

**“Everyone can be great because anyone can serve.”  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The Town of Exeter actively seeks residents that are interested in serving on the many Town boards, committees and commissions.



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

Residents are allowed to serve on two Select Board appointed committees, and they may only serve on one regulatory land use board simultaneous, as allowed by law. The land use boards are the Heritage Commission, the Historic District Commission, the Planning Board and the 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 to discuss the time commitment and work involved.

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

If you have any questions regarding the appointment process or vacancies please contact the Town Manager's Office at (603) 773-6102 or [pmcelroy@exeternh.gov](mailto:pmcelroy@exeternh.gov)

Thank you!



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**Boards  
Committees  
Commissions**

**Conservation Commission:** The Exeter Conservation Commission was established in 1965 to assist in protecting Exeter's natural resources. In addition to monitoring and managing conservation lands it serves as an advisory board to the NH State Wetlands Bureau and provides recommendations to the Exeter Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on matters relating to Exeter's natural resources. The Commission has seven voting members with up to five alternates. The Conservation Commission conducts their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

**Energy Committee:** The purpose of the Energy Committee is to review various energy programs available to the Town of Exeter. The committee may make recommendations to the Select Board for potential implementation. The Committee conducts their meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm.

**Facilities Advisory Committee:** The purpose of the Facilities Advisory Committee is to assess and analyze municipally owned facilities in order to prioritize physical needs and budgets as described in the Town Facilities Plan published by HL Turner Group in December, 2015. This is a five member committee that meets on an as-needed basis.

**Heritage Commission:** Formed in 2006, the Heritage Commission offers a 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 seven voting members and five alternates. The Heritage Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

**Historic District Commission:** Established in 1970, the HDC consists of seven commissioners and four 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 promotes the use of the Historic Districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the community. The Historic District Commission usually meets on the third Thursday at 7 pm.

**Planning Board:** The Exeter Planning Board is entrusted with the task of encouraging and directing 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 six members, plus a Select Board Representative, and five alternate members. The Planning Board commonly meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7pm.

**River Advisory Committee:** The charge of the River Advisory Committee, as adopted by the Select Board, is to provide advice in all matters relating to the management of the Exeter and Squamscott Rivers, 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 a twelve member panel of citizens and interested stakeholders which includes representatives from the Conservation Commission, Water-Sewer Advisory Committee, Select Board, and Phillips Exeter Academy.

**Select Board:** The Select Board serve as the governing body of the Town of Exeter. Members are elected annually in March to staggered 3-year terms. The Select Board is the appointing authority for boards and advisory committees of the town. The Board is also responsible for appointing the town manager under NH RSA 37. The Board reorganizes each March after the Annual Town Election and elects a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Clerk of the Board. The Select Board meets on alternate Mondays at 7 pm.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee:** The mission of the Sustainability Committee is to guide the development of sustainability policies and practices for the Town of Exeter that simultaneously promote a healthy environment, strong community connections, and economic vitality. This is a 7 member committee with a Select Board representative that meets monthly as needed. For meeting days and times, contact the Planning Department.

**Zoning Board of Adjustments:** The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a five member board with five alternates that is a quasi-judicial body which hears and decides four types of zoning adjustment applications: Variances, Special Exceptions, Appeals from Administrative Decisions, and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The Zoning Board of Adjustments generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm.