# 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Matt Quandt convened The Board at 6:30 p.m in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office Building. Other members present were Selectman Frank Ferraro, Vice Chairman Don Clement, Selectman Dan Chartrand, Selectwoman Julie Gilman and Town Manager, Russ Dean.

# 2. Board Interviews

The Board interviewed Allan Corey for position of interim town treasurer at 6:30 p.m.. They then moved to the Nowak Room for their regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

# 3. Public Comment

a. None this evening

# 4. Minutes and Proclamations

# a. Regular Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

These minutes are from the work session, minutes from the goal setting meeting. Mr. Russ Dean notes that the footer says the incorrect date and he will make revisions.

Mr. Dan Chartrand motions to accept the minutes. Julie Gilman seconds. Vote: Unanimous

# b. Regular Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup> 2012

Mr. Ferraro begs the board's indulgence with several minor revisions. Referring to page two, the discussion of the Exeter swim team, the sentence originally read, "the purpose of the proposal presented is to request approval for placement." He states they were not requesting approval at that time, it should've been, "The purpose of the presentation is to discuss a proposal for placement..." However Mr. Quandt states that he believes that is literally what Mr.Cronauer (presenter's name) said and therefore should be left alone. Therefore the statement was left alone until rechecked. On page three, third paragraph, line ten, he catches the board up to his location in the minutes and adds, "but reiterates his question asking if there would be any cost to the town." Mr. Ferraro explains that his question initially was not answered. He continues to read directly off the minutes until reaching his next correction where he indicates that Mr. Cronauer concurred that the Exeter Swim Team was going to cover maintenance and operating costs for the winter time period. In the fourteenth line he removes "just". He continues to page six line nine about the dog warrant, clarifying that, "the subcommittee might enlist a business owner or developer". Mr. Ferraro feels that it is important to try to get people that own the businesses of Portsmouth Avenue involved. Page seven of twelve under "tax deeds" in line four he inserted "and" to distinguish the difference in condo fees and lot fees. In line six on the same page he corrected spelling errors "of" to "on" and "done" to "one". Vice Chairman asks for Mr. Ferraro to show where the modification was made and is shown the change made with inserting "and" to make the statement "condo and lot fees". On page nine in the last paragraph, he notifies that it was not himself who raised the permit request for Stillwell's Ice Cream, but Mr. Dean. He further clarifies that initially, Stillwell's had wanted two benches however they only applied for one. He corrects the following sentence by stating, they are allowed seating outside in the form of a single bench. The final correction is on page ten, the first paragraph last sentence, where Mr. Dean stated \$177,000.00 was spent at on the project. Mr. Dean has no recollection and it could be incorrect. Mr. Ferraro corrects himself that it is

\$117,000.00. Mr. Chartrand inquires if that statement about the money can be left out since someone else was saying it. Mr. Ferraro concurs while Mr. Quandt suggests looking further into it.

### Mr. Frank Ferraro motions to accept the minutes. Julie Gilman seconds Vote: Unanimous

### 5. Appointments – Planning Board, Arts Committee

Mr. Clement begins by informing the Board that there are two appointments this evening.

He moves that the board approves the appointment of Bob Richardson to the Arts Committee for term to expire April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. Julie Gilman seconds the motion: Vote unanimous.

Mr. Clement moves that the board appoint Jeff Dube as an alternate to the Planning Board. His term to expire April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. Julie Gilman seconds the motion: Vote unanimous.

- 6. Discussions/Action Items motion to open the public hearing
  - a. New Business
    - Motion to Open the Public Hearing from Ms. Gilman and Mr. Chartrand seconds. Vote: Unanimous
    - i. Public Hearing: Emergency Plan

The Fire Chief stands with his plans and brings them to the board. The public hearing this evening is the final step to approve the revised Town Natural Hazard Mitigation plan. There were several meetings to revise it. He informs the board that every five years it needs to be updated. He brings the final draft copy and once approved it will be sent off to Rockingham County Planning Commission and FEMA for approval. If approved, the plan will be sent back to the Board for signatures. Finally, the plans will be kept on file in the town of Exeter and also be actively in effect. A copy will be sent to the Office of Environmental Management in NH. The Chief highlights some changes made. He notes now having a more water issues, floods, and ice storms over the last five years, and they updated accordingly. Maps are now much more accurate as far as homes within the 100 year flood plain and 500 year flood plain and areas that they always had issues with wind or ice storms. He believes the information is more accurate. This will be put on file with the fire department, police department, and DPW. Mr. Clement inquires regarding page forty-three, how it talks about one of the mitigation strategies or actions, study, use and management of Exeter River. The plan defers this on the grounds that it needs to be researched more. Mr. Clement brings to the Chief's attention that the Exeter River local advisory committee in conjunction with the state of NH DES did a fluvial geomorphic study of the entire Exeter River regarding the River over the past several years. It was a very extensive survey that he feels would detail a lot about the study, use, and management of the Exeter River. Mr. Clement thinks the plan could reference this study somewhere in the mitigation plan to bring awareness that it exists. The Chief replies that under the 2012 status in the far right hand column, where it talks about being deferred, he comments that the thought behind deferring it was until more information was achieved on the river to be able to start making better decisions on how to deal with it. The Chief explains that the plan is a combination of the highway department, fire and police departments, with input from the town manager, as the things that the community would like to see be looked at to help lessen the damage done by natural disasters. He describes the plans as a roadmap of things to work on. The Chief mentions some changes that can take place such as possibly seeing things for river monitoring or dam repair or better ways to release water from flooding areas, as part of highway plans. He then reiterates that this plan has merely guidelines for what to do should these situations present themselves. Mr. Clement confirms and just tries to point out to the Chief that there are significant research materials available to the chief between state grants and the town of Exeter. Both Mr. Clement and Mr. Dean reference the Bear Creek study and note that it has great observations and detailed recommendations that are good to mitigate flooding. He continues to add that one of the mitigations was to look into the possibility of creating a fluvial motion hazard zone. Mr. Clement has one more note on pg 58 Chapter 9, implementation schedule for priority mitigation strategies. He says there are two interesting things, the second to last project evaluates sea level rise impacts current and future water and sewer treatment facilities. The Boston Globe had an interesting article today about sea water rising on the East Coast. He continues speculating that it can be more severe here than on the Gulf Coast or anywhere else. There is another state group called the Coastal Adaptation Work Group (CAW). Steve Miller, UNH, part of this group is doing a lot with the sea rise and they hold many workshops at the Hugh Gregg Costal Center. Different towns are trying to recognize the different possibilities with this and what they are doing to protect infrastructure and so on. Essentially Mr. Clement implores to stay in touch with CAW or reach out to them. One reason he gives is that of a college professor who is a climatologist. Climatologists have very good insight and he has gathered a lot of information for the Great Bay Communities. Surprisingly if you live in Portsmouth, Hampton, Seabrook, or Rye sea rise is something to be aware of however don't discount sea rise in towns such as Durham, Newmarket, and Exeter, to name a few. Even though the impact would be less it is still something that the communities should be prepared for. Again Mr. Clement exclaims the need to look for more information. The Chief replies that was the reason for it being highlighted by the DPW in the planning department because they really have a lot more involvement in the avenues Mr. Clement mentioned. Mr. Clement states they had people from other towns show up and list different infrastructures that could be impacted by minimal sea rise, and it gets very extensive. The effects have been more prominent over the last few years. Other than that the emergency plan has a lot of good stuff in it.

Motion to close from Ms. Gilman and Mr. Chartrand seconds the motion. Vote: Unanimous

# ii. Interim Town Treasurer Appointment

Mr. Quandt starts with that the two applicants were very qualified. He then opens up to the board for discussion. Mr. Clement begins by agreeing that it was a difficult decision.

# Mr. Clement then moves that the Board appoint Allan Corey as the interim treasurer until the March election. Ms. Gilman seconds the motion.

Mr Quandt inquires for further discussion and Mr. Ferraro reiterates that the candidates are both qualified. He also thinks that both would make an excellent treasurer. Mr. Clement feels fortunate with having two qualified individuals. Mr. Quandt calls the vote. The **motion passes to appoint Allan Corey as Interim Treasurer.** 

Mr. Quandt continues by explaining that the outgoing town treasurer brought up the position called a deputy town treasurer. He believes that the RSA allows for the town to have one and asks the board to discuss. It can be appointed by treasurer and approved by the board. When asking if they should ask the newly appointed treasure to consider someone to fill this role the Mr. Clement replies with having Mr. Dean put together some information and data about this new position. They also feel that Mr. Corey should "get his feet wet" as a treasurer. Furthermore, the appointment should be explored once more detail about the position is obtained. Mr. Chartrand expresses interest imploring that the other candidate was extremely well qualified. He would like to see a Deputy Town Treasurer in place even without knowing the mechanics for it are. It would be one more layer of internal control and would be a wise thing to pursue. Mr. Dean adds that many towns have Deputy Town Treasurers; it's fairly common to have a backup in the event that the treasurer is incapacitated. Mr. Ferraro agrees with Mr. Clement. Need to give the treasurer time in his position so we can receive input from the treasurer. Not opposed but like to get more information.

Mr. Dean is going to put more information about the position together about the position and get busy with the transfer. Mr. Quandt asks when he will start and Mr. Dean clarifies that as soon as the board votes on it, he will be appointed and then need to take the oath of office and so forth, pass that down to the town clerk, the mechanics work such as bank statement, signature form, and things like that, will have to get done over the next couple of days.

# iii. Formation of 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Ms. Gilman is recognized for the organization of the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. She begins by apologizing for lack of information. She typed a mission statement yet accidently deleted it. All that she has is the list of those who already agreed to volunteer. She wishes to make it a standing committee every year until the events are done and disband unless it's decided that these celebrations occur every three years. Mission is just to develop, organize, and have events to celebrate the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the towns founding. Ms. Gilman has a list of the current committee members but they are not limiting it to only them. The Heritage Commission also has shown interest to be a part of the celebration.

#### Ms. Gilman motions to create the 375th anniversary subcommittee and Mr. Chantrand seconds.

Mr. Ferraro clarifies that it would be a good idea to formalize the committee more with a charge and duration. **Ms. Gilman agrees and the motion is passed unanimously**.

# Motion to create the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. Vote: Unanimous

Motion to appoint Sheila Roberge, Eileen Flockhart, Maureen Armstrong, Judy Rowan, Mary Dupre, and herself as selectman representative, Mr. Chantrand seconds and the motion passed unanimously. She also recommends additional support from the Exeter Historical Society. Mr. Chantrand seconds the motion and the motion is passed unanimously. Mr. Quandt asks if the Heritage Committee will also be assisting and she concurs. Mr. Dean states that Hope Godino, Library Director, has also volunteered to assist. Other communities spent three years to plan the event so the public is encouraged for input.

## iv. Discussion: Employee of Year Award

Mr. Quandt put the idea in for a town wide employee of the year. He explains how each department has their own little things that they do such as having an employee of the month or employee of the quarter. He asked Mr. Dean to look into making an outline of possible criteria for this new idea. He requests feedback from the board on the concept and if they want to continue pursuing it. Mr. Clement had a conversation about this with Mr. Dean and thinks it's a wonderful idea. There are many dedicated staff and feels they need to reach out to those few with a small token of recognition. He feels Mr. Dean has put a good boilerplate together on how to approach it. Mr. Clement feels there is a need to do it. Yes they're employed and they work and everyone knows that there are certain individuals who go above and beyond their jobs. More recognition for these individuals is a wonderful thing. Mr. Quandt begins discussing the outline. The first option would be to have a nominating process through interviews. The second other would be having employees to vote or use an electronic ballot. Mr. Quandt inquires to Mr. Dean on his ideas to which Mr. Dean responds by discussing his assistant Sheri whom has coordinated a similar program in her previous position in South Carolina. Along with feeling it to be a good idea, he echoes Mr. Clement in that there are many individuals who do go above and beyond and it would be nice to have recognition for that at a single point during the year. This would be done through a nomination process and it's been laid out as the nominations would be from either from an employee to include a department head or the town manager. Nominations must have two signatures from department heads. The idea is that if someone is nominated that the department head would be in support for the nomination, hence why it is written that way. Nominations could be also be submitted from members of town board committees or commissions where a majority of that board supports nominations. It would essentially open the door for that majority of the board to nominate someone as well for something they did within the community or as part of their job. Nominations would contain a narrative about all the things that you would expect to hear about the individual which Mr. Clement and Mr. Dean have already specified such as going above and beyond the normal requirements of their job description. Mr. Dean has wrote it up as an instance however he feels there is a reality that during the narrative process there will probably be more than one instance identified to help rank the nominees. The narrative would also discuss how the individual has a positive impact on the town and also a full description of what lead to the nomination. So if it was policy developed or a cost saving measure or an extraordinary community effort, these would all be elements of a nomination. However, this doesn't mean they need all of these qualifiers. The nominations would need to be submitted by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and hardest part would be the selection process. There are several options on how to pick the nominees. One option, "Option A" is to make a panel with all the nominees. The panel could be a few town employees, town manager, and community members, these would total an odd number such as five. The community members could be from a local business, clergy, or other discipline. Under this option the award would be

determined by an interview process. For instance, if you had five nominees, they would meet with a panel and maybe a selectman sits in. Mr. Dean closes this option explaining that this is how it was done in another place and that he is not excluding other ideas. The other option "Option B" is to have employees conduct an electronic vote on the top 3 nominees determined by a panel. It could be an award mechanism and a narrowing mechanism which could then be sent to employees to have a vote on. The winners would have a plaque in the town office similar to the year to year name recognition. Mr. Dean closes with that there is more that can be done for the winner and that his outline is meant to be a starting point. Mr. Clement states that the local Chamber has a process. They have a citizens of the year award, certain businesses by category award. He assumes there is a panel that reviews and makes their recommendation. However they do not go through an interview process. He ponders that if you have several employees that are nominated and bringing them in for an interview to a panel, what would the panel be? He likes the idea of having a panel, some people being in the community but outside of elected office but he is unsure and has difficulty making the award be through an interview process. Overall Mr. Clement likes "Option A" better than "Option B". Ms. Gilman agrees with Mr. Clement on "Option A". Mr. Clement continues with that the nominees could feel that they need to lobby for the award. Ms. Gilman explains that having "Option B" with the electronic vote would have unfair advantages. Some departments are larger than others and they can stack the numbers in their favor. Mr. Ferraro concurs with "Option A" likes the panel idea but would make the panel entirely outside people to completely prevent favoritism. This would mean the panel would not have a town employee, elected official, or staff person on the panel. People he considered would be the head of Chamber of Commerce or whomever at that time is the State Senator, maybe a clergy person. He is sure that the board can come up with five persons in Exeter working or residing, that would be independent to formulate the panel. Mr. Quandt suggests using state representatives however Mr. Ferraro replies that only choosing one and not others could pose conflict which is why he brought up the state senator, there is only one of him. Mr. Chartrand worries if you bring everyone outside of town government to the panel, there might be a lack of context. He suggests having a mix of people who are and are not involved with government. Ms. Gilman thinks if narratives are relied on instead of interviews there will be things that the general public may not understand what makes the individual so outstanding especially if the achievement is something done internally in a business. She understands that the narrative will inquire how what the nominee did affects the town, such as saving money or efficiency. Mr. Chartrand adds to possibly have a majority of people on the panel from the outside and some from inside the government. Mr. Quandt thinks if there will be something like staff support then it would be Human Resources. Mr. Clement suggests that part of the panel review that the individual who nominated the nominee, approach the panel or committee and explain why the individual was nominated. He feels that should be the interaction and Mr. Ferraro thinks that the person who is to be interviewed is not the nominee but bringing in the person who did the nominating would make more sense. Mr. Quandt asks if it is something the board should continue to look into and the board agrees with saying it is a great idea and has good framework.

Mr. Ferraro branches away from the employee aspect of the idea to focus on if or should there be a volunteer of the year. Ms. Gilman states that the local government center does have one. The board

feels they should use the same concept for volunteers. Mr. Ferraro expresses the need to show how important being a volunteer is and to consider putting something similar together for volunteers.

Ms. Gilman feels the need to try and time it so it is not around the budget crunch time so they might have to do something like this around December, January. A pro to this time span would be the decision would be done by deliberative town meetings. The cons are doing all of these things at the same time.

## v. Old Business

## Update on Commercial Dock Ordinance/Waiver

Mr. Dean begins by stating the board received correspondence from Mr. Mitchell. Mitchell Group looked into the issue, having a brief conversation about it and Walter Mitchell, Town Counsel, wrote back saying thank you for the request for guidance. He reviewed the minutes of the meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> and related papers that were provided to the board as part of the packet. Mr. Mitchell states that he does not recommend that the board handle this matter by waiver at least in the way that procedure seems referred to in the minutes. The town's present ordinance about dock use contains nothing to suggest that the waiver may be asked for and no standards that must be considered when deciding to grant such a waiver. Mr. Mitchell believes that the first appropriate step is for the board to fully consider in a context broader than merely this one request, whether it wants to change the town's policy and allow commercial use of the dock, as surely if the board grants Mr. Noyes' request there will be other persons requesting commercial use of the dock and perhaps even persons wanting to compete with Mr. Noyes. Part of that consideration should be to evaluate how much use the dock gets for non commercial use and whether that use would be impacted by opening the dock to commercial uses. If the board is then inclined to change its policy, the simpler approach to a new ordinance can be drafted then the Wolfeboro sample. Then the suggestions by Mr. Noyes may be appropriate but some are not and some seem to speak just to his proposal. That concludes the town counsel's feedback.

Mr. Quandt believes in Mr. Mitchell's recommendation after listening to the letter however Ms. Gilman states that while he recommends against a waiver saying the board has no previsions about what would make the waiver. She feels that is something to look at. Mr. Clement adds that Mr. Mitchell has also given some thoughts, but what could happen if the board changes the ordinance to allow commercial use. Such as more requests for use. Mr. Clement inquires if there is a way to get into selectmen's mailbox? Mr. Clement recalls getting a phone call yesterday afternoon from an individual who has a boat there and was having a nice evening. The person on the phone tells Mr. Clement that right now he is tied up at the dock trying to load his passengers, there's another boat docked and there are three people trying to launch their boats, on high tide, on a beautiful day. It gets used at the high time since that is when boats can leave dock. Ms. Gilman is reminded if they go through with some kind of waiver process and have the right to limit the number of waivers given any given year for commercial activity. Ms. Gilman feels that the board should still look at a waiver.

Mr. Chartrand heads in a different direction in suggestion that the facilities need to be upgrading seeing as the current facilities cannot handle Mr. Noyes' request. Exeter historically is a seaport. He feels the board should look at upgrading within limits of what the Conservation Commission will approve the board to do. The dock is a commercial and natural resource. He thinks there are economic development opportunities with better facilities with a better dock. Mr. Quandt completely agrees. He concurs that it is an old dock that needs to be upgraded. He suggests talking with a harbor master about maybe putting in another dock. Mr. Chartrand states that he wants what Mr. Noyes wants which is running tours and educating people about the Exeter River. Mr. Quandt inquires to Mr. Dean on what steps would have to be taken to proceed with the idea to upgrade the docks. Mr. Dean thinks first step would be talking to different departments, probably all of them and tap their knowledge base and see what they know. Mr. Dean explains that when you walk around the dock and think "is the dock an appropriate size?" The process would start there and the board then would look at different options on how to expand it such as if there is a CIP request and looking into possible grants. It's alluded to in Mr. Mitchell's statement about what the board would be looking at as far as use. Proposal is good and start thinking about what else is coming in. That is unknown and given physical limitations and what do we need to study and look into what to do to expand it. Mr. Clement states that DES would have to regulate the dock and DES permitting. He is unsure what department the harbor master would fall under. Mr. Dean informs that it is the Port Authority and Mr. Clement continues. Several organizations such as Fish and Game may want to weigh in. They are always involved. There are ADA requirements for new docks built. The dock needs to be ADA compliant, which needs to be looked into. The dock currently is maintained by recreation department. The board is going to need several people to look into several different aspects. Some of these aspects being: what can be done given the regulations, what do us as the board want to do about it. Mr. Dean implores that they need to look at the permits for boats that are out there now.

Mr. Ferraro agrees with what everyone is saying however he agrees with Ms. Gilman in that a waiver provision is the way to go. Do it responsibly by addressing Mr. Mitchell's concerns and adopting that provision. The board can also limit the number of waivers in physical and operational aspects of what the dock is now. He feels there is the need to look into long term opportunities such as kayak rentals and bringing additional business. That is a long term solution that needs to get started now but I would hate to see opportunity for business development and environmental educational opportunities pass because of plans to do something down the road. Want to continue pursuing this application with a modification of the board's ordnance to allow for a waiver with limitations and controls on it. Mr. Dean can work with the guidelines and even if there is a way to address as is and maybe there is a way to limit the commercial use of the dock.

#### 7. Regular Business

- a. Bid Openings None this evening.
- b. A/P and Payroll Manifests

Mr. Chartrand has a weekly payroll warrant that is a bit astray. Check dated 6/6/2012 \$165,277.58 in case it was missed. **Motion by Mr. Chartand to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds Vote: Unanimous.** Weekly payroll warrant 6/20/2012 \$177,070.99. Mr. Chartrand moves to pass it. **Motion by Mr. Chartrand to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds Vote: Unanimous** 

An accounts payable warrant from the Capital Fund 6/22/2012 \$96,660.00 to Brown industrial Group. **Motion by Mr. Chartrand to pass, Mr. Clement seconds Vote: Unanimous**. Accounts payable warrant 6/22/2012 \$2,714,692.00. **Mr. Chartrand moves to pass, Mr. Clement seconds Vote: Unanimous**. Accounts payable warrant 6/22/2012 \$645,244.74. **Mr. Chartrand to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds Vote: Unanimous** 

#### c. Budget Updates

Mr. Dean mentioned at the prior meeting that May 31<sup>st</sup> expense update was out and was sent to the board. He requests the board looks through them and inquire to him with any questions. The budget year to date is where it should be. There hasn't been anything that has jumped off the page. The paving program is well underway. So far it has been a fairly standard year on the expense side.

## d. Abatements and Exemptions

Mr. Chartrand starts by saying there are four tax abatements, Matt Blat 27/12 \$313.99 Mr. Chartrand moves to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds. Vote: Unanimous Tax abatement Map/Lot 47/4/11 in the amount of \$3,159.93 Mr. Chartrand moves to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds. Vote: Unanimous Tax abatement Map/Lot 47/4/11 \$1,579.96 Mr. Chartrand moves to pass, Ms. Gilman seconds. Vote: Unanimous Tax abatement Map/Lot 100/ 4/1 \$6,037.94 Mr. Chartrand moves to pass, Mr. Ferraro seconds. Vote: Unanimous

Next were some water and sewer abatements which Mr. Chartrand was going to reference from his list. Mr. Dean clarifies that they want to do the water and sewer abatements in a similar fashion to how the tax abatements are done. Two are recommended, one is 14 Langdon and the other is 70 Main St and two are recommended for denial, 9 Whitley Avenue and 14 Bow Street. Mr. Ferraro states there is a question on Langdon and also see the paper on 70 Main St. Mr. Clement states that the board is not ready to do the water/sewer abatements and to push it to the next meeting.

Mr. Dean wants to make sure the Board knows these have been through the different stages of the process, through the DPW, and the water sewer committee. Hence what the board has is a reflection of the water sewer committee recommendation on each one. Mr. Clement adds that these become trickier to view at our level and feel the board should develop a little more straight forward review process. Mr. Ferraro mentions that the water and sewer advisory committee developed this way because apparently in the past there was some feeling that a water or sewer user could come in can get a one-time abatement every 10 years regardless of what happened.

Mr. Ferraro believes there is some confusion with Langdon Ave as the applicant asked for \$112.00 abatement and there is a \$238.00 number in the write up on it. Water department recommended not approving of it at all. Yet the water and sewer advisory committee recommended the \$238.00 even though what was asked for was the \$112.00. Mr. Ferraro suggests continuing discussing this further at the next water and sewer advisory committee. However Mr. Clement states that the final decision should be the Selectmen's and that they have the final say whether to grant the water and sewer abatements.

### e. Permits

## None this evening.

# f. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Dean walks the board through what he did about the incident from the public comment on things being padlocked at the PEA boathouse. He went to town clerk's office got a folder from the office that referred to the PEA boathouse and found that there are deeds that date in the 80s that outline the right of way next to what is now Stillwells Ice Cream. There are three easements that have been granted and other than that there's another easement that looks like a construction easement and it was to allow PEA to build what they did. Beyond that there is no reference to a walkway or anything like that. He is not able to find any agreement that talks to that issue. On the original plan, there are two parcels, lot A and A1. Lot A is town lot and part of town lot is in water. The issue is back into the court of planning board where the board can do more research to see if there is more on record. The agreement may have been at that time. Mr. Dean has heard that the gates are being locked for liability reasons. There are things there and they have had issues with theft. That is all that is known for right now. Mr. Clement asks if that property is PEA's and Mr. Dean thinks it is. Mr. Chartrand also asks if there is a town right way across the shore and Mr. Dean hasn't come across anything stating anything relating that idea. What he hasn't yet researched is there is a file on Stewart Park. When that project occurred there may have been something reduced to an agreement at that time so Mr. Dean wants to go back to town clerk office and see what they have on that. Mr. Quandt acknowledges that padlocks have not just been put there so he understands the inquiries on them. Mr. Dean states that there is a fence as you go through the walkway but it's basically a yard that can be subject to issues. Mr. Clement follows with that sometimes members of the younger public have been sitting on "their" dock. Mr. Dean closes with that he needs to keep digging.

Tomorrow night is the bike race starts at 6:00 please come downtown and take a look. Mr. Clement comments that in the past the route has been Water Street to Front Streets and Tan Lane, down Water street back up again. He asks if parts of Front Street and Tan Lane also closed. Why is Swazey Park closed? Mr. Quandt states that if Water Street is closed then Swazey Park would be too because there is no access. Mr. Dean doesn't know the answer to Mr. Clement's inquiries. Mr. Dean was told the bike race would be the same route as last year. Water Street will be paved later in the week with weather permitting. He reports that the Getty building has been demolished and is gone. Also, tomorrow will be technical review meeting for the pool bubble. It hasn't been without its challenges. There is a staff meeting that should tell a lot more about it tomorrow. This is the pre planning board process. Finally, intern Tom is working on the purchasing process and dock research and doing a great job. He closes mentioning the continuing of work on CIP knowing that it is almost that time of year again.

## g. Legislative Update

Mr. Quandt mentions that Wednesday the House will be in session for Veto Day. Some of the Vetoes are Charter schools, labor issues coming up, a new processes is activists who call people and tell them to push numbers on phones to get representatives office when those representatives don't have offices.

## h. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Mr. Ferraro discusses that the Exeter Hospital came in to talk about their plans for the Synergy building and the parking lot. The Synergy building is closing and will take about two years. It will not be opening back up how it was. There will be some limited amount of health club but most of the building will be devoted to other hospital care activities. Mr. Clement comments that this information was contrary to a letter he received and Mr. Ferraro continues that it will not be a two story Synergy building. Mr. Clement thinks that he missed an Arts Committee meeting and would like to take a moment to recognize some volunteers who did some work at the parkway. They had 10 volunteers that stained approximately 32 wooden benches in Swasey parkway. Members were the first Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter, a service group, and had the blessing and support of the Exeter Swasey Parkway Trustees. Gerry Hamel of the board provided supplies which were donated by Exeter Paint. The group included Jim Schlough, John Bilich, Sally Coleman, Alorah Duffy, JB Gardner, Frank Heffron, Marian Mengert, Karen Patnaude, Lorraine Petzy, Marina Stanton, they did a fantastic job. Mr. Chartrand had a Council on Aging meeting that conflicted with one of the interviews for the treasurer candidates so he missed it. He apologized to them for missing the meeting. Ms. Gilman mentions that the HDC met this weekend and it was the same night as the planning board so they had to relocate into the Wheelwright room and had the full complement of members. They had a few applications such as a new sign for the D square coffee shop that's going where the Copper Canoe was. The solar project is officially online for a week and generated about fifteen hundred kilowatt hours. One week of power is the same as one month's usage of 4-5 pump stations. Another analogy is a month of the senior center, the power that they use. Mr. Quandt has nothing to report.

# i. Correspondence

Mr. Dean explains a letter from the department of revenue. It is a part of the inventory form. It is some of the small communities that use the inventory form. They send it to everyone in town each year have them fill it out and return it for inventory of their taxable property with 6,300+ parcels. Exeter does not opt into this. Mr. Dean states that it is far too bureaucratic. Also, Exeter already has a process they utilize resulting in them opting out of the inventory form. Basically the letter is a form that needs to be signed every year that the town is not going to use it. Mr. Quandt mentions an article written about an individual who shattered two global world swimming records in North

Dakota. She will be going to London and her name is Victoria Arlen. Mr. Clement wishes her good luck and she receives the board's congratulations. The next correspondence is the NH Divisions of Historical Resources to Rita Walsh of VHB dealing with notification about the Great Dam project. Ms. Gilman states that this is a part of the Section 106 historical review that federally funded projects have to go through. The VHB produced survey forms and area form for the general historical area that the Dam is in that they've identified and also as a single resource the dam itself. In their findings they also recognize that the dam added a contributing factor to the area. Otherwise it wasn't much to speak of. However the Division of Historical Resources has found differently saying that the dam and the district both are eligible for listing with the national registry. Even though they don't know when it was constructed, they feel it's enough to be able to see how the town was structured physically. Mr. Ferraro asks if being nationally registered for the dam, if that would impede the town should the study find a need to take the dam down. Ms. Gilman states if the dam is taken down then it would be taken off the registry. It doesn't prohibit what is done to the historical piece.

Mr. Quandt brings up an email between himself and Mr. Ferraro, the town manager, and the cable committee. There was a reference to an article in the newsletter about a film camp being held at the high school for \$300. It is sponsored by Doug York who's the director for Channel 13 and Channel 98, and Bethany Constance. The answer is that it's a camp being put on by the school just as it would for a sports camp. It will be held from July 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. They will learn how to write a script, edit, direct, and star in their own movie that will air on channel 98. Lastly there is a retirement social at 4:00 Wednesday for Don Brabant to reflect his 30 years of support to the Town.

### 8. Review Board Calendar

Not meeting next week for the fourth of July, meeting the week after.

#### 9. Adjournment

Mr. Chartrand moves to adjourn Mr. Clement seconds. Vote: Unanimous. The meeting is adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Ferro