

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA

2020 VOTING GUIDE

This Guide has been prepared to provide you additional information for your voting decisions prior to entering the voting booth on Tuesday March 10, 2020. The Guide contains all of the articles as they were amended at Deliberative Session, some brief descriptions with additional information, and their estimated impact on the tax rate. Tax impact information listed has been provided to give voters an idea of what the individual items will cost, if approved by voters. The tax impact information is simply an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. However, the actual tax rate is not set until September or October by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHRA).

The Town’s Annual Report contains additional information including the proposed 2020 budget and revenues as well as finances and activities of the Town during the past year. The 2019 Annual Report is available in the Selectmen’s Office, at the Transfer Station and online.

If you have specific questions that might be answered before Voting Day, please feel free to call our office at 603-744-3220 or send an email to alexandrianh@metrocast.net.

George Tuthill Chet Caron Robert Piehler
 Alexandria Board of Selectmen

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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”.

****It’s not too late to register to vote! You may do so at the polls before you vote. Please remember to bring photo identification.****

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Clerk’s Office. Absentee ballots must be received and accepted prior to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. *Absentee ballots cannot be delivered to the election polling place.* Questions about Absentee Ballots should be addressed to the Town Clerk’s Office at 744-3288 or via email at alexctxcoll@metrocast.net.

Article 1: 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.

List of town positions:

Selectmen (vote for one)	Chet Caron	3 year term (2023)
Trustee of Trust Funds (vote for one)	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Trustee of the Cemeteries	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Moderator (vote for one)	Dennis Ford	2 year term (2022)
Supervisor of Checklist (vote for one)	Suzanne Cheney	6 year term (2026)
Budget Committee (vote for three)	Douglas Benton	3 year term (2023)
Budget Committee (vote for three)	Donald Paiva	3 year term (2023)
Planning Board (vote for one)		1 year term (2021)
Planning Board (vote for two)		3 year term (2023)

Article 2: 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 \$1,877,454 (as recommended by the Budget Committee)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,836,132, 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 \$6.30 per thousand based on the Budget Committee's recommended budget before revenues.

NOTE: The Budget Committee proposes a budget of \$1,877,454. A "yes" vote would approve the operating budget of \$1,877,454. A "no" vote would pass the default budget of \$1,836,132. The operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

The estimated tax impact accounting for revenues taken in by the town would be \$6.30 per thousand. This amount includes only the operating budget and does not include the cost of any of the other warrant articles, the county tax paid to Grafton County, the state school tax, or the local education tax paid to Newfound Area School District.

Article 3: Continuation of Highway Department Truck Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,305 for the fifth 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 Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.14 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$28,305 for the fifth of seven yearly lease payments for the 2016 dump truck used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 4: Continuation of Highway Department Backhoe Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,996 for the fifth 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 Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.10 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$19,996 for the fifth of seven yearly lease payments for the 2016 backhoe used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 5: Continuation of Highway Department Truck Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,655 for the fourth of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2017 dump truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2017 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.06 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$12,655 for the fourth of six yearly lease payments for the 2017 dump truck used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 6: Continuations of Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Lease

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,040 for the fourth of four yearly payments for the lease of twelve self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2017 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.14 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$28,040 for the fourth of four yearly lease payments for twelve self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 7: Continuation of Highway Department Loader Lease

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,365 for the second of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2019 Loader for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.11 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$21,365 for the second of six yearly lease payments for the 2019 loader used by the highway department. A "no" vote would terminate the lease agreement.

Article 8: Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.05 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$10,000 into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used to meet emergency needs of the Fire Department, such as failures of equipment critical to its mission. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 9: Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be put into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.08 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$15,000 into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used to assist in the restoration and preservation of the original Town Hall structure. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 10: Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.05 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$10,000 into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. This fund is used for the repair of infrastructure damaged in a declared emergency. Expenditures out of this fund must be authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 11: Purchase of Land for Future Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purchase of land (Tax Map 419 Lot 29) for the future development of a transfer station and potential source of gravel for the highway department? Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0-1. (Estimated tax impact \$1.07 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$210,000 for the purchase of a 17-acre parcel of land near Cass Mill Road and Route 104, as a future location for the town's transfer station, which is presently located on leased property. Gravel from configuring of the site would be used by the Highway Department on town roads.

Article 12: Bridge on Bailey Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to replace the bridge on Bailey Road. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.89 per thousand)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$175,000 to replace the bridge over Bog Brook on Bailey Road. The bridge is currently red-listed by the NHDOT as being in need of replacement.

Article 13: Repairs to 2009 Highway Department Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the repairs to the Highway Department's 2009 Sterling truck. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.30 per thousand).

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 for extensive work that will restore the Highway Department's 2009 Sterling truck to a safe, usable condition.

Article 14: New Highway Department Dump Truck Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectboard to enter into a six year lease agreement for \$120,000 for the purpose of leasing a new dump truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The full cost of the vehicle is \$120,000. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-1. (Estimated tax impact \$0.11)

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$21,000 for the first of six yearly lease payments for a dump truck for the Highway Department, to replace the 1997 Ford L8000 truck that has reached the end of its useful life. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Article 15: Chip Sealing on Paved Town Roads

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of chip sealing roadways. Recommended by the Selectmen 3- 0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1- 1.(Estimated tax impact \$0.25 per thousand).

NOTE: A "yes" vote would authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 to apply chip seal on paved town roads, thereby reducing wear and extending the life of the paving.

Article 16: Extend Maintained Portion of Gale Road

Request to extend the town maintained section of the west Gale Road approximately 1/4 mile. Currently a class VI road with several upgrades. This would make it much easier for the town trucks to turn around. This article presented by petition.

NOTE: A "yes" vote would extend, by about ¼ mile, the portion of west Gale Road that the town now maintains. Presently this ¼ mile portion is designated as a Class VI road; such roads are public rights-of-way, but are not maintained by the town. Approval of this Article would change the designation of this ¼ mile portion of Gale Road to Class V.