



# TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room at 10 Front Street, Exeter on  
**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order:**

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

### **Action Items:**

1. Discussion of proposed new trail alignment in Oaklands Town Forest. Site walk was scheduled 4/9 5:30 pm.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Property Management
    - i. Raynes Farm Seasonal Maintenance
      1. bi-weekly mowing estimate - \$125 per cut mowing from May 1 – 10/31 (~\$1,750/season).
      2. Port o potty Rental
    - ii. Outreach Events
      - i. 4/25 Arbor Day Celebration @ Raynes for Liberty Elm (250<sup>th</sup> Event)
      - ii. Spring Tree Packing May 2 or 3
      - iii. May 9<sup>th</sup> Alewife Festival
      - iv. May 16<sup>th</sup> Birch Tree Celebration
      - v. Standard permit application for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station, ReSource Waste Services of Epping located at 270 Exeter Road in Epping, NH – Info session followed by public hearing 4/28 beginning at 5:30 pm
      - vi. Art in the Barn Event Planning 9/26 or 10/17
    - c. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy, Tree, CC Roundtable)
  3. Approval of Minutes: 2/10 Meeting
  4. Notice of Proposal for Barn in Easement – Bunker/Barker Conservation Easement
  5. Election of Officers
  6. Correspondence

### **Other Business**

7. Next Meeting: 5/12/26, Submission Deadline 5/1/26

*Dave Short*

*Exeter Conservation Commission*

*Posted April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Exeter Town Website and Town Office kiosk.*

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### **ZOOM Public Access Information:**

Virtual Meetings can be watched on Ch 22 or Ch 6 and YouTube.

To access the meeting, click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976035641>

To access the meeting via telephone, call: +1 646 558 8656 and enter the Webinar ID: 869 7603 5641

Please join the meeting with your full name if you want to speak.

Use the "Raise Hand" button to alert the chair you wish to speak. On the phone, press \*9.

More instructions for how to access the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.exeternh.gov/townmanager/virtual-town-meetings>

**Contact us at [extvg@exeternh.gov](mailto:extvg@exeternh.gov) or 603-418-6425 with any technical issues.**

Exeter Conservation Commission  
Nowak Room  
February 26, 2026  
3:00 PM  
Draft Minutes

**Call to Order**

1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

Present at tonight's meeting were: Chair Dave Short, Keith Whitehouse, Alternates: Michele Crepeau, and Bill Campbell

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner  
Doug Eastman, Building Inspector

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and the members and alternates introduced themselves. Chair Short elevated the alternates Michele and Bill to a voting position.

2. Public Comment – NONE.

**Action Item**

3. Review of proposed stair design for Raynes Barn

Keith Whitehouse gave an overview of the stair design. The location will be in the south/west corner of the barn along the interior wall of the former main level milk room, with the stairs running from the main level, east straight down to the basement level. From the main level, there will be a rough sawn platform so that the entry is level from the Newfields Road small doorway, the interior door that accesses the rest of the barn, and the electrical panel that is in that room. Doug Eastman, building inspector presented that he had met Keith Whitehouse and the contractor onsite and reviewed the submitted plans. He indicated there will be handrails on both sides of the stairway, with either ballasts or a wall along the exterior of the stairs. Keith showed photos of the current condition of the barn.

MOTION: Following the presentation, Ms. Crepeau motioned that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposal and is in support of the staircase as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously. 4-0-0

**4. Adjournment**

*Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. Mr. Whitehouse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

RSA 149-M:9, RSA 149-M:11, Env-Sw 304.09

### STANDARD PERMIT APPLICATION FOR COLLECTION/STORAGE/TRANSFER FACILITY Solid Waste Transfer Station, ReSource Waste Services of Epping– 270 EXETER ROAD, EPPING, NH

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is seeking public comments on a standard permit application for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station, ReSource Waste Services of Epping located at 270 Exeter Road in Epping, NH (mailing address: 89 Lowell Rd, Salem, NH). A **public hearing** is scheduled for **7:15 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2026** for receipt of oral testimony. Prior to the public hearing, NHDES will hold a **public information session** from **5:30-7:00 pm**. The information session will include an overview of the proposed facility and information on the permitting process, and will conclude with a Question and Answer period to provide members of the public an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and NHDES. The **public comment period is open until May 12, 2026**, for receipt of written comments to be included in the public hearing record.

Note that a public hearing on this application was held on January 8, 2026; however, NHDES has requested that the applicant publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general daily statewide circulation, and participate in a public information session in order to inform residents of the project in more detail and provide opportunities for public engagement prior to a second formal public hearing.

#### **Application Summary:**

Resource Waste Services of Epping Inc. (RWS) has submitted a standard permit application to operate a commercial solid waste collection, storage, and transfer (C/S/T) facility at 270 Exeter Road, Epping, NH (Tax Map Parcel ID 38-27 in Epping and Tax Map Parcel ID 203-29 in Brentwood). The proposed facility includes construction of a 24,700 square foot building, consisting of a 22,500-square-foot waste handling area and an adjacent 2,200 square foot office/administration space.

The facility is proposed to receive municipal solid waste, cardboard, and metal from commercial haulers for inspection, handling, and transfer to authorized facilities by truck. RWS proposes to receive up to 750 tons per day, with no more than 2,000 tons stored onsite at any time.

The permit application documents are available for public review at the NHDES office located at 29 Hazen Drive in Concord, and at both the Brentwood and Epping Town Halls. A copy of the application is also available electronically on the [NHDES' OneStop website](#).

**In-Person Attendance:** The information session and public hearing will be held in-person at the American Legion Richard A. Mitchell Post 51, 232 Calef Highway, Epping, NH on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The information session starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 7 pm. The public hearing starts at 7:15 pm. In the event of inclement weather, please call (603) 271-2925 for further information.

**Remote Attendance:** Remote access to both the public information session and the public hearing are available by registering at the event link [here](#). Please note, there are two separate sessions for remote

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attendance, one for the information session and one for the public hearing. If you would like to attend both, you must register for both separately. Registration is not required but is encouraged.

**Written Comments:** Instead of or in addition to providing oral testimony at the public hearing, written testimony may be submitted to NHDES at any time before close of the **public comment period on May 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm**. To be included in the public record, written testimony must be submitted using one of three methods: by email to [swpublic.comment@des.nh.gov](mailto:swpublic.comment@des.nh.gov); by post to NHDES-SWMB Attn: Samantha Lazo, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302; or by hand delivery to NHDES' office at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

**Assistance:** Individuals may request assistance to attend the hearing under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act by contacting Nelson Ordway, NHDES, 29 Hazen Dr., PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964; or by email at [solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov](mailto:solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov). Requests for assistance must be received no later than 6:00 pm on April 14, 2026.

**Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact Samantha Lazo, Environmental Analyst, at (603) 271-2936, email: [samantha.a.lazo@des.nh.gov](mailto:samantha.a.lazo@des.nh.gov), or mail to NHDES-SWMB, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095.

**Application:** For your convenience, below are links to the Standard Permit Application for a Collection/Storage/Transfer Facility. Note that electronic access to these documents is being provided through [NHDES OneStop Data and Information Retrieval System](#).

- [Application](#)
- [Supplement 1](#)
- [Supplement 2](#)
- [Supplement 3](#)
- [Supplement 4](#)
- [Supplement 5](#)
- [Supplement 6](#)



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Submitted via email and US mail.

January 22, 2026

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Attn: Samantha Lazo  
P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Email: [swpublic.comment@des.nh.gov](mailto:swpublic.comment@des.nh.gov)

**Re: Permit Application for Solid Waste Transfer Facility ReSource Waste Services – 270  
Exeter Road, Epping, NH DES-SW-SP-92-3**

Dear Members of the Solid Waste Management Bureau,

The Exeter Select Board submits the following comments regarding the pending application for a solid waste transfer facility proposed by ReSource Waste Services in Epping, New Hampshire. While Exeter is not the host community, our town lies within the same interconnected watershed system and would reasonably bear environmental and infrastructure consequences associated with this proposal.

The Town of Exeter acknowledges that solid waste must be managed efficiently and that private operators play an important role in that system. However, projects of this magnitude must be evaluated with particular care when they are located near sensitive water resources and conserved landscapes. The proposed facility would process and store very large volumes of municipal solid waste on a daily basis, elevating the level of potential risk well beyond that of smaller or more routine operations.

Of primary concern to Exeter is the proximity of this site to the Piscassic River and its downstream connections to the Lamprey River and Great Bay. These waters are regionally significant and already subject to considerable environmental stress. The introduction of a large-scale waste handling operation in close proximity raises legitimate questions regarding the adequacy of safeguards for surface water, groundwater, habitat, and public health, particularly under extreme weather or emergency conditions.

The Town is also concerned about the regional impacts of substantially increased truck traffic associated with the facility, including roadway wear, safety, noise, and air quality effects that extend beyond the host municipality. In addition, Exeter finds that the application does not clearly

demonstrate how this facility would provide a measurable public benefit commensurate with its scale.

Finally, Exeter notes that municipalities located downstream or otherwise affected by this proposal appear to have had limited opportunity for early awareness or meaningful input. Broader engagement is warranted for a project with potential regional consequences.

Given the size of the proposed operation, its location within a sensitive watershed, and the absence of a clearly articulated public benefit, the Town of Exeter believes that a heightened level of scrutiny is both appropriate and necessary. Accordingly, the Exeter Select Board respectfully requests that NHDES refrain from approving this permit at this time, pending additional analysis, clearer demonstration of public benefit, and further engagement with affected communities. Depending on the outcome of that review, Exeter may oppose approval of the permit altogether.

Respectfully submitted,

Niko Papakonstantis  
Chair, Exeter Select Board