

**EXETER TOWN WARRANT – 2006**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Exeter, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote on Town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, Front Street in said Exeter on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of transacting all business other than voting by official ballot and, thereafter, to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM at the Exeter Town Hall, to elect officers, vote on zoning articles and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session by official ballot.

**Article 1:** To choose the following: 1 Selectman for a 3-year term; 3 Trustees of the Library for a 3-year term; 1 Moderator for a 2-year term; 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of the Robinson Fund for a 7-year term; 1 Trustee of Swasey Parkway for a 3-year term; and 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6-year term;

**Results:**

**Selectman: Joseph “Joe” Pace 2063 votes\***

**Trustee of Trust Funds: Mark M. Rollick 399 votes**  
**Amy-Beth Swiezynski 1722 votes\***

**Trustee of Robinson Fund: Joan Smart 2048 votes\***

**Moderator: Charles F. Tucker 2248 votes\***

**Trustee of Swasey Parkway: Michael “Mike” Laperle 998 votes\***  
**Dawn Perkins 747 votes**  
**Dwight W. Sharp 271 votes**

**Supervisor of the Checklist: Winifred Bernard 1946 votes\***

**Trustees of Library Committee: Peter Aten 992 votes\***  
**Janet Dilts 673 votes**  
**John W. Henson 888 votes**  
**Gwen Kenney 1039 votes\***  
**Mary Lafreniere 987 votes\***  
**Ingeborg Lock 609 votes**

**Article 2: Zoning Amendment #1:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 2.2 Definitions by adding the definition for “Community buildings” as follows: A building or structure, or a group of buildings or structures, owned and operated by the Town of Exeter, or by a nonprofit organization, the primary purpose of which is to provide social and recreational services to the citizens of the community, focused on promoting their health and general welfare. (Renumber section accordingly)

**Results:**

**Yes: 2064\***

**No: 590**

*Article amended @ Deliberative Session 2/04/06: Article #15*

**Article 3: Zoning Amendment #2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding “Community buildings” as a use permitted by Special Exception in the R-2 district.

**Results:**

**Yes: 1648\***

**No: 937**

**Article 4: Zoning Amendment #3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule 1: Permitted Uses by removing “conversions” under Special Exceptions in the RU, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and M districts. Also, amend Article 4.2, Schedule I Notes by deleting Note 1. (a) – (d) in its entirety.

**Results:**

**Yes: 1589\***

**No: 881**

**Article 5: Zoning Amendment #4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5.1.4 Continuance of Non-Conforming Uses by replacing existing text of subsection C. with the following: “Any determination by the Code Enforcement Officer under this provision shall be in writing and shall include detailed findings as to the above factors. The Code Enforcement Officer shall send a copy of such determination and findings to each abutter to the property where the change to the nonconforming use has been proposed, and such determination and findings shall not be effective until thirty days after such notice is mailed to abutters. Any abutter may file an appeal from such determination and findings to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and, during the pendency of such appeal, such determination and findings shall be stayed.”

**Results:**

**Yes: 1933\***

**No: 534**

**Article 6: Zoning Amendment #5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5.2 Special Exceptions subsection G. by replacing existing text with the following: “As a condition of special exception approval, the Applicant may be required to obtain Town Planner review and/or Planning Board approval of the site plan. Additionally, the Board of Adjustment may require the applicant to obtain Planning Board approval of the site plan prior to rendering a decision on an application for Special Exception.”

**Results:**

**Yes: 1725\***

**No: 716**

**Article 7: Zoning Amendment #6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5.6.3 Off-Street Parking by replacing existing text with following: “Except that the Planning Board may grant reductions in the number of required off-street parking spaces in conjunction with its site plan review if the applicant submits proposals for shared parking. The intent of this provision is to grant discretionary review authority to the Planning Board in order to promote:

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- (1) Better utilization of parking areas, including shared parking, or
- (2) A reduction in impervious surface, and
- (3) Conservation of open space lands and buffers.

In its discretion, the Planning Board shall require specific information detailing user parking needs and schedules. The Board may also require parking lot buffers and/or landscaping.”

**Results:**

**Yes: 1738\***

**No: 811**

**Article 8: Zoning Amendment #7:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5.6.4 Off-Street Parking Schedule by revising the following categories to read as follows:

USE	REQUIRED PARKING SPACES
Dwelling Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 for each single family dwelling unit.</li> <li>• 2 for each multi-family unit of 2 +bedroom</li> <li>• 1 for each multi-family unit of 1 bedroom/studio.</li> <li>• Guest parking for multi-family based on total number of units. One (1) additional space for guest parking for each four (4) multi-family dwelling units.</li> </ul>
Elderly Housing	1 for each dwelling unit, 1 per employee on the maximum shift, 1 per 8 units for guest parking
Home Occupations	1 for each 200 square feet, or part of floor area used for home occupation
Gymnasium and Recreation Facility	1 space for each 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area (excluding storage, maintenance, and mechanical utility areas)
Motels, Hotels	1 space for each unit plus 1 space for each employee on the largest shift
Office	1 space for each 250 square feet of floor area
Retail Stores, Store Groups, Shops, other than offices, etc.	1 space for each 300 square feet of floor area for buildings less than 30,000 sq. ft., 1 space for each 500 sq. ft. of floor area for buildings over 30,000 sq. ft.

**Results:**

**Yes: 1896\***

**No: 635**

**Article 9: Zoning Amendment #8:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 8.7 Historic Districts: to add the following new district including the described boundaries as follows:

8.7.3 High Street Historic District: The High Street Historic District is bounded as follows (boundaries identical to those voted by the Town on March 14th, 2006):

An area beginning at the centerline of High Street where it intersects with Portsmouth Avenue, thence running easterly along the centerline of High Street to the intersection of Ridgewood Terrace, and includes all portions of all properties with frontage on these portions of High Street to a depth of 200 feet from the curb line or the rear property line, whichever comes first; and the district includes

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an area beginning at the intersection of High Street and Rocky Hill Road and running northerly along Rocky Hill Road to the end of Rocky Hill Road, and includes all portions of all properties with frontage on these portions of Rocky Hill Road to a depth of 200 feet from the curb line or the rear property line, whichever comes first. The District is intended to specifically include the properties from 46 – 176 High Street and 39 – 175 High Street, and the properties from 3 – 5 Rocky Hill Road and 2 Rocky Hill Road.” (re-number section accordingly)

**Results:**

**Yes: 1726\***

**No: 940**

**Article 10: Zoning Amendment #9:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 9.4.8 100 Year Flood by revising the section as follows:

“B.1. All new construction or substantial improvements of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated at least one foot above the 100 year flood elevation.”

**Results:**

**Yes: 1983\***

**No: 634**

**Article 11:** To choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year.

**Results:**

**Yes: 2124\***

**No: 391**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,260,000 for the purpose of constructing a new Water Tank on Epping Road with associated distribution system improvements, including road reconstruction, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$8,260,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants related to the project. A 3/5 vote is required for passage. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1750\***

**No: 1034**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,300,000 for the purpose of funding improvements in the Downtown, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,300,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any federal or state grants related to the project. A 3/5 vote is required for passage. (Three of five members of the Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1221**

**No: 1603\***

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**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$410,000 for the purpose of funding emergency repairs to the seawall at Stewart Park, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$410,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any federal or state grants related to the project. A 3/5 vote is required for passage. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1744\***

**No: 1002**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding improvements to the intersection of Holland Way and Hampton Road, \$20,000 in developer funds will be used to off-set the cost of the project, making the total Town contribution \$55,000, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$55,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any federal or state grants related to the project. A 3/5 vote is required for passage. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1229**

**No: 1387\***

**Article 16:** Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriation by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$17,016,234. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$16,633,455, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1445\***

**No: 1166**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and extend the financial terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Exeter and the Exeter Professional Firefighter's Association, which calls for a 3 and a half year agreement with further implementation of the Town's pay and classification plan, and includes increases to employee contributions to health insurance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,236 in calendar year 2006, this sum representing the additional cost attributed to implementing the agreement. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2043\***

**No: 595**

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**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for Engine 3 for the Exeter Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,366, which represents the first of 10 annual payments (a total of \$531,180), for that purpose. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1742\***

**No: 893**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$170,000, to supplement line-item "2582-Contracted Paving," as shown in the Town's operating budget, for the purpose of rebuilding and/or paving Town streets and roads. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1853\***

**No: 711**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of conducting Phase II of the Exeter River Study project, including a hydraulic modeling for alternative operations and configurations of the three dams, qualitative water quality testing, and assessment of the fish way at Great Dam. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1584\***

**No: 1025**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of sandblasting and repainting the steel bridge structures at Garrison Lane and Pickpocket Road. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1440\***

**No: 1145**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of funding a mosquito control program including the application of adulticides and larvicides. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2174\***

**No: 506**

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**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of surveying, design and initial engineering work associated with the Epping Road Corridor project, with 80% of the cost to be reimbursed by a NHDOT grant. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1838\***

**No: 772**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$485,000 for the purpose of purchasing land and expanding parking adjacent to the train station by 62 additional spaces, with 80% of the cost to be reimbursed by a NHDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1845\***

**No: 814**

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of creating bike paths, improving and widening road shoulders and linking sidewalks with bike paths, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend monies from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1671\***

**No: 989**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$61,498, to be added to the previously established Town Retirement Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend monies from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1305\***

**No: 1259**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$13,000, for support of the Area Home Care Agency, an agency that provides assistance in the areas of light housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, laundry and other housekeeping tasks so that clients are able to continue to reside in their homes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2204\***

**No: 460**

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**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$1,030, for support of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an agency that provides shelter and adoptive services for lost and abandoned animals. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2020\***

**No: 659**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$5,000, for support of SeaCare Health Services, an agency that provides health services that help people who do not have health insurance and cannot afford to pay for medical services, get health care. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2261\***

**No: 510**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$3,500, for the support of Cross Roads House, an agency that provides a safe and supportive emergency and transitional shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2266\***

**No: 497**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$4,875, for support of A Safe Place, an agency that provides shelter for battered women and their children, court and welfare advocacy, peer counseling and support groups for victims of partner abuse. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2364\***

**No: 412**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$3,000, for the support of Sexual Assault Support Services, an agency that provides services that are committed to supporting victims/survivors in their effort to heal from the trauma of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, while striving to prevent the occurrence of sexual violence in local communities and in society at large. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2250\***

**No: 494**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Parks & Recreation Bus Capital Reserve Fund created by Article #37 of the 1998 Town Warrant. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, totaling \$452.22 are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article).

**Results:**

**Yes: 2254\***

**No: 439**

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**Article 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of performing additional maintenance activities along the Swasey Parkway, including Spring clean up, mowing, pruning and fall clean up, with said funds to be spent under the direction of the Swasey Parkway Trustees with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1863\***

**No: 863**

**Article 35:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and convey mutual easements for access and parking over the southerly side yard of the Town Hall property, with the owner of the property immediately to the south of the Town Hall (currently the location of the Citizens Bank Drive Up), which will create eight (8) new public parking spaces adjacent to the Town Hall.

**Results:**

**Yes: 1862\***

**No: 787**

**Article 36:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and to effectuate the exchange of a portion of Town-owned land located off Epping Road, currently the site of the Epping Road Water Tank, Tax Map 55, Lot 73, for a portion of abutting land on Epping Road owned by Julieta R. Petterson and Donald K. Petterson, Tax Map 55, Lot 74, for the purpose of obtaining additional real estate on which a new water tank may be constructed?

**Results:**

**Yes: 1681\***

**No: 951**

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint up to seven citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and 673:5, and to appoint up to five additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1622\***

**No: 953**

**Article 38:** On petition of the members of the "Coalition to Preserve Birch Road" and other registered voters of Exeter, to request that the town vote (in the next town election in March, 2006) on whether to change the unpaved portion of Birch Road (a Scenic Road as defined by RSA 231:157 & 158, and RSA 253:17 & 18) from its current status as a Class VI Road (reference RSA 229.5) to a Municipal Trail (reference RSA 231-A:1) in order to preserve the natural beauty of the wetlands and the recreational value for all residents of the Town.

**Results:**

**Yes: 1812\***

**No: 756**

**Article 39:** On petition of Donald R. Clement and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of \$50,000 for the Town's Conservation Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 36-A for

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acquisition of land and easements, maintenance of town owned conservation land and maintenance and repair of the Raynes barn. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation).

**Results:**

**Yes: 1626\***

**No: 1012**

**Article 40:** On petition of Hollis Martin and others, "Shall the voters of the Town of Exeter vote to eliminate the unit price blue bag user fee? Thereby including the blue bag disposal expenditures into the Operational Budget with the costs of recycling."

**Results:**

**Yes: 1118**

**No: 1571\***

**Article 41:** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 30th day of January, 2006.

Lionel Ingram, Chairman  
Paul Binette, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Eastman, Clerk  
Joseph Pace  
William Campbell

Board of Selectmen

We certify that on the 30th of January, 2006, we cause a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Exeter Town Hall on Front Street, the Exeter Public Library at Founder's Park and the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Front Street.

Given under our hands and seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2006.

Lionel Ingram, Chairman  
Paul Binette, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Eastman, Clerk  
Joseph Pace  
William Campbell

Board of Selectmen