

**The State of New Hampshire  
Town of Alexandria  
SB2 Deliberative Session  
2012 Town Warrant  
February 9, 2012**

**FIRST SESSION:**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the **Alexandria Town Hall** in said Alexandria on **Thursday, the Ninth (9th) of February, 2012 at Seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.)** in the evening. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the warrant articles numbered **1** through **17**. The warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article; but an amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

**SECOND SESSION:**

Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION" will be held **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**, at the **Alexandria Town Hall**. Polls will be open from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

*Deliberative session was held at Alexandria Town Hall. The meeting was opened by Moderator Dennis Ford at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Board of Selectman were introduced; Chairman Larry Stickney, Donald Sharp Sr., and David Richardson.*

*The rules of the meeting were stated. It was noted that articles may not be amended except to change the dollar amounts, or to add wording to clarify, but not change, the intent of the article. Wording for Article 16 is dictated by law for rescinding SB2 and cannot be amended.*

*A moment of silence was observed, for Alexandria residents who have passed away, notably Carol Pannagio. Larry Sharp, who is in the hospital after a recent accident, was also mentioned.*

*Motion was made and seconded to let non-residents speak.*

**APPROVED**

*Motion was made and seconded to accept the rules.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 1 read as follows:*

**Article 1:** Election of Public Officials, Newfound Area School District Items and other Articles appearing on the warrant as may be required by state law.

**APPROVED**

*Article 1 moved to the ballot.*

*Article 2 read as follows:*

**Article 2:** Operating Budget: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations 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 **\$1,312,252.20** (as recommended by the Selectmen)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$1,343,470.00**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alexandria 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. NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

*No discussion followed.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 2 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 3 read as follows:*

**Article 3:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for a second full-time police officer for the Alexandria Police Department for the time period of September 2012 through the end of December 2012 in order to comply with the previously funded 4-year grant provided by COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services)? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Chief Sullivan addressed questions regarding this article and the situation of the grant through 2013. He indicated that if the article is not approved this year and in 2013, it would jeopardize the town's eligibility for future federal grants. Don Sharp explained that we could not request funding for 2013 until next year's warrant.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 3 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 4 read as follows:*

**Article 4:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,779 for a new vehicle for the Police Department? (Not Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Chief Sullivan detailed the disposition of each of the cruisers and what would be available to purchase. He also indicated that if Article 3 is not approved, there would not be a need for a new cruiser.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 4 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 5 read as follows:*

**Article 5:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 to purchase a backhoe and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$50,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or note and determine the rate of interest thereon, with the balance of \$60,000 to be raised by taxation? Long term financing requires a 2/3 ballot vote. (Not Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Mike Corliss explained this warrant article, gave a breakdown as to the condition of the machines we have right now and expressed why he felt we needed to start replacing equipment, i.e., emergency readiness and safety issues. Larry Stickney expressed his support for Mike, but did not recommend the article because of he felt the current backhoe was repairable and they are trying to save the town money.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 5 was moved to the ballot as written:*

*Article 6 read as follows:*

**Article 6:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be put into the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund, said funds to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*The regulations for use and current balance were discussed. Sue Cheney determined that there was over \$2000 remaining in the fund at this time. Dave Richardson expressed his support for this article to avoid situations like Article 5 arising in the future.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 6 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 7 read as follows:*

**Article 7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 as requested by Plymouth Regional Clinic, a nonprofit clinic providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Questions arose about the number of residents that use this facility. Larry responded he didn't have that information. Location of the clinic was noted, The Whole Village in Plymouth. The further needs of residents and low cost were discussed. Concerns were voiced about the lack of explanation or representation of the organizations requesting funds from the town.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 7 moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 8 read as follows:*

**Article 8:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 as requested by The Bridge House, a resource for homeless men, women and families, providing outreach, education and job training in the greater Plymouth, NH region? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Larry Stickney addressed this warrant article and indicated that he did not have a breakdown of how many residents take advantage of these services. He noted that it approaches privacy issues. The lack of sufficient information was discussed. Dave Richardson expressed his support for this article and how it would be a benefit.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 8 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 9 read as follows:*

**Article 9:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 as requested by Mid-State Health Center, a nonprofit primary care practice providing medical care to the community, accessible to all regardless of the ability to pay? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Larry Stickney explained that Alexandria residents received \$5000 in services and noted the locations of the Plymouth and Bristol offices.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 9 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 10 read as follows:*

**Article 10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,239 as requested by Genesis Behavioral Health, which provides mental health services to the Lakes Region? (Not Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*It was questioned why the selectmen did not recommend this article. Larry Stickney and Don Sharp explained their reasons due to the cost being too high for this type of service. Larry read the Genesis report of residents that used these services. Discussion was made on the impact of mental health issues. It was also pointed out that once funding is approved for these organizations, it becomes part of the town's budget in the future. Frequent review and requirements for better accounting of how the town's residents use these services was suggested. Larry said they will be reviewing this further next year. It was requested that the selectmen reconsider and recommend this article. The selectmen declined.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 10 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 11 read as follows:*

**Article 11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 as requested by CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth)? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*There was no discussion.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 11 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 12 read as follows:*

**Article 12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department for the provision of fire fighting and prevention services and to continue the lease of the 1999 International Tanker to the AVFD, all pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the AVFD? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*There was no discussion.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 12 was moved to the ballot as written.*

*Article 13 read as follows:*

**Article 13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$163,500 to purchase a new Rescue Vehicle for the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$130,500 from the Fire Equipment Fund and accept \$20,000 in donation from the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and \$13,000 by taxation? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Fred Platts questioned the wording of the article with regards to the Ladies Auxiliary donation. Jennifer Dostie indicated that DRA required the total amount of the vehicle purchase plus the breakdown of the funding. Gary Patten asked about the disposition of monies donated to the town and if they would have to go to the general fund? Dennis advised that an amendment would have to be reviewed by DRA for approval.*

*An amendment to Article 13 was brought forward and written as follows: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$143,500 to purchase a new Rescue truck, \$130,500 from the Fire Equipment Fund and raise \$13,000 from taxation? The AVFD Auxiliary will donate \$20,000 to equip the truck."*

*Motion made and seconded to amend Article 13.*

*Discussion followed:*

*Jennifer Dostie indicated that she believed DRA would approve the amendment as long as there is a breakdown of funding. Mark Chevalier, the Fire Chief, detailed the equipment needed for the new vehicle and how it would be used. Larry Stickney indicated he would not recommend this article if DRA does not approve the wording.*

**AMENDMENT APPROVED**

*Article 13 moved to ballot as amended.*

*Article 14 read as follows:*

**Article 14:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,060 to continue to videotape all Selectboard public meetings and to broadcast the meeting on Cable Access Channels and make the videos available on the Town's website, if and where available, and to require that original video/audio tapes be retained for a period of not less than five years and be made available to the public per requirements of RSA 91-A? (Not Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*A breakdown of costs was requested. Further discussion was made on the warrant article being approved last year with no appropriation.*

*An amendment to Article 14 was brought forward and written as follows: "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to continue to videotape all Select board public meetings and to broadcast the meeting on Cable Access Channels and make the videos available on the Town's website, if and where available, and to require that original video/audio tapes be retained for a period of not less than five years and be made available to the public per requirements of RSA 91-A?"*

*Motion made and seconded to amend Article 14.*

*Discussion followed:*

*Jennifer Dostie indicated that videotaping would still have to continue, but would not be broadcasted. There was discussion on whether changing the amount alters the intent of the article. Larry Stickney indicated this amendment would give the selectmen authority to find funds in the budget to cover the costs. The selectmen's lack of recommendation was discussed and if it would be reconsidered if the amendment passed. Larry said they would not. The accessibility of the videos was discussed and it was mentioned that the Historical Society was opened to the public for internet access.*

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

*Article 14 moved to ballot as written.*

*Article 15 read as follows:*

**Article 15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,307 for the purchase of a multi-function copier for the Selectmen's Office? (Recommended by Selectmen)

*Discussion followed:*

*Jennifer Dostie explained that due to the cost, she felt it should not be paid for out of the office equipment budget.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 15 moved to ballot as written.*

*Article 16 read as follows:*

**Article 16:** Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Alexandria on March 9, 2010, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? This article presented by petition. A 3/5 majority vote is required.

*Discussion followed:*

*Dennis Ford explained that the wording is dictated by law and cannot be changed. Views for SB2 and the traditional town meeting were discussed. It was mentioned that there seems to be a lack of participation at the Deliberative Session and voters need to be more informed on ballot issues.*

**APPROVED**

*Article 16 moved to ballot as written.*

*Article 17 read as follows:*

**Article 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Discussion followed:

*Larry addressed Article 13 and clarified the recommendation of the selectmen as amended, but doesn't want to go forward until it is approved by DRA. He is not opposed to the fire truck.*

*Mike Corliss addressed his reasons for not running for road agent. He said he has tried to do the best job he could, but this is not the time.*

*Mike received applause.*

*Loretta Broulliard questioned the process if DRA does not approve Article 13 as amended. Dennis Ford indicated that if the article passes, the town would have to hold a special meeting.*

*Motion and seconded to restrict any reconsideration of any articles placed forward.*

**APPROVED**

*Motion and seconded to adjourn.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Robin Gagnon  
Deputy Town Clerk*