

Registered voters 13,064



17.6% turnout

ABSENTEE

Absentee voters 127

BALLOT 1 OF 4

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

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.

FOR SELECTMEN

Three Year Term Vote for not more than TWO

JULIE GILMAN 1746 ☒

NIKO PAPAKONSTANTIS 1697 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR MODERATOR

Two Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

KATHERINE MILLER 1778 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEES OF
THE LIBRARY

Three Year Term Vote for not more than THREE

DIANA PERRY 1655 ☒

CATHLEEN A. TOOMEY 1675 ☒

BARBARA YOUNG 1632 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF
THE ROBINSON FUND

Seven Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

NICK DRINKER 1660 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF
THE SWAZEY PARKWAY

Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

DWANE STAPLES 1766 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

PAT CURTIS 1714 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

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, by amending Article 2, Section 2.2 Definitions by adding a new definition for "Short-term rental": "Any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit or any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, or timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home, that is offered for a fee and for less than thirty (30) consecutive days." And amend Article 4, Section 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding "Short-term rental" as a permitted use in the C-1, Central Area Commercial and WC-Waterfront Commercial zoning districts?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1.

1443

YES ☒

NO ☐

751

Article 3

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$6,800,000) for the purpose of design, engineering and construction of a new groundwater source off Drinkwater Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,800,000 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Notwithstanding the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will be paid from the water fund. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1495

YES ☒

NO ☐

710

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) for the purpose of design, engineering, removal of the Pickpocket Dam and subsequent site monitoring, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Town is seeking grants to offset up to 100% of the project cost. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 15-year bond at 3.09% interest: .06/1,000, \$6.00/100,000 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.

1501
YES ☒
NO ☐
123

Article 5

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred fifty seven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,257,900) for the purpose of making repairs to the Linden Street bridge, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,257,900 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 10-year bond at 2.72% interest: .05/1,000, \$5.00/100,000 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.

1584
YES ☒
NO ☐
617

Article 6

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$575,000) for the purpose of replacing the fuel island station at the DPW Complex at 13 Newfields Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$575,000 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 5-year bond at 2.89% interest: .04/1,000, \$4.00/100,000 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.

1354
YES ☒
NO ☐
816

Article 7

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$395,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new street sweeper to be used to meet EPA nitrogen reduction permit requirements and the implementation of an enhanced sweeping program, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$395,000 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 5-year bond at 2.89% interest: .03/1,000, \$3.00/100,000 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.

1308
YES ☐
NO ☒
898

Article 8

Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of a portion of the unused bonds approved in 2021 for Salem Street Area Water, Sewer, Drainage Road Improvements and Utility Replacements as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), for the purpose of making sewer repairs at Pine, Front and Linden Streets, and making repairs to drainage systems at Pine, Front and Linden Streets, per RSA 33:3-a, II. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (3/5 ballot vote required for approval) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1856
YES ☒
NO ☐
360

Article 9

Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of a portion of the unused bonds approved in 2021 for Wastewater Lagoon Sludge Removal as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), for the purpose of inspecting, cleaning and dredging of Clemson Lagoon, per RSA 33:3-a, II. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (3/5 ballot vote required for approval) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1802
YES ☒
NO ☐
404

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10

Shall the Town authorize the expenditure of a portion of the unused bonds approved in 2021 for Wastewater Lagoon Sludge Removal as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$245,000), for the purpose of repairing the effluent flume at the Wastewater Treatment Facility site at 13 Newfields Road, per RSA 33:3-a, II. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (3/5 ballot vote required for approval) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1862
YES ☒
NO ☐
335

Article 11

Shall the Town vote on all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year.
BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Canda

Donald Cloutier

Andrew Elliott

Enna Grazier

Francine Hall

Amanda Kelly

Robert Kelly

David Kovar

Dr. Judy Rowan

Christine Soutter

Christopher Zigmont

Fence Viewer

Doug Eastman

Measurer of Wood & Bark

Doug Eastman

Weigher

Jay Perkins

1926
YES ☒
NO ☐
179

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 \$23,983,368. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$23,441,313, 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: .27/1,000 assessed property value, \$27/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1431
YES ☒
NO ☐
778

Article 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as a water 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 \$4,601,357. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$4,613,401, 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.

1774
YES ☒
NO ☐
414

Article 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as a sewer 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 \$8,147,727. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,074,074, 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.

1496
YES ☒
NO ☐
670

Article 15

Shall the Town 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
FY25	\$68,068	\$70,451	\$138,519
FY26	\$93,597	\$105,320	\$198,917
FY27	\$61,403	\$80,643	\$142,046

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred nineteen dollars (\$138,519) for the 2025 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 \$70,451 through taxation (General Fund), and \$68,068 (Water/Sewer Funds) as offsetting revenue. (Estimated Tax Impact: .02/1,000, \$2.02/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1580
YES ☒
NO ☐
607

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 16

Shall the Town approve the cost items included in the three-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
FY25	\$133,009
FY26	\$225,370
FY27	\$128,120

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand, nine dollars (\$133,009) for the 2025 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: .038/1,000, \$3.82/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1492
YES ☒
NO ☐
663

Article 17

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

Year	Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase
FY25	\$158,248
FY26	\$207,857
FY27	\$124,297

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-eight thousand, two hundred forty-eight dollars (\$158,248) for the 2025 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: .045/1,000, \$4.54/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1598
YES ☒
NO ☐
556

Article 18

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$225,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for a 1991 sidewalk tractor in the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$56,250), which represents the first of 5 annual payments (a total of \$258,750) for this purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .016/1,000, \$1.61/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1375
YES ☒
NO ☐
157

Article 19

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$160,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for dump truck #33 in the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000), which represents the first of 5 annual payments (a total of \$184,000) for this purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .011/1,000, \$1.15/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1265
YES ☒
NO ☐
849

Article 20

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$120,000 for the purpose of lease/purchasing an ADA Accessible Van for the Parks/Recreation Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000), which represents the first of 5 annual general fund payments (a total of \$69,000) for this purpose. The total cost of the van will be shared with the Recreation Revolving Fund which will provide 50% funding or \$69,000 for this purchase over the 5-year lease/purchase. The total sum to be raised from taxation will be \$69,000. The total amount of the lease/purchase is estimated at \$138,000. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from general taxation and Recreation revolving funds. (Estimated Tax Impact: .004/1,000, \$.43/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1522
YES ☒
NO ☐
620

Article 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000), for the purpose of purchasing and installing two (2) two-port Electric Vehicle chargers (provides charging for 4 vehicles) to be located in the Downtown Municipal Lot. This project may qualify for a DOT Charging Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant that provides an 80:20 grant match (federal:local) up to \$96,000. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for this grant is typically announced in May. Any additional grants obtained will offset the cost of the project. This appropriation will not take effect unless at least \$96,000 in grants are received, with the town's share of up to \$24,000 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 5-0.

1342
YES ☒
NO ☐
804

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 22

Shall the Town 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 5-0.

1662
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .028/1,000 assessed property value, \$2.84/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

542
1367
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 24

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000), for the purpose of purchasing a Styrofoam densifier unit. This project is eligible for a \$50,000 grant through RecycleFoam.org with applications due in March/April. Any grants obtained will go to offset the cost of the equipment. This appropriation will not take effect unless \$50,000 in grants are received, with the town's share of \$30,000 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 5-0.

1674
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 25

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five-thousand dollars (\$75,000) 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 5-0.

1762
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 26

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$71,355), for the purpose of purchasing a replacement for the Fire Department Utility Truck, purchased in 2008. This vehicle is primarily used for towing emergency and non-emergency trailers to incident scenes. It is also used to pick up used equipment after fire and other incidents. 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 5-0.

1699
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 27

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Transfer Station. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .014/1,000, \$1.44/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1307
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 28

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the ADA Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .0072/1,000 assessed property value, .72/\$100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1360
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 29

Shall the Town establish a non-capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c to be known as the Sestercentennial Fund, for the purpose of planning events and celebrations for the Sestercentennial of the United States of America, and to raise and appropriate the sum of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) 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: .0014/1,000 assessed property value, .14/\$100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1262
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 30

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750) to be added to the Swasey Parkway Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This amount is equivalent to the amount of permit fees collected during 2024 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 5-0.

1783
YES ☒
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 31

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of the Epping Road Tax Increment District Financing Plan Amendment (dated January 6, 2025) in accordance with RSA 162-K:9 IV which allocates the use of tax increments for retirement of bonds and notes as outlined in the plan amendment. The plan amendment includes three capital projects in the Epping Road TIF District. Epping Road Widening Phase 2 – estimated cost \$880,000; Industrial Drive/Commerce Way Paving – estimated cost \$180,000, and Water/Sewer Improvements south of the Continental Drive traffic light – estimated cost \$850,000. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1587
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 32

On the petition of Gerry Hamel and other registered voters of the town of Exeter, NH; Shall the town discontinue the community Revitalization Tax Incentive Program (RSA 79E) adopted by the Town of Exeter in March of 2014. The program was used to give tax incentives to owners and investors in certain districts to spur revitalization of property.

With property values more than doubling in the past ten years and the lack of needing incentives to renovate, we feel the incentive program should be discontinued so that the taxes on all future projects can be utilized by the town and citizens instead of investors. (Majority Vote Required.)

1696
YES ☒
NO ☐

Article 33

By petition of Karishma Manzur and others, Shall the Town vote to direct the Exeter Select Board, our Governor, and State elected representatives to disclose and divest all town and state pension funds and withdraw investments from weapons manufacturers that are not incorporating advanced technology and other safety features to prevent gun deaths and gun thefts?

Every year, gun violence kills more than 40,000 people in America and wounds twice as many. Injury from firearms is now the leading cause of death for children and teens in America. Gun violence is costing our nation over \$557 billion in health care treatments and lost economic opportunity. The lost human potential cannot be measured. Put simply, America cannot afford gun violence.

As citizens, we want to make the world safer for everyone, especially children.

1407
YES ☒
NO ☐

The record of the vote approving this article shall be sent to Exeter's State and Federal representatives and the Governor of New Hampshire. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 34

By petition of Karishma Manzur and others, Shall the Town vote to call upon our Federal elected representatives to investigate the massive fraud and waste in the US Department of Defense, cut the vast \$900 billion defense budget, and use taxpayer funds to help ordinary Americans?

While over 45 million Americans are struggling with hunger, billions of dollars will go to a few giant defense contractors that overcharge the US government and make enormous profits for their CEOs and shareholders. This is disgraceful. As citizens, we want our tax funds to help ordinary Americans.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be sent to Exeter's State and Federal representatives and the Governor of New Hampshire. (Majority Vote Required.)

1198
YES ☒
NO ☐
843

Article 35

By petition of Karishma Manzur and others, Shall the Town vote to call upon our Federal elected representatives to use the US government's considerable influence to (1) support the safety and right to life of all people living in Israel and Palestine, (2) enforce U.S. laws prohibiting weapons sales to countries that violate human rights, and (3) ensure the safe delivery of food and medical supplies to the people in Gaza?

While many Americans struggle to live from paycheck to paycheck, many are homeless, children are going hungry, elderly people are unable to afford to heat their homes, and millions of Americans don't have health insurance, our government spent over \$90 million of New Hampshire tax money in 2024 to buy weapons for Israel.

We want our government to spend our money to help ordinary Americans. As citizens, we are also concerned that our money and weapons are being used to make Gaza the most dangerous place in the world to be a child.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be sent to Exeter's State and Federal representatives and the Governor of New Hampshire. (Majority Vote Required.)

1202
YES ☒
NO ☐
311

Article 36

By petition of Karishma Manzur and others, Shall the Town vote to authorize and direct the Exeter Select Board, our Governor, and State and Federal elected representatives to support a \$5,000 limit on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and super PACs that spend money to support or defeat candidates for office in New Hampshire?

Democracy means that we elect our political leaders, and they represent us. As citizens, we are concerned that corporations and billionaires use money to make our elected officials do what they want, and most ordinary Americans do not have that power.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be sent to Exeter's State and Federal representatives and the Governor of New Hampshire. (Majority Vote Required.)

1569
YES ☒
NO ☐
529

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 37

By petition of Karishma Manzur and others, Shall the Town vote to call upon our Governor and State and Federal elected representatives to conserve and maintain New Hampshire's public natural resources for the benefit of this and future generations?

As citizens, we recognize the fundamental right of people, plants, and animals to have clean air, pure water, and a healthy environment. We urge our State and Federal governments to ensure that our beautiful state continues to have a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be sent to Exeter's State and Federal representatives and the Governor of New Hampshire. (Majority Vote Required.)

1739
YES ☒

NO ☐

400

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

EXETER

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL ELECTION
EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 11, 2025**

Susan E.H. Pendroth
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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**THESE POSITIONS ARE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF ALL SIX TOWNS
OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FOR BRENTWOOD
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

BRIAN DUFFY 1417 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR KENSINGTON
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

JOSEPH "JOE" PACE 1492 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR NEWFIELDS
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

MARY BELANGER 768 ☐
MICHAEL MACKEY 27 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR EXETER
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

NEIL BLEICKEN 1569 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR EXETER COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

For Term Ending 2026 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

KATHERINE MILLER 1563 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR STRATHAM
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

CAMERON ORR 1403 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

**FOR EXETER
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

PAUL W. ROYAL 1504 ☐
☐
(Write-in)

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 01: Operating Budget

Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District 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 \$71,266,195? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$70,768,618 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District 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 Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend \$71,266,195 as set forth on said budget. (Majority vote required)

1475
YES ☐
NO ☐
601

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 02 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Teacher

Shall the school district vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board and the Exeter Educators Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026	\$923,316
2027	\$1,186,152
2028	\$1,095,501

and further to raise and appropriate \$923,316 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend \$923,316 (Majority vote required)

1557
YES ☐
NO ☒
506

Article 03 Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$200,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1998 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of school buildings and/or school ground site improvements including associated engineering and architectural fees, and further to name the school board as agents to expend this fund? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter Region Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

1563
YES ☐
NO ☒
462

Article 04 CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement

Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be added to the Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacement of the synthetic turf field located at Exeter High School? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter Region Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

1417
YES ☐
NO ☒
607

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL ELECTION
EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

Susan E.H. Bendroth
SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.

FOR EXETER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

SEARISKAW "SHONNI" HOLMES ☒ 915

PATRICK O'DAY ☒ 1250

KATHLEEN PRATT ☒ 1012

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

Christopher Hilson ☒ 220

(Write-in)

FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For Term Ending 2028 Election
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

SUSAN E.H. BENDROTH ☒ 1651

(Write-in)

WARRANT ARTICLES

Warrant Article #1: Operating Budget

Shall the Exeter School District vote to 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 and as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, budget totaling \$25,769,231? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$25,711,928, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Exeter School District 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 School Board recommends \$25,769,231. (Majority vote required)

1630
YES ☒
NO ☒ 568

Warrant Article #2: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Exeter School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter School District and the Exeter Paraprofessional Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over those paid in a prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026	\$356,149
2027	\$286,233
2028	\$170,759

and further to raise and appropriate \$356,149 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends that the School District approve these cost items and make the appropriation of \$356,149. (Majority vote required)

1672
YES ☒
NO ☒ 535

Warrant Article #3: Special Education Expendable Trust

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$75,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the unanticipated special education costs at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

1780
YES ☒
NO ☒ 432

Warrant Article #4: Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of to \$50,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Trust Fund previously established in 2002 for the unanticipated capital costs at the Exeter School District? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

1733
YES ☒
NO ☒ 464