

**The State of New Hampshire
Town of Alexandria
2014 Town Warrant**

Session 1: Meeting opened at 4:02pm by Town Moderator Dennis Ford. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A brief moment of silence was observed. The Select board was introduced Don Sharp Sr., Ken Hall and George Tuthill, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant, Robin Gagnon, Deputy Town Clerk, Supervisors of the Checklist, Sue Cheney, Loretta Brouillard, George Whittaker and Town Counsel, Chris Boldt, 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. Voting will be done by hand vote or secret vote. A tie vote will be broken by the Moderator and will always be in the negative. A request for respect for speakers was also made. Motion made and seconded to accept the rules for tonight's meeting. SO VOTED.

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 **Saturday, the First(1st) of February, 2014 at Four of the clock (4:00 p.m.)** in the evening. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the warrant articles numbered **1 through 17**. 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 11, 2014**, at the **Alexandria Town Hall**. Polls will be open from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Article 1 read as follows:

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.

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 **\$1,378,381** (as recommended by the Selectmen)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$1,363,131**, 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.

Article 2 opened for debate.

Discussion followed on Bog Road dump site cleanup.

Question was raised in regards to the Police Departments budget. A motion and second was made to allow Chief Don Sullivan to speak and was approved. Chief Sullivan explained budget cuts were due to in large part in eliminating the part time coverage. He also indicated that he would have to watch his budget very closely, such as gas consumption and vehicle maintenance. If something unexpected happens, he would run out of funds. Last year, the Police Department was under budget. An amendment was presented by Edward Skroback and reads as follows:

"Request increase budget by \$10,000 for Police Department."

Motion made and seconded to move amendment to Article 2 for discussion.

Henry Hall brought to the town's attention that the Select board would not be obligated to use it for the Police Department and can only take note of the town's wishes. Discussion continued

Motion made and seconded to move Amendment to Article 2 to vote. DEFEATED.

Discussion continued on fee for elections.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 2 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

A motion made and seconded to move Article 15 forward to discussion due to secret ballot request. Moderator explained the procedure.

Article 15 was read and was opened for debate.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 from 2008 to limit the amount of money from the land use change tax to be used by the Conservation Commission to no more than \$5,000 per year? This article presented by petition.

Article 15 opened for debate.

Discussion followed in regards to the amount of funds added and length of time held by Conservation Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Jennifer Dostie to speak on this subject and future subjects. SO VOTED.

Jennifer spoke to the average amount collected by Land Use Change Taxes.

Dennis Ford clarified the yes and no voting and procedure on Article 15.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Chris Boldt to speak. SO VOTED.

Chris Boldt clarified the dollar amount only could be amended on Article 15.

Discussion continued.

Jennifer Tuthill made a motion and was seconded to amend the dollar amount to no more than \$20,000 a year on Article 15.

Chris Boldt explained further the "intent" purpose of the amendments. Discussion continued about the secret ballot for the amendment and the Article 15. Jennifer Tuthill and second rescinded the amendment.

Secret ballot vote for Article 15 opened at 5:06pm and poll closed at 6:06pm.

Results of the secret ballot vote on Article 15 is 63 Yes, 3 No. Article 15 is moved to the warrant as is. SO VOTED.

A motion was made and seconded to move forward during the secret ballot voting. SO VOTED.

A motion was made and seconded to move Article 11 forward. SO VOTED.

Article 11 was read as follows:

Article 11: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Alexandria Land Use and Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (As discussed at the public hearings of September 18, 2013, November 20, 2013 and January 15, 2014) (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 11 opened for debate.

Discussion followed. Chris Boldt indicated no changes can be made to this article due to the process involved and language dictated by law and no dollar amount is involved.

Discussion continued in regards to zoning.

Motion and seconded to move Article 11 forward to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 3 read as follows:

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,200 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)

Article 3 opened for debate.

No Discussion.

Motion and seconded to move to 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 \$30,000 to be put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 4 opened for debate.

Discussion followed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 4 to warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 5 read as follows:

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 5 opened for debate.

Discussion followed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 5 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 6 read as follows:

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,000 for the replacement of Washburn Road Bridge? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 6 is opened for debate.

Discussion followed. Gary Patten gave the bid amounts obtained. Lucy Ford inquired the traffic flow during the repair. Gary indicated that they have a temporary bridge available for about a week.

More discussion followed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 6 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 7 read as follows:

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,600 for a new vehicle for the Police Department with \$24,600 raised by taxation and \$10,000 withdrawn from the Police Special Detail account? (Not recommended by Selectmen)

Article 7 opened for debate.

Chief Sullivan gave a breakdown of the current conditions of the existing cruisers and which one would be replaced and explained the reason for this article. The Select board addressed why they didn't recommend this article. The Chief indicated that the replaced cruiser would be disposed of at the Selectboard's discretion.

Discussion continued.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 7 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 8 read as follows:

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,000 for a new one ton truck with plow and sander with \$34,000 raised by taxation and \$20,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund? (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article opened for debate.

Gary Patten spoke on this Article and explained the conditions of the current equipment and truck it will replace. Discussion followed in regards to warranties, road conditions and the way the equipment is treated.

Polls are officially closed on Article 15 at 6:06pm. Supervisors will count the ballots.

63 YES, 3 NO. Article 15 moved to ballot as written. Results recorded above on Article 15 as well.

Discussion continued on Article 8.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 8 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 9 read as follows:

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,050 for a new 35000 GVW truck with plow and sander with \$120,050 raised by taxation and \$30,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund? (Not recommended by Selectmen)

Article 9 opened for debate.

Discussion followed. Gary explained the particulars on the truck.

Discussion continued about the type, price and estimates of the truck purchase. A highway advisory committee was discussed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 9 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 10 read as follows:

Article 10: Are you in favor of requiring that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article? If passed, the determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body pursuant to RSA 32:5, V-b. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 10 opened for debate.

Discussion followed.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 10 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 12 read as follows:

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 as requested by the Haynes Library Association? This article presented by petition.

Article 12 opened for debate.

Discussion followed on library repairs, budget item confusion, State requirements, trust fund and volunteers.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 12 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 13 read as follows:

Article 13: 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 and the expense for the maintenance of said road. Lynn Avenue is approximately 2400 feet long including the extension. This article presented by petition.

Article 13 opened for debate.

Discussion followed on the location, maintenance of Bristol portion of the road, and tax base to sustain. It was noted that wording of article cannot be amended.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 13 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 14 read as follows:

Article 14: 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.

Article 14 is opened for debate but cannot change wording.

Discussion continued on the merits of Town Meeting.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 14 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Article 16 read as follows:

Article 16: Shall the town of Alexandria adopt the Community Bill of Rights Ordinance; an Ordinance to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Residents and Ecosystems of Alexandria, New Hampshire by Establishing a Community Bill of Rights and by Prohibiting the Siting of New Energy Projects that would Violate those Rights? This article presented by petition.

Article 16 opened for debate.

Chris Boldt; the intent cannot be changed, so therefore cannot be amended. Michelle Sanborn spoke on this Article and its intentions. Discussion continued on and whether this article can be enforced and who would enforce it. Chris Boldt indicated that the principle is good, but the Town is limited to what the State law allows. He also brought up the question of the constitutionality of the Article and the litigation challenges.

Motion made and seconded to move Article 16 to the warrant. SO VOTED.

Dennis Ford indicated that this is one of the largest attendances for a deliberative session and was very pleased that everyone conducted themselves passionately and appropriately.

Article 17 read as follows:

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article 17 opened for debate.
No discussion.

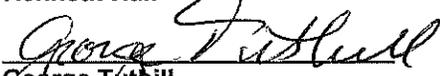
Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted Robin Gagnon, Deputy Town Clerk

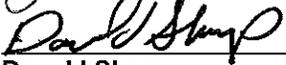
Signed this 11 day of ^{February} ~~January~~, 2014



Kenneth Hall



George Tutill



Donald Sharp

Selectmen of Alexandria, NH