservation Fund (\$49,000) with the balance of \$100,000 to be appropriated from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2132
YES
NO
720

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing body cameras and associated equipment for the Exeter Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,846, which represents the first of 5 annual payments (a total of \$204,139), for this purpose. This lease agreement shall contain an escape clause. (Estimated Tax Impact: .019/1,000, \$1.91/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2203
YES
NO
659

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for the purpose of engineering services related to sewer capacity rehabilitation. This sum to come from sewer funds. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2166
YES
NO
649

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Article 18

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

2227
YES
NO
544

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of seventy-one thousand eight hundred and one dollars (\$71,801), for the purpose of purchasing a replacement for Highway Truck #9, purchased in 2007. This replacement is for an existing 1 ton truck to a 1.5 ton "Switch and Go" Hook truck F-550. This vehicle is primarily used for light duty hauling, landscaping, asphalt work, drainage and catch basin maintenance. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2133
YES
NO
624

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty-nine thousand four hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$59,481), for the purpose of purchasing a replacement hotbox asphalt reclaimer for the Highway Department. This is the Department's primary equipment to fill potholes. The current hotbox was purchased in 2005. (Estimated Tax Impact: .027/1,000, \$2.65/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2049
YES
NO
680

Article 21

Shall the Town 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: .022/1,000, \$2.23/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1834
YES
NO
921

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to 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 general taxation \$25,000, water funds \$12,500, and sewer funds \$12,500). (Estimated Tax Impact: .011/1,000, \$1.12/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 3-1.

1328
YES
NO
1365

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of forty-seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars (\$47,969), for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a replacement for Fire Department Car 3. This purchase would replace a 2010 Ford Expedition with an F250 Pickup. The vehicle will be used for incident command. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2015
YES
NO
737

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of forty-five thousand and zero dollars (\$45,000), for the purpose of hiring a consultant to conduct a facilities condition assessment (FCA) and set up a database for Town facilities. The assessment will include an accounting and evaluation of all Town buildings and their systems. The consultant will input the data from the assessment into a software system that will be used by the Town for facility maintenance and capital asset planning. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .020/1,000, \$2.01/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1552
YES
NO
1156

Article 25

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of forty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$44,750), for the purpose of purchasing a replacement for Jeep Patriot #65 in the Public Works Department. This purchase would replace a 2013 Jeep Patriot with a Ford Explorer Hybrid vehicle. (Estimated Tax Impact: .020/1,000, \$2.00/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1488
YES
NO
1231

Article 26

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of twenty-five thousand and zero dollars (\$25,000), for the purpose of conducting a town wide bicycle/pedestrian plan as outlined in the Town Master Plan. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .011/1,000, \$1.12/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1846
YES
NO
905

Article 27

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

2067
YES
NO
650

Article 28

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Snow and Ice Deficit Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2253
YES
NO

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Article 29

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$3,625) 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) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2514
YES
NO
364

Article 30

Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of making capital improvements to, equipping and maintaining the Town Hall building. All revenues received from the rental of space in the Town Hall will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general 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 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. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the revolving fund as an initial balance. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2401
YES
NO
449

Article 31

Shall the Town vote to appoint the Arts and Culture Commission as agents to expend from the Exeter Arts Program Donation Trust Fund created by vote of the 2009 Town Meeting in place of the Exeter Arts Committee which no longer exists. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2307
YES
NO
535

Article 32

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Exeter Electric Aggregation Plan (voted upon by the Exeter Community Power Aggregation Committee on 12/29/21) which authorizes the Select Board to implement a Community Power Aggregation program as described therein. Community Power Aggregation programs, pursuant to State statute RSA 53-E, allow municipalities to purchase electric energy supply on behalf of their residents and businesses with the goals of allowing for more local control of energy sources, lowering relative costs, expanding access to renewable energy sources, and supporting the development of innovative energy projects. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

2352
YES
NO
474

Article 33

Shall the Town vote, subject to the Town obtaining approval from both the Rockingham County Probate Court and NH Division of Charitable Trusts, to close and discontinue Swasey Parkway as a public roadway from Water Street to the Pavilion, while still allowing traffic to enter from Newfields Road to park and turn around.

1819
YES
NO
1083

This action, if approved by the voters, will be conditioned on the following:

- a) Retaining the paved surface in the discontinued portion for the use of pedestrians, non-motorized vehicles, maintenance vehicles and emergency vehicles.
- b) The northerly portion of the roadway shall remain a Class V highway.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

Article 34

By petition of Andrew Elliott and others
Washington Street Improvements

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand and zero dollars (\$260,000) for the design and construction of road improvements (sidewalks, tree work, and traffic calming) on Washington Street. This sum to come from General taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .116/1,000 or \$11.60/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Not recommended by the Select Board 0-4.

900
YES
NO
1915

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT