***WARRANT for BUDGET TOWN MEETING***

***ALEXANDER, MAINE***

**To: Edward Burgess, resident of the Town of Alexander, in the county of Washington, State of Maine.**

**GREETINGS:**

 **In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Alexander in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Alexander Elementary School Gym in said town on June 27, 2016 at 6:30 in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:**

**ARTICLE 1**

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

**Kenneth Colson Jr nominated Winthrop Carter**

**Larry Hill 2nd the Motion**

**9 Ballot Cast**

**9 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

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**Jason Croman 2nd the motion**

**23 Hand risen vote**

**23 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.

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**23 Hand risen vote**

**23 YES**

**0 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*: **$80,000.00.**

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**22 Ballot Cast**

**21 YES**

**1 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**.

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**20 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**1 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*: **$10,000.00**.

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**1 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**.

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**Sandra Smith 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**2 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*: **$81,212.00**.

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**23 Hand risen vote**

**23 YES**

**0 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:

Fit Tests $ 600.00

Operational cost $14,400.00

 Stipends & earnings $ 5,000.00

 Total $20,000.00

*Selectmen recommendation: to raise and appropriate*: **$20,000.00**.

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**David Davis 2nd the motion**

**21 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**2 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*.***

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**0 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*: **$65,000.00**.

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**16 YES**

**3 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 12**

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

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**24 Hand risen vote**

**24 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 13**

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* **$15,000.00**

*And appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Account* **$25,000.00**

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**0 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**

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Edward Burgess 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**0 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*

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**Earl Hill 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**0 NO**

**1 Spoiled**

**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**

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**15 Ballot Cast**

**15 YES**

**0 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:* **$2,363.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**John Dudley 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 18**

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

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**

**Larry Hill 2nd the motion**

**21 Hand risen vote**

**21 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 19**

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 may 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.”***

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**23 Ballot Cast**

**23 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**Article 20**

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 $209,466.00.**

**Kenneth Colson Jr motioned that the article did not need to be voted on**

**Motion Carried**

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

**ARTICLE 21**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the Regular Education Program

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 469,395.00**

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**

**Carol Pollock 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 22**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the special education program

 *School Committee Recommends* **$88,090.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Jason Croman 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 23**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for career and technical education

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 0**

**Carol Pollock motioned to accept the article as read**

**Emogene Hill 2nd the motion**

**20 Hand risen vote**

**20 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 24**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for other instruction.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 0**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Elizabeth Carter 2nd the motion**

**21 Hand risen vote**

**21 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 25**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for student and staff support.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 3,643.00**

**Larry Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Jason Croman 2nd the motion**

**16 Ballot Cast**

**16 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 26**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for system administration.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 44,281.00**

**Jason Croman motioned to accept the article as read**

**John Dudley 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 27**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for school administration.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 36,700.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Elizabeth Carter 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 28**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for transportation and buses.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 79,000.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Jason Croman 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**0 NO**

**1 Spoiled**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 29**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for facilities maintenance.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$ 85,236.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kelly McDonough 2nd the motion**

**19 Ballot Cast**

**19 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 30**

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**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**22 Hand risen vote**

**22 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 31**

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for all other expenditures.

 *School Committee Recommends* **$50,249.00**

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Elizabeth Carter 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 32**

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 $555,004.71) 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* **$420,533.00**)

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.

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Kevin Dean 2nd the motion**

**18 Ballot Cast**

**18 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 33**

Shall the Town of Alexander raise and appropriate $222,206.00 in additional local funds which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by $222,043.78 as required to fund the budget recommended by the ALEXANDER School Committee.

 *The School Committee recommends* **$222,206.00** 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.

**Emogene Hill motioned to accept the article as read**

**Jason Croman 2nd the motion**

**17 Ballot Cast**

**17 YES**

**0 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**ARTICLE 34**

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* **856,594.00**)

**John Dudley motioned to accept the article as read**

**Carol Pollock 2nd the motion**

**21 Ballot Cast**

**20 YES**

**1 NO**

**Motion Carried**

**On a motion made by Jason Croman, which was seconded by Steven Clark, the town voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Karen Poor, CCM

 Town Clerk