

MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 30, 2025

6:30 PM Kristy Crawford opens the meeting. There were 47 residents in attendance.

Stephen Seavey made a motion to allow Non-Residents to speak at the meeting (Mary Ellen Day and Daniel Sullivan). Second, Foster Carlow Jr. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed

ARTICLE 1 TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR BY WRITTEN BALLOT.

Ted Carter nominates Skip Colson 5 yes 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE UPDATED CEMETERY ORDINANCE: SEE HANDOUT

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A “YES” VOTE

Motion made by Ted Carter, seconded by Joe Manza. All in favor, none opposed, Motion passed.

ARTICLE 3 TO SEE IF THE RESIDENTS WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO EXTEND ITS CREDIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$406,776, WHETHER THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN, ONE OR MORE REVENUE OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN, A MUNICIPAL GUARANTEE OF DEBTS OF THE DOWNEAST BROADBAND UTILITY, A SIMILAR INSTRUMENT OR TRANSACTION OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE, ANY OF WHICH MAY BE CALLABLE BONDS, THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED TO FINANCE OR GUARANTEE THE TOWN’S PORTION OF THE DEBTS OF THE DOWNEAST BROADBAND UTILITY AS SET FORTH IN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT DATED 10/14/2020, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A MUNICIPAL BROADBAND NETWORK OPERATED BY DOWNEAST BROADBAND UTILITY.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Ted Carter. 38 yes, 9 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 4 TO SEE WHAT THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO FIX FOR THE SALARY OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$2750.00.

Motion made by Brittany Seavey, seconded by Stephen Seavey. 29 yes, 1 no. Motion passed.

**ALEXANDER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
WARRANT ARTICLES 2025-2026**

ARTICLE 5 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR THE REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$687,805.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Josie James. 32 yes, 11 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 6 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$297,744.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. 32 yes, 9 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 7 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 by Stephen Seavey seconded by Ted Carter All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed

ARTICLE 8 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **OTHER INSTRUCTION.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$7,798.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Amanda Posick. 33 yes, 6 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 9 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$27,287.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Emma Hill. 29 yes, 7 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 10 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$92,085.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Amanda Posick. 28 yes, 9 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 11 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$102,408.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. 28 yes, 11 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$131,627.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. 24 yes, 15 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 13 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$135,505.00

Motion made by Amanda Posick, seconded by Brian Giles. 30 yes, 5 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 14 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 by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 15 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$55,591.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brittany Seavey. 26 yes, 7 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 16 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL APPROPRIATE FOR THE TOTAL COST OF FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION FROM GRADE K TO GRADE 12 AS DESCRIBED IN THE ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDING ACT

(RECOMMEND \$778,943.97) 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.

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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: \$422,323.33

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. 28 yes, 3 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 17 SHALL THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER RAISE AND APPROPRIATE **\$486,906.03** IN ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS WHICH EXCEEDS THE STATE'S ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDING MODEL BY **\$486,906.03**.

THE COST OF EDUCATION PER STUDENT IS GENERALLY HIGHER AT SMALL, RURAL SCHOOLS, AND THE COST TO DELIVER K-8 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN ALEXANDER FOR **2025-2026**, EXCEEDS THE ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES GENERAL FUNDING MODEL BY **\$486,906.03**.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A "YES" VOTE

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Amanda Posick. 27 yes, 6 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 18 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND **\$85,341.00** FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING **JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026** 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 by Ted Carter, seconded by Stephen Seavey. 31 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 19 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO EXPEND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING **JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026** FROM 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, 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: \$1,537,850.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Amanda Posick. 30 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 20 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 by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 21 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 by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 22 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 **2025-2026** FISCAL YEAR, PROVIDED THAT TRANSFERS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A “YES” VOTE

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Brian Giles. 22 yes, 13 no. Motion passed.

**ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL
WARRANT ARTICLES 2025-2026**

ARTICLE 23 TO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY DISCUSSIONS OF THE OFFICERS’ REPORTS.
No questions were asked.

ARTICLE 24 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF STATE FUNDS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025.

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 by Larry Hill seconded by Jason Croman. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 25 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 by Emma Hill seconded by Rhonda Oakes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 26 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 by Ted Carter, seconded by Joe Manza. 26 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 27 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000.00 FROM THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A “YES” VOTE.

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 19 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 28 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO MOVE \$1504.00 FROM THE ARCHIVE PROJECT RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A “YES” VOTE

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Joe Manza. 16 yes, 2 no 1 spoiled. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 29 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE.

EXPLANATION: THE ANIMAL CONTROL RESERVE ACCOUNT HAS \$2,265.00, THE STIPEND FOR THE ACO WILL BE \$1,650.00.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$550.00.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 19 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 30 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR COUNTY TAX.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$148,930.00.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Ted Carter. 19 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 31 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 by Foster Carlow Jr., seconded by Joe Manza. 18 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 32 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$3500.00.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Foster Carlow Jr. 15 yes, 1 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 33 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR SOLID WASTE.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$55,000.00.

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Joe Manza. 18 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 34 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE **\$140,000.00.** OF EXCISE TAX FUNDS INTO THE ROAD ACCOUNT.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A "YES" VOTE.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Larry Hill. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 35 TO SEE IF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO APPROPRIATE **\$100,000.00** FROM THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR THE ROAD ACCOUNT.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A "YES" VOTE.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 18 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 36 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE (DEEMS).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$12,072.00.

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Roger Holst. 17 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 37 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 by Ted Carter, seconded by Emma Hill. 16 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 38 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE CEMETERY ACCOUNT

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Rhonda Oakes, seconded by Joe Manza. 16 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 39 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 by Emma Hill, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 16 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 40 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR DOWNEAST COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$1130.00

Motion made by Foster Carlow Jr, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 17 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 41 TO SEE WHAT SUM THE TOWN OF ALEXANDER WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE TOWN BUILDING MAINTAINANCE ACCOUNT

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND \$3,000.00

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Rhonda Oakes. 14 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 42 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).

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND A “YES” VOTE.

Motion made by Emma Hill, seconded by Ted Carter. All in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 43 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 by Rhonda, seconded by Emma Hill. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

IF ALL THE ARTICLES ARE APPROVED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET (NOT INCLUDING SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS OR COUNTY TAX) WILL BE \$497,956.00

9:17 pm Motion made to adjourn by Kristy Crawford on behalf of Cassie Oakes from Pine Tree Camp.

All articles passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristy Crawford
Town Clerk