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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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:

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

Kenneth Colson Jr motioned to accept the article as read
Joseph Manza 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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\textsuperscript{nd} 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\textsuperscript{nd} 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. \textsection 505(4) of 7%

Edward Perkins motioned to accept the article as read
John Dudley 2\textsuperscript{nd} the motion

26 Ballots Cast
  25 Yes
  1 No

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\textsuperscript{nd} 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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

Cheryl Chapman motioned to accept the article as read
John Knowles 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 Statutes, 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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.

A TRUE COPY
Attest:

Karen Poor, CCM
Town Clerk