TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 29, 2026

Julie Burgess opens the meeting at 6:30 PM with 62 residents in attendance.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
Ted Carter nominates Skip Colson. 10 Skip 2 Spoiled.
Skip Colson appoints Stephen Seavey as Deputy Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for the **Regular Education Program**.

School Committee Recommends: $789,806.00

Motion made to accept as written by Ted Carter. Seconded by Emma Hill. 35 YES 26 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for the **Special Education Program**.

School Committee Recommends: $215,489.00

Motion made to accept as written by Amanda Posick. Seconded by Stephen Seavey. 37 YES 20 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Career and Technical Education**.

School Committee Recommends: $0.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Amanda Posick. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Other Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: $7,793.00

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Stephen Seavey. 38 YES 17 NO 2 Spoiled. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Student and Staff Support**.

School Committee Recommends: $31,462.00

Motion made to accept as written by Brian Giles. Seconded by James Provencher. 32 YES 20 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **System Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: $100,483.00

Motion made to accept as written by Ted Carter. Seconded by Amanda Posick. 31 YES 24 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **School Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: $119,339.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Emma Hill. 33 YES 24 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Transportation and Buses**.

School Committee Recommends: $129,026.00

Motion made to accept as written by Ted Carter. Seconded by Stephen Seavey. 37 YES 22 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Facilities Maintenance**.

School Committee Recommends: $154,288.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Amanda Posick. 32 YES 25 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

School Committee Recommends: $0.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Logan Lord. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for **All Other Expenditures.**

School Committee Recommends: $59,361.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by James Sullivan. 32 YES 27 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the essential programs and services funding act **(*Recommend $824,354.03*)** 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 prekindergarten 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.

Explanation: the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten 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.

School Committee Recommends: $433,536.00

Motion made to accept as written by Brian Giles. Seconded by James Provencher. 32 YES 26 NO 1 Spoiled. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Alexander raise and appropriate ***$550,692.97*** in additional local funds which exceeds the state's essential programs and services funding model by ***$550,692.97.***

The cost of education per student is generally higher at small, rural schools, and the cost to deliver prekindergarten through grade 12 educational programs and services in Alexander for **2026-2027**, exceeds the essential programs and services general funding model by ***$550,692.97.***

School Committee Recommends a "YES" Vote

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Ted Carter. 34 YES 26 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend ***$89,361.00*** for fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027** for the nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program.

School Committee Recommends a "YES" Vote

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Brian Giles. 37 YES 20 NO. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027** from the town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the essential programs and services funding act, non-state-funding 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.

School Committee Recommends: $1,607,047.00

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Brittany Seavey. 32 YES 26 NO 3 Spoiled. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 17. AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends a "YES" Vote

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Logan Lord. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 18. AUTHORIZES USE OF ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY

In the event that the Town of Alexander receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for the school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, Section 15671-A(1)(b), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee?

School Committee Recommends a "YES" Vote

Motion made to accept as written by Stephen Seavey. Seconded by Amanda Posick. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 19. AUTHORIZES TRANSFER AMONG COST CENTERS

Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the **2026-2027** fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

School Committee Recommends a "YES" Vote

Motion made to accept as written by Amanda Posick. Seconded by Stephen Seavey. Motion passed with 1 Opposed.

ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL
WARRANT ARTICLES 2026-2027

Article 20. To ask if there are any discussions of the officers' reports.

NONE.

Article 21. To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to accept the following categories of state funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Municipal Revenue Sharing
Local Road Assistance
State Aid to Education (Includes Federal Pass-Through Funds and Property Relief)
Snowmobile Registration Money
Tree Growth Reimbursements
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursements
Homestead Exemption Reimbursements
Open Space Reimbursements
General Assistance Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds
State Grants or Other Funds

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Kristy Crawford. Seconded by Brittany Seavey. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

Article 22. 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 Sno-riders, Inc. Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails to be open for 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.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Ted Carter. Seconded by Josie James. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

Article 23. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration of the Town.

Selectmen recommend $100,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Kristy Crawford. Seconded by Josie James. 32 YES 8 NO 1 Spoiled. Motion passed.

Article 24. To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate ***$25,000.00*** from the Unassigned Fund balance into the Administrative account.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Brenda McDonough. Seconded by Skip Colson. 33 YES 4 NO. Motion passed.

Article 25. To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to move ***$36.00*** from the Comprehensive Planning account to the Administrative account.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Josie James. 25 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 26. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Welfare.

Explanation: the Animal Control Reserve account has $2,062.00, the stipend for the Animal Control Officer will be $1,650.00.

Selectmen recommend $550.00

Motion made to accept as written by Kristy Crawford. Seconded by Emma Hill. 27 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 27. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the operational costs, stipends, and earnings of the Alexander Volunteer Fire Department.

Amount requested:

Operational costs; $14,000.00
Stipends and earnings; $5,000.00
Fit test; $200.00
Total: ***$19,200.00***

Selectmen recommend $19,200.00

Motion made to accept as written by Foster Carlow Jr. Seconded by David Davis. 30 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 28. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

Selectmen recommend $3,500.00

Motion made to accept as written by Ted Carter. Seconded by Emma Hill. 25 YES 4 NO. Motion passed.

Article 29. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste.

Selectmen recommend $75,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Skip Colson. 25 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 30. To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate ***$150,000.00*** of excise tax funds into the Roads account.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Brittany Seavey. 27 YES 4 NO. Motion passed.

Article 31. To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate ***$16,000.00*** from the Unassigned Fund balance into the Roads account.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Brittany Seavey. 23 YES 5 NO. Motion passed.

Article 32. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Roads.

Selectmen recommend $70,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Skip Colson. 24 YES 3 NO. Motion passed.

Article 33. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Ambulance Service (DEEMS).

Selectmen recommend $12,994.00

Motion made to accept as written by David Sullivan. Seconded by Earl Hill. 25 YES 1 NO. Motion passed.

Article 34. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Fund.

Selectmen recommend $6,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by David Sullivan. Seconded by James Sullivan. 25 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 35. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery account

Selectmen recommend $4,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Skip Colson. Seconded by Emma Hill. 24 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 36. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Investment account.

Selectmen recommend $1,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Emma Hill. Seconded by Brittany Seavey. 23 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.

Article 37. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Building Maintenance account.

Selectmen recommend $2,000.00

Motion made to accept as written by Foster Carlow Jr. Seconded by David Sullivan. 22 YES 2 NO 1 Spoiled. Motion passed.

Article 38. To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Action in Aroostook, Washington & Hancock Counties.

Selectmen recommend $209.60

Motion made to accept as written by Kristy Crawford. Seconded by Ted Carter. 27 YES 0 NO. Motion passed.

Article 39. 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 M.R.S.A 505(4).

The current maximum rate of interest is 7.0%.

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Brittany Seavey. Seconded by Emma Hill. Motion passed with 2 Opposed.

Article 40. 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 there on in the following manner:

"After the lien on said property is expired the Selectmen shall either sell in accordance with Maine state law, or the property may be kept and maintained by the Town, should the Selectmen decide this to be more advantageous."

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote

Motion made to accept as written by Skip Colson. Seconded by Emma Hill. UNANIMOUS. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:13PM by Catherine Oakes. Seconded by Stephen Seavey. UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Burgess

Town Clerk