

MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 27, 2022

Town Clerk, Kristy Crawford, opens the meeting at 6:30pm with **33** registered voters present.

Article 1:

To choose a Moderator by written ballot.

Kenneth Colson nominated by Winthrop Carter. Seconded by Emogene Hill. All in favor. Motion Passed.

ALEXANDER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WARRANT ARTICLES 2022-2023

Motion made to allow Kenneth Johnson to speak on behalf of the school by Winthrop Carter. 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 **\$586,704.10**

Motion made by Winthrop Carter, Seconded by Patricia Foley. 9 NO, 21 YES. 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 **\$203,357.70**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 5, YES 22. Spoiled 1. 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. All in Favor. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Winthrop Carter. NO 3, YES 22. 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 **\$6,741.25**

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 2, YES 21. 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

\$69,844.45

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Winthrop Carter. NO 4, YES 20. 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

\$65,523.68

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 3, YES 21. 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

\$86,500.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 4, YES 21. 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

\$119,803.61

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 2, YES 21. 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 Larry Hill. All in Favor. 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

\$56,760.05

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 2, YES 20. 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 \$720,452.16) 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.

(Recommend \$402,806.66)

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 Emogene Hill, seconded by Josie Wallace. NO 1, YES 21. Motion passed

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town of ALEXANDER raise and appropriate \$308,887.96 in additional local funds which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$308,887.96 as required to fund the budget recommended by the ALEXANDER School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$308,887.96 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 Emogene Hill, seconded by Patricia Foley. NO 2, YES 20. 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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 \$79,357.96)

Motion made by Winthrop Carter, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 1, YES 20. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16 To see what sum the Town of Alexander will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 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 \$1,198,235.73).

Explanation: The total amount of the budget adopted by the school committee on May 10th, 2022 totals \$1,277,593.69 which is achieved when Articles 15 and 16 are combined.

Motion made by Brittany Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 3, YES 20. Motion Passes.

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 Winthrop Carter, seconded by Stephen Seavey. All in favor. Motion passes.

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 15671A(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 Winthrop Carter, seconded by Stephen Seavey. All in Favor. Motion passes.

TOWN OF ALEXANDER MUNICIPAL WARRANT ARTICLES 2022-2023

Article 19:

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

None noted. Moved on.

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, 2022.

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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. Motion Passed.

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 Larry Hill. All in favor. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 0, YES 21. Motion passed.

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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 0, YES 19. Motion passed.

Article 24:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery.
\$4,000.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Stephen Seavey. NO 0, YES 22. Motion passed.

Article 25:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for County Tax.
\$102,773.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Emogene Hill. NO 1, YES 18. 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 Dave Sullivan, seconded by Stephen Seavey. NO 0, YES 24. Motion passed.

Article 27:

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

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Betty Wallace, seconded by Emogene Hill. NO 0, YES 20. 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 Larry Hill, seconded by Josie Wallace. NO 0, YES 20. Motion passed.

Article 29:

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate \$120,000.00 of excise tax funds into the Road Account.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Emogene Hill, seconded by Stephen Seavey. NO 1, YES 18. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Emogene Hill. NO 0, YES 20. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Emogene Hill. NO 1, YES 19. 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 Dave Sullivan, seconded by Betty Wallace. NO 0, YES 20. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 0, YES 18. Motion passed.

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 0, YES 21. Motion passed.

Article 34:

To see what sum the Town of Alexander will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Community Partners. Raise \$2660.00 and Appropriate \$5320.00

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Betty Wallace. NO 0, YES 21. 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 Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Article 36:

To See if the Town of Alexander will vote to appropriate the following to the administration account.

Interest on unpaid taxes \$4,000.00

Boat Excise Tax \$1,000.00

Agent Fees \$1,000.00

Motion made by Stephen Seavey, seconded by Larry Hill. NO 0, YES 19. Motion passed.

Article 37:

To see if the Town of Alexander will vote to change the Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Treasurer from and elected position to a Hired position. To be hired and answer directly to and by the selectmen.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion made by James Gibson, seconded by Stephen Seavey. NO 20, YES 1. Motion failed.

Article 38:

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.”

Motion made by James Gibson, seconded by Stephen Seavey. All in Favor. Motion passed.

If all articles are approved the Municipal Budget (Not including school appropriations or County Tax) will be \$383,232.00

**Motion to adjourn made by Winthrop Carter, seconded by Stephen Seavey. All in Favor. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristy Crawford, Town Clerk.