

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 28, 2021

6:30pm - Kristy Crawford Opens the meeting by thanking Dana Porter for all her time in the office training and helping get through the first year on a new untrained clerk. Kristy also thanked Rhonda Oaks, Jane Manza, Emogene Hill, David Davis, and the rest of the Selectmen for their help and support.

Article 1:

To choose a Moderator by written ballot.

Kenneth Colson Nominated Winthrop Carter, seconded by Joseph Manza. All in favor.

Motion passed

**ALEXANDER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
WARRANT ARTICLES
2021 – 2022**

Motion made to allow Kenneth Johnson and Trevor Flood to speak on behalf of the school by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Emogene Hill. All in favor. Motion passed

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 **\$550,916.31**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, Seconded by Patricia Foley. 17 No, 20 Yes, 1 spoiled. 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 **\$207,921.35**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey seconded by Emogene Hill. 19 yes, 19 no. Revote 19 yes, 19 no. Revote 19 yes 19 no. 4th vote 18 no, 20 yes. 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**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey seconded by Larry Hill 31 yes, 0 no. 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 **\$3,000.88**

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Patricia Foley. 21 Yes, 16 no. 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 **\$5,812.00**

Motion made by Patricia Foley, seconded by Brittany Seavey. 19 no, 20 yes. 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 **\$65,513.45**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. 19 no, 20 yes. 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 \$61,206.76

Motion made by Patricia Foley seconded by Jason Croman. 20 yes, 19 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 \$83,500.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Patricia Foley. 20 yes, 20 no. revote 19 no, 20 yes, 1 spoiled. 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 \$99,266.57

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. 19 no 21 yes. 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

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Patricia Foley. 31 yes, 0 no. 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 RECOMMEND \$68,406.68

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by 19 no, 19 yes. Revote 20 yes, 20 no, 3rd vote 19 no, 20 yes. Motion passed

ARTICLE 13 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 \$664,537.71) 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 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

(Recommend \$440,688.33)

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.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Patricia Foley. 15 no, 25 yes, 1 spoiled. Motion passed

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town of ALEXANDER raise and appropriate \$271,006.29 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$271,006.29 as required to fund the budget recommended by the ALEXANDER School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$271,006.29 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.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. 19 no, 20 yes. Motion passed

ARTICLE 15 To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 for the School 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.

(Recommend \$76,600.32)

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Patricia Foley. 18 no, 21 yes. 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 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.

(Recommend \$1,145,544.00).

Explanation: The total amount of the budget adopted by the school committee on June 8th, 2021 totals \$1,222,144.32 which is achieved when Articles 15 and 16 are combined.

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Patricia Foley. 19 no, 19 yes. Revote, 15 no, 23 yes. Motion passed

ARTICLE 17 **AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board 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 Board Recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Patricia Foley. 32 yes, 0 no. 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 Board be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, 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 Board?

School Board Recommends a "YES" vote.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey seconded by Larry Hill. 29 Yes, 0 no. Motion passed

**TOWN OF ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL WARRANT ARTICLES
2021-2022**

Article 19:

To ask if there are any discussions of the Officers Reports.

No discussion

Article 20:

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to accept the following categories of State Funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

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

General Assistance Reimbursements

Civil Emergency Funds

State Grants or Other Funds

Motion made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by Stephen Seavey. 31 yes, 0 no.

Article 21:

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 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.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Foster Carlow Jr. 30 yes, 0 no. Motion passed

Article 22:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration for Town Business. \$105,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by John Knowles. 3 No, 30 Yes

Article 23:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Welfare. \$1,500.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by Larry Hill. 5 no, 29 yes. Motion passed

Article 24:

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

\$6320.00

Selectmen Recommend

Jane Manza reported that the town received a grant and wanted to amend the motion to \$4000.00. Amended motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Kevin Dean. 29 yes, 5 no, 1 spoiled

Article 25:

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

\$97,200.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by Emma Hill. 29 yes, 3 no. Motion passed.

Article 26:

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

Total; \$19,000.00

Motion made by David Sullivan, seconded by Foster Carlow Jr. 31 Yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

Article 27:

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

\$5,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill seconded by Kevin Dean. 25 yes, 7 no. Motion passed.

Article 28:

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

\$55,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by John Knowles. 29 yes, 2 no. Motion passed

Article 29:

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate \$115,000.00 of excise tax funds into the Road Account.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Kevin Dean. 25 yes, 4 no. Motion passed

Article 30:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Account. \$45,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Kevin Dean. 23 Yes, 5 no. Motion passed

Article 31:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Ambulance Service (Down East). \$12,072.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Kevin Dean, seconded by Skip Colson. 24 Yes, 2 no. Motion passed

Article 32:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Forest Fire Fund. \$6,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Foster Carlow Jr. seconded by Kevin Dean. 25 yes, 1 no. Motion passed

Article 33:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Investment Account. \$1,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by Emogene Hill 24 yes, 1 no. Motion passed

Article 34:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Community Partners. \$2,660.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Kenneth Colson. 22 yes, 3 no. Motion passed

Article 35:

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 charge per M.R.S.A 505(4) of 6%.

Motion made by Larry Hill, seconded by Kenneth Colson. 24 yes, 0 no. Motion passed

Article 36:

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 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.”

If all articles are approved the Municipal Budget (Not including school appropriations or County Tax) will be \$371,232.00

Motion made by David Sullivan, seconded by Emma Hill 23 yes 0 no. Motion passed

**Motion to adjourn made by Kenneth Colson, seconded by Stephen Seavey. All in favor.
Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristy Crawford
Town Clerk