The State of New Hampshire Town of Alexandria 2013 Town Warrant

FIRST SESSION:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the **Alexandria Town Hall** in said Alexandria on **Wednesday, the Sixth (6th) of February, 2013 at Seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.)** in the evening. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the warrant articles numbered **1** through **13**. The warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article; but an amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

SECOND SESSION:

Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION" will be held **Tuesday, March 12, 2013**, at the **Alexandria Town Hall**. Polls will be open from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Motion made and seconded to open Article 1 to discussion

Motion made and seconded to move article 1 to Warrant.

Article 1: Election of Public Officials, Newfound Area School District Items and other Articles appearing on the warrant as may be required by state law.

Session 1: Meeting opened at 7pm by Town Moderator Dennis Ford. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Selectboard was introduced Don Sharp Sr. Ken Hall and George Tuthill. Moderator Ford stated the rules and regulations of the meeting. All questions and comments are directed to the Moderator. All requested Amendments need to be presented in writing to the Moderator. A tie vote will be broken by the Moderator and will always be in the negative. Motion made and seconded to accept the rules for tonight's meeting. Article 2 read as follows:

Article 2: Operating Budget: Shall the Town 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 or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$1,356,391** (as recommended by the Selectmen)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$1,312,252.20**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alexandria 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. NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. *Motion made and seconded to move Article 2 to discussion. Some discussion followed on donations/requests from local organizations*.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 2 to the Warrant.

Article 3 read as follows:

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department for the provision of fire fighting and prevention services and to continue the lease of the 1999 International Tanker and the 2012 Ford F550 to the AVFD, all pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the AVFD? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made and seconded to open article 3 to discussion. Motion made and seconded to move article 3 to the warrant. SO VOTED

Article 4 read as follows:

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, said funds to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made and seconded to open article 4 to discussion.

An amendment was presented by Selectman Hall having the article read as follows: "Article 4 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000to be put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund."

Motion made and seconded to move amendment to Article 4 for discussion. Motion made and seconded to amend Article 4 to amended version. Motion made and seconded to move article 4 as amended to the Warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 5 read as follows:

Article 5: Shall the town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of purchasing land and/or equipment for the transfer station? All revenues received for recycling will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from 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. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made and seconded to open Article 5 to discussion.

Some discussion followed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 5 to the Warrant.

Article 6 read as followed:

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be put into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, said funds to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made and seconded to open Article 6 to discussion. Some discussion followed.

An Amendment to Article was presented by AA Jennifer Dostie. Motion made and seconded to open Amendment to discussion. So voted. Motion made and seconded to have Article 6 to read as follows: "shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be put into the Fire Eq Res Fund.

So Voted

Motion made and seconded to move Article 6 to the warrant as amended.

Article 7 read as follows:

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,500 to purchase an excavator for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Highway Department Capital Reserve fund and raise \$44,500 by taxation? (Recommended by Selectmen) *Motion made and seconded to open Article 7 to discussion. Some discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to move Article 7 to Warrant.*

Article 8 read as followed:

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 for a new vehicle for the Police Department with \$23,000 raised by taxation and \$10,000 withdrawn from the Police Special Detail account? (Not Recommended by Selectmen)

Motion made and seconded to open article 8 to discussion.

Motion made and seconded to allow Police Chief Donald Sullivan to speak on this article. Chief spoke briefly about the cruisers. Some of the vehicles (2003(130K+/- and 2007(134700mi))) have high mileage and repair issues. (2009 @ 39K) The intent is to dispose of the two oldest vehicles of leaving an opening to get a newer vehicle for the seconded police officer in the future. Lengthy discussion follows.

Some difficultly was stressed about the wording of the article in that it is not clear of the true intent to replace two aging cruisers with the new one as explained by the Chief.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 8 as read to the Warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 9 read as follows:

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution: WHEREAS development of one or more large scale wind farms along the mountain ridge lines visible from Town will negatively impact the Town's rural nature and scenic beauty, now be it RESOLVED that the Town strongly opposes the development of large wind turbines along the mountain ridge lines visible from the Town of Alexandria. *Motion made and seconded to move Article 9 to open discussion. Some discussion follows. Motion made and seconded to move Article 9 to Warrant.*

Article 10 read as follows:

Article 10: Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Alexandria on March 9, 2010, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? This article presented by petition. A 3/5 majority vote is required.

Motion made and seconded to open for discussion. Some discussion followed. Explanation of the Special meeting on Feb 19th. The special meeting is required for rescinding SB2.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 10 to Warrant.

Public meetingby board of Selectman. was conveniend Feb 19th @ 6 pm for public discussion. Some discussion followed.

Article 11 read as follows:

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to require all wind energy facilities that may come to be located in the town to post security in the form of cash or bond, prior to initiating construction, in order to cover the costs of removing all of the facility upon ceasing operations for a period of more than 12 months, said amount to be determined by an independent engineer. This article presented by petition.

Motion made and seconded to open Article 11 to discussion. Some discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to move Article 11 to the Warrant.

Article 12 read as follows:

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Class VI road now known as Lynn Avenue as a Class V road and assume the responsibility for the maintenance of said road. Lynn Avenue is approximately 2400 feet long including the extension. This article presented by petition.

Motion made and seconded to open Article 12 to discussion. An Amendment was presented to Article 12. Motion made and seconded to move amendment to discussion. Lengthy discussion follows on incorrect classification of the road. Motion made and seconded to move Amendment. Article 12 will read as follows:

"to see if the Town will vote to accept the Private road now known as Lynn Avenue as a Class V road and assume the responsibility for the maintenance of said road. Lynn Avenue is approximately 2400 feet long including the extension. This article presented by petition."

Motion made and seconded to accept amendment to Article.

Article 13 read as follows:

Article 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
Motion made and seconded Article 13 open to discussion.
Motion made and seconded to restrict any reconsideration of Articles 1-13. So voted.
Motion made and seconded to rescind restriction on Article 8. Yes will go to meeting no will go on article . vote was 12 y 11 no.
Meeting reconvenied on February 19 @ 6:15 pm by Moderator Dennis Ford.

Motion made and seconded to open Article 8 for discussion. So voted. An amendment brought forward to be Amendment. Discussion followed on the legality of the amendment. Selectman recommendations cannot be changed. Amemdment article 8 will read as follows: Article 8 "shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 for a new vehicle to replace 2 old vehicles for the Police dept with \$23,000 raised by taxation and \$10,000 withdrawn from the Police Dept Special detail account? The 2 old vehicles to be disposed of at the discretion of the Board of Selectman.

Motion made and seconded to amend as stated SO VOTED.

Motion made and seconded to remove the "not recommended by Selectman" SO VOTED. Motion made and seconded to move Article 8 as Amended

Motion made and seconded to adjourn deliberative session SO VOTED.

This will need a special meeting and was decided to be added to the meeting on February 19th at 6:00pm. Motion made and seconded to recess meeting until February 19. SO VOTED.

Respectfully submitted Barbara Emery TC.

Signed this _____day of January, 2013

Donald Sharp

Selectmen of Alexandria, NH

Kenneth Hall

George Tuthill