

**“Whenever you are asked if you can do a job,
tell ‘em,
‘Certainly I can!’
Then get busy and find out how to do it.”
~ Theodore Roosevelt**

The Town of Exeter actively seeks residents that are interested in serving on the many Town Boards, Committees and Commissions.



Residents interested in serving should complete a volunteer application, available on the Town's website <http://exeternh.gov/>, or at the Town Office Building. Completed applications may be returned to the Town Manager's Office.

Residents may serve on 2 Select Board appointed committees, and may serve on 1 regulatory land use board, as allowed by law. Land Use Boards are Heritage Commission, Historic District Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Some Boards, Committees and Commissions have terms, while others serve at the pleasure of the Select Board. Those interested in serving are encouraged to contact the Town Office for more information.

Board, Committee and Commission vacancies are posted on the Town website, advertised on Channel 22, and through the Town Manager's Office.

Questions regarding the appointment process or vacancies may be directed to the Town Manager's Office at (603) 773-6102 or pmcelroy@exeternh.gov

Thank you!



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Boards
Committees
Commissions

COMMISSIONS

Arts & Culture Advisory Commission: The Arts & Culture Advisory Commission is committed to supporting, encouraging & publicly recognizing the exceptional & vibrant arts community of Exeter. Promotion, & integration of arts & culture improves physical, social, economic & educational aspects within our community. This 9 member group encourages public attendance at monthly meetings.

Conservation Commission: Established in 1965 to assist in protecting Exeter's natural resources, the Commission's 7 voting members and up to 5 alternates monitor and manage conservation lands, serve as an advisory board to the NH State Wetlands Bureau and provide recommendations to the Exeter Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on conditional use permits. The Conservation Commission ordinarily conducts meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

Heritage Commission: Formed in 2006, the Heritage Commission, offers a valuable means for Exeter to manage, recognize, and protect historical and cultural resources. The commission advises and assists other boards and commissions; conducts inventories; educates the public on matters relating to historic preservation; provides information on historical resources; and serves as a resource for revitalization efforts. The commission consists of 7 voting members and 5 alternates. The Heritage Commission meets at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Historic District Commission: Established in 1970, the HDC consists of 7 commissioners and 4 alternates that monitor and preserve the integrity and beauty of the Town's Historic Districts. The commission is a regulatory body that serves to safe guard the architectural heritage of the Town and promote the use of the Historic Districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the community. The Historic District Commission usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Housing Authority Commission : The Exeter Housing Authority is located at 277 Water Street in Exeter. The Authority manages several properties in the town along with the federal housing program in Exeter. The 5 appointed commissioners work with the Executive Director to oversee elderly and affordable properties owned by the town.

COMMITTEES

Budget Recommendations Committee: Exeter's oldest committee originally appointed at Town Meeting in 1857, the BRC consists of up to 15 members elected annually with vacancies filled by the Select Board. Members work collaboratively with department heads each fall to present a formal recommendation to the Select Board on the Town's annual budget. The majority of the BRC's work is done October and November.

Communications Advisory Committee: The Communications Advisory Committee researches municipal information and management technologies, evaluates and strengthens communications with the public, organizes forums to discuss important issues and works with EXTV regarding program interfacing with citizens.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee recommends to the Select Board methods to reduce Town energy consumption, reviews the recycling program, solar and alternative energies, evaluates legislation and IECC codes, researches and updates the Town on educational opportunities, tax incentives, grants, etc.

Community Power Aggregation Committee: The ECPAC is a new 5 member committee formed in May of 2021 to exist through December, 2023, with the charge to investigate and communicate the benefits of community power aggregation, and develop an electric aggregation plan for Exeter.

Facilities Advisory Committee: The FAC assesses & analyzes municipally owned facilities in order to prioritize physical plant needs and budgets as described in the 2018 Town Master Plan., 2015 Town Facilities Plan and other relevant studies & reports. There are 5 voting members, 1 Select Board Representative and 2 alternate members

Housing Advisory Committee: The HAC was formed to review housing issues in Exeter and offer recommendations to the Select Board and Planning Board on various matters related to housing. This advisory committee has 2 citizen at large Representatives and meets the 2nd Friday of each month.

Human Services Committee: The Human Services Committee recommends to the Budget Recommendations Committee a list of agencies, with funding amounts, to be included in the Town Budget each year. The committee engages with agencies to understand their work, how Exeter residents are supported and how Exeter grant funds are used.

River Advisory Committee: The River Advisory Committee provides advice to the Select Board in all matters relating to the management of the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers (the Exeter River), tributaries, and watershed within the Town's boundaries, including, but not limited to, flood control, public and private water supplies, land use, environmental habitat, recreation, public safety, and water quality. This is an 11 member panel of 5 citizens and 6 interested stakeholders.

Sustainability Advisory Committee: The SAC was established to guide and advise the Select Board, Town Manager and Departments in developing sustainable policies and practices, while simultaneously promoting a healthy environment, strong community connections and economic vitality for the Town.

Water & Sewer Advisory Committee: The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee provides advice to the Select Board. The committee collaborates with the Department of Public Works to review applications for abatement, changes to town ordinances regarding water and sewer, and annually conduct at least one public hearing concerning the water and sewer rates. There are 7 committee members on the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee, including a Select Board Representative. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

BOARDS

Planning Board: The Planning Board encourages and directs appropriate land use in the Town of Exeter. The Board uses the Exeter Master Plan as a guide in making decisions as it serves as the blueprint for growth and development of the town. The Board consists of 6 members, a Select Board Representative, and 5 alternate members. The Planning Board meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 7 pm.

Recreation Advisory Board: The Recreation Advisory Board promotes a vibrant, sustainable Recreation Department by providing ongoing support & recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Director, responding to the needs of the community, promotion collaboration & fostering a culture of service to all community members both youth and adults of all ages.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA is a 5 member board with 5 alternates. It is a quasi-judicial body which hears and decides 4 types of zoning adjustment applications: Variances, Special Exceptions, Appeals from Administrative Decisions, and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The ZBA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.