

Town of Alexandria
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2016

To the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Details: 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 of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH

Details: Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION".

Article 01: Election of Public Officials

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

Article 02: Budget of the Town

Shall the Town 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 \$1,503,290 (as recommended by the Selectmen)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,477,299, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. Estimated tax impact \$7.351 per thousand based on the Selectmen's recommended budget before revenues.

Article 03: New Highway Department Truck

To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement for \$180,000 for the purpose of leasing a new dump truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.137 per thousand)

Article 04: New Highway Department Backhoe

To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement for \$130,000 for the purpose of leasing a new backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.099 per thousand)

Article 05: Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the repair and maintenance of paved roads? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.391 per thousand)

Article 06: Brook Road Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,000 to repair a bridge on Brook Road. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.00 per thousand)

Article 07: Make Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department a Municipal Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to form a municipal fire department as per RSA 154:1, I(b), whereby the Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; and the firefighters appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,200 to fund the department. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to take what additional steps are legally necessary to effectuate the above transition. This Warrant Article shall become effective as of July 1, 2016. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.206 per thousand)

Article 08: Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department

If Warrant Article 07 does not pass, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,900 for the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department for the provision of firefighting 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 AVFD? (Recommended by Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.102 per thousand)

Article 09: Highway Department Capital Reserve

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) (Estimated tax impact \$0.147 per thousand)

Article 10: Fire Equipment Capital Reserve

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) Estimated tax impact \$0.049 per thousand.

Article 11: Adopt Official Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to establish an official budget committee per RSA 32:14. The official budget committee shall consist of seven (7) at-large members. The Moderator shall appoint these at-large members to serve until the next annual town meeting, RSA 669:17. The priority for these appointments given to current members of the Advisory Budget Committee. The formal election of members for staggered terms begins at the following annual meeting. RSA 32:15, III. This article presented by petition.

Article 12: Haynes Library

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Haynes Library Association for the repair of windows and other building improvements necessary for the library to remain in operation. This article presented by petition. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.02 per thousand)

Article 13: Discontinue and Abolish Alexandria Police Department

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and abolish the existing Alexandria Police Department. This article is presented by petition.

Article 14: Transact any other business

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

Given under our hands, January 25, 2016

We certify and attest that on or before January 25, 2016 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Alexandria Municipal Building, 47 Washburn Road, Alexandria, NH and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

Alexandria Board of Selectmen


George Tuthill, Chair

Michael Broome


Robert Piehler