

**TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA**  
**Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> Deliberative Session**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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:

*The Deliberative Session of the meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Dennis Ford. Dennis welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that this is the 235<sup>th</sup> year since Alexandria was incorporated. The rules of the meeting were given, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for those who have passed away. Dennis then introduced the Selectboard, Clerk, Town Administrator, Budget Committee, and Supervisors of the Checklist.*

*The Articles will be read and opened for discussion. Resident registered voters are the only ones who may speak unless a vote is taken to allow a non-resident to speak. Voting will be by voice or hand vote if necessary. All comments need to be addressed to the Moderator. If a tie vote, the Moderator will always vote in the negative.*

Warrant read as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)**

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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 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 of the main motion, as amended; and (c) no warrant articles 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 14, 2017

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".

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*Motion to have Chief Donald Sullivan speak...So Voted. Chief Sullivan announced that there will be a "Civilian Response to Active Shooter" class on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM, located at the town hall.*

**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.

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 01 to the floor.*

*No Discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 01 forward to the warrant – Motion passed.*

**Article 02 read as follows:**

**Article 02: New Lease for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$107,000 payable over a term of 48 months for twelve new self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,500 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The selectmen and the budget committee recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.142 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 02 to the floor.*

*There was a brief discussion: Jeff Cantara explained that the current equipment was beyond certification and the number of apparatuses is to meet the standard requirements.*

*Motion made to move Article 02 forward to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 03 read as follows:**

**Article 03: 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 \$1,536,047 (as recommended by the Budget Committee)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,508,116, 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 \$7.66 per thousand based on the Budget Committee's recommended budget before revenues.

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 03 to the floor.*

*Discussions regarding Article 03: Jeff Cantara explained that the town's supply of sand and salt are very low, and that the amount budgeted for 2017 sand and salt expense has already been exceeded. An amendment was made to increase the highway's budget by \$25,000. Motion made to move Article 03 forward to the warrant, with the increase of \$25,000, bringing the total to \$1,561,047 – Motion Passed.*

**Article 04 read as follows:**

**Article 04: Highway Department Truck Lease**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,305 for the second of seven yearly payments for the lease of the 2016 dump truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.141 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 04 to the floor.*

*No Discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 04 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 05 read as follows:**

**Article 05: Highway Department Backhoe Lease**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,996 for the second of seven yearly payments for the lease of the 2016 Backhoe for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.10 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 05 to the floor.*

*No Discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 05 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 06 read as follows:**

**Article 06: Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 for the repair and maintenance of paved roads? (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.523 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 06 to the floor.*

*There was a brief discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 06 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 07 read as follows:**

**Article 07: Knowles Hill Road Bridge**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to replace a bridge on Knowles Hill Road. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.698 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 07 to the floor.*

*Discussions regarding Article 07. Jeff Cantara explained the process he used to determine the cost of the bridge. There was a discussion as to whether or not the town would have a contract with the bridge vendor. Jeff explained that work has started on the temporary bridge using funds from the bridge operating budget, he also stated that this bridge has been "Red Listed" by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. There was discussion regarding reducing the warrant article by the amount spent on the temporary bridge, but no motion was made to reduce or change the warrant article.*

*Motion made to move Article 07 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 08 read as follows:**

**Article 08: New Highway Department Truck Lease**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a six year lease agreement for \$62,000 for the purpose of leasing a 19,500 GVW Truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The full cost of the vehicle is \$94,000; the amount lease reflects trade-in value of truck being replaced. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.067 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 08 to the floor.*

*No Discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 08 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 09 read as follows:**

**Article 09: Highway Department Capital Reserve**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen). (Estimated tax impact \$0.249 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 09 to the floor.*

*Discussion regarding Article 09: Jeff Cantara explained that this is the first year of a ten year plan to replace the loader and grader.*

*Motion made to move Article 09 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 10 read as follows:**

**Article 10: Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of Fire Department vehicles and equipment and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.050 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 10 to the floor.*

*Discussion regarding Article 10: Jeff Cantara explained that this money would be used for emergency repairs, he also stated that the pump meter on vehicle #2 is not working properly.*

*Motion made to move Article 10 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 11 read as follows:**

**Article 11: 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? (Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen) (Estimated tax impact \$0.020 per thousand)

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 11 to the floor.*

*There was a brief discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 11 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 12 read as follows:**

**Article 12: Building Permit Ordinance:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the building permit ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and posted in the Selectmen's Office?

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 12 to the floor.*

*Dennis Ford read a detailed description of the ordinance.*

*No Discussion.*

*Motion made to move Article 12 to the warrant – Motion Passed.*

**Article 13: Transact any Other Business:**

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

*Motion made and seconded to bring Article 13 to the floor.*

*Discussions:*

*A resident gave a public thank you to the Alexandria Police Department regarding their vigilance and knowledge of the community.*

*A resident spoke regarding wanting the cruiser to stay in town more often.*

*Motion made to adjourn at 11:40 – Motion Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,



Francine M. Skiffington  
Town Clerk, Alexandria