

**ALEXANDER, MAINE**  
**2018 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**  
**JUNE 25, 2018**  
**RESULTS**

***Town Clerk, Karen Poor, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with  
36 voters and 3 guests in attendance***

**ARTICLE 1**

To choose a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside over said meeting.

**Kenneth Colson Jr nominated Winthrop Carter  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion**

**3 Ballot Cast**

**3 YES**

**0 NO**

**Winthrop Carter was elected to serve as Moderator and was sworn in by the clerk at 6:35 pm**

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to accept the following categories of state funds during the fiscal year beginning  
July 1, 2016:

Municipal Revenue Sharing  
Local Road Assistance  
State Aid to Education (includes Federal pass through funds & property relief)  
Snowmobile Registration Money  
Tree Growth Reimbursement  
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursements  
Homestead Exemptions Reimbursements  
General Assistance Reimbursements  
Civil Emergency Funds  
State Grants or other Funds

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**19 Hand risen vote**

**19 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate the total amount of reimbursed money received from the  
registration of snowmobiles to the Breakneck Mountain SnoRiders, Inc. club for the purpose of maintaining their  
snowmobile trails to be open to the use of the public at all times and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an  
agreement with the club under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**23 Hand risen vote**

**22 YES**

**1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 4**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for Administration of town business.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$90,000.00.***

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kenneth Colson Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**24 Ballot Cast**

**16 YES**

**8 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 5**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for Animal Welfare.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$1,250.00.***

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read  
Jane Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**21 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**3 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 6**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for Building Maintenance Account.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise & appropriate: **\$0.00.***

**Joseph Manza motioned to accept the article as read  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**3 Ballot Cast**

**3 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 7**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for the Cemetery.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$4,000.00.***

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Edward Burgess 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**23 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**4 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 8**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and/or appropriate for County Tax.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$96,549.00.***

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read  
James Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**24 Hand risen vote  
18 YES  
6 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 9**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for the operational cost, stipends and earnings of the Alexander Volunteer Fire Department.

Amount Requested:

Operational cost	\$14,000.00
<u>Stipends &amp; earnings</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total	\$19,000.00

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$19,000.00.***

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**23 Ballot Cast  
20 YES  
3 NO  
1 Spoiled**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 10**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for General Assistance.

*Selectmen recommendation: to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Account: **\$5,000.00.***

**Edward Perkins motioned to accept the article as read  
Kenneth Colson Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast  
18 YES  
1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 11**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for Solid Waste.

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate: **\$40,000.00.***

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast  
13 YES  
4 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to transfer all excise tax funds into the road account.

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Edward Perkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**28 Hand risen vote**

**28 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 13- Round 1**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for the Road Account.  
*And appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Account **\$90,000.00***

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**28 Ballot Cast**

**10 YES**

**18 NO**

**Motion denied**

**ARTICLE 13- Round 2 (Amended)**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for the Road Account.  
*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate **\$60,000.00**  
And appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Account **\$30,000.00***

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read  
Gerald Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**26 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**8 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote, by written ballot, to raise and/or appropriate for ambulance service.  
*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate **\$12,072.00***

**Gerald Cooper motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**26 Ballot Cast**

**24 YES**

**2 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 15**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for a continuing Forest Fire Protection Fund.

*Selectmen recommendation: raise & appropriate \$6,000.00 to be added to the interest bearing account*

**Joseph Manza motioned to accept the article as read  
Gerald Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**20 Ballot Cast  
19 YES  
1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 16**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for the Capital Investment Account.

*Selectmen recommendation: raise & appropriate: \$1,000.00*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Edward Perkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**15 Ballot Cast  
14 YES  
1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**Article 17**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and/or appropriate for WHCA.

*Selectmen recommend: raise and appropriate: \$2,660.00*

**Gerald Cooper motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**27 Ballot Cast  
24 YES  
3 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 18**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to fix for a cap on the deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Salary.

*Selectmen recommend: \$4,000.00*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
John Knowles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Hand risen vote  
16 YES  
1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 19**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and or appropriate for future grant writing.  
*Selectmen recommend: **\$6,000.00***

**Amended to read as follows:**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to raise and appropriate for future grant writing.  
*Selectmen recommend: **\$6,000.00***

**Gerald Cooper motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**16 Hand risen vote**

**9 YES**

**7 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 20**

To elect by, written ballot, a Selectman for a one-year term to fill the vacancy left by Kevin Dean's resignation.

**Cheryl Chapman nominated: John Knowles  
James Davis nominated: David Sanford**

**21 Ballots Cast  
16 John Knowles  
14 David Sanford  
1 Spoiled**

**Motion Carried**

**John Knowles was elected to serve as Selectman for a one-year term  
Sworn by Clerk on June 26, 2018 at 4:40 pm**

**ARTICLE 21**

To elect by, written ballot, a School Board Member for a one-year term to fill the vacancy left by Tracy Berry's resignation.

**Rhonda Oaks nominated: Micah Runnels**

**11 Ballots Cast  
10 Micah Runnels  
1 Spoiled**

**Micah Runnels was elected to serve as a School Board member for a one-year term  
Sworn by Clerk on July 2, 2018 at 5:10 pm**

## **ARTICLE 22**

To see what the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to adopt the Australian ballot for Elected Officials

**James Davis motioned to accept the article as read  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**28 Ballots Cast  
3 Yes  
25 No**

**The Motion Denied**

## **ARTICLE 23**

To see what the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one or more town officials, if needed or necessary, to fill vacant positions until the next Town Meeting.

**Edward Perkins motioned to accept the article as read  
Thomas Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**23 Ballots Cast  
20 Yes  
3 No**

**Motion Carried**

## **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to allow interest to be charged on property taxes, which remain unpaid 120 days after the date of commitment at the maximum rate of interest that can be charged per 36 M.R.S.A. §505(4) of 7%

**Edward Perkins motioned to accept the article as read  
John Dudley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**26 Ballots Cast  
25 Yes  
1No**

**Motion Carried**

## **ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote by written ballot to loan approximately \$15,000.00 to the Alexander Elementary School from the Undesignated Surplus to purchase a new compact tractor. The money will be paid back over a three-year period. (This is a loan out of the Undesignated Surplus and will not raise taxes)

**Kelly McDonough motioned to accept the article as read  
Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**21 Ballots Cast  
12 Yes  
9 No**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired to the town for non-payment of taxes thereon in the following manner:

***"After the lien on said property is expired the Selectman shall advertise in the local Calais Advertiser and sell or convey by quit-claim deed to the highest bidder (but reserve the right to reject all bids) or the property may be kept and maintained by the town, should the selectmen decide this to be more advantageous."***

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Gerald Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**22 Ballot Cast**

**22 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**Article 27**

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit of \$276,984.92** established for the Town of Alexander by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

**If all articles are approved Municipal Budget (NOT including school appropriations or County Tax) will be \$280,982.00.**

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**24 Ballots Cast**

**16 Yes**

**6 No**

**Motion Carried**



**THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES WITH DOLLAR AMOUNTS INCLUDED SHALL BE VOTED BY WRITTEN BALLOT.**

**ARTICLE 28**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the **Regular Education Program**  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 506,061.20*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast  
11 YES  
8 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 29**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the **special education program**  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 146,055.59*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Josie Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast  
10 YES  
9 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 30**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **career and technical education**  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 0*

**Chery Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
John Knowles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**5 Hand risen vote  
5 YES  
0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 31**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **other instruction.**  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 2,549.36*

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**19 Ballots Cast  
13 YES  
6 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 32**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **student and staff support**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 3,635.00*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read**  
**Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**  
**10 YES**  
**8 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 33**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **system administration**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 66,313.03*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read**  
**Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast**  
**11 YES**  
**6 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 34**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **school administration**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 54,512.76*

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**  
**Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**  
**11 YES**  
**7 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 35**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **transportation and buses**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 84,150.00*

**Kelly McDonough motioned to accept the article as read**  
**Jason Croman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**20 Ballot Cast**  
**12 YES**  
**8 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 36**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **facilities maintenance**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$ 79,404.38.00*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast  
12 YES  
6 No**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 37**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **debt service and other commitments**.

*School Committee Recommends \$0*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
John Knowles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**3 Ballots Cast  
3 YES  
0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 38**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for **all other expenditures**.  
*School Committee Recommends \$68,316.79*

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
John Knowles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**16 Ballot Cast  
10 YES  
6 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 39**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$647,323.18) and to see what sum the town of ALEXANDER will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A, section 15688.

*(Recommends \$456,136.00)*

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Town must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

**Kelly McDonough motioned to accept the article as read  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast  
12 YES  
5 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 40**

Shall the Town of Alexander raise and appropriate \$231,466.89 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$231,466.89 as required to fund the budget recommended by the ALEXANDER School Committee.

*The School Committee recommends **\$231,466.89** for the following reasons:*

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the ALEXANDER budget for education programs.

**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Kelly McDonough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast  
11 Yes  
6 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 41**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services funding Act, non-state-funding school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

*(Recommends **\$1,010,999.01**)*

**John Knowles motioned to accept the article as read  
Cheryl Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast  
11 YES  
7 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 42**

Shall the Town of Alexander committee be authorized to expend not more than \$15,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund balance to pay for unanticipated additional expenses in the areas of regular instruction during the 2017-2018 school year, and shall the amounts appropriated for the Town of Alexander's 2017-2018 school budget at the School Budget meeting conducted on June 26, 2017 be increased as follows:

Article 25: Regular Education Program: From \$469,879 to \$484,879  
Article 39: Budget Summary: From \$926,718 to \$941,718

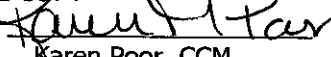
**Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read  
Joseph Manza 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**17 Ballots Cast  
10 Yes  
7 No**

**Motion Carried**

**On a motion made by Edward Perkins, which was seconded by Joseph Manza, the town voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm.**

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Attest:   
Karen Poor, CCM  
Town Clerk