

## Exeter Facilities Advisory Committee 2020 Accomplishments and Room for Improvement

### Accomplishments –

- (1) **Prepared and Submitted to the SB a Report and Recommendations against the FY 20 Exeter Parks & Recreation Department proposed Renovation/Expansion Project for 4 Hampton Road – January 17, 2020; Town voters agreed with FAC opposition and rejected project in March.**
- (2) Adapted committee meeting format to accommodate ZOOM virtual meetings during coronavirus pandemic.
- (3) Conducted Site Visit to Department of Public Works (DPW) Complex: Main Garage and Storage areas, Water and Sewer Garage, Fuel Island, Administrative Building – July 30, 2020.
- (4) Conducted Site Visit to Public Safety Complex (PSC): Fire and Police Departments, Dispatch Center – August 13, 2020.
- (5) Conducted Site Visit to Exeter Public Library Renovation/Expansion now under construction – October 1, 2020.
- (6) Conducted Site Visit to P&R Facilities at 32 Court Street: Senior/Multipurpose Center, Administrative/Classroom Building, Equipment Garage -- November 12, 2020.
- (7) Drafted and Submitted Recommendations Letter to the Exeter Planning Board (PB) on the FY 21 PSC and DPW Garage projects in the FY 21-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – September 9, 2020; FAC representatives attend PB meeting to answer questions.
- (8) **Planning Board accepted FAC recommendations for project phasing and reduction in proposed FY 21 spending from \$400,000 to \$200,000 for PSC project.**
- (9) **Drafted Outline for RFP for PSC FY 21 CIP project to accomplish a detailed analysis of alternatives and feasibility study of several FD and PD facilities options – October 14, 2020; Town Planner used RFP Outline to develop firmer cost estimate for FY 21 effort.**
- (10) Finalized RFP for Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) to establish baseline and evaluation tools for physical status of Town buildings from which to track and decide among options to maintain, repair, renovate or replace facilities – Early to mid- 2020.
- (11) FAC representatives met with BRC representatives to discuss how both committees can collaborate during the annual project and budget review of major CIP projects – November 6, 2020.
- (12) Drafted and submitted Recommendation Letter to Exeter Budget Recommendations Committee (BRC) on the FY 21 PSC and DPW Garage CIP projects – November 17, 2020; BRC disagreed with FAC recommendation.
- (13) Drafted and submitted Recommendations Letter to the SB on the FY 21 PSC and DPW Garage CIP projects; FAC Chair and Vice Chair present FAC letter/recommendations to SB.
- (14) Select Board approves FAC recommendation to deny **all** funds for FY 21 DPW Garage due to lack of sufficient information to justify project; BRC had approved \$100,000; CIP was \$150,000. SB disagrees with FAC recommendation to provide \$150,000-\$200,000 for PSC project; provides \$100,000 instead.
- (15) **FAC recommendations approved by SB and PB save a total of \$350,000 in taxpayer funds deleted from FY 21 Town budget request and FY 21-26 CIP program.**

## **Room for Improvement --**

- (1) Lack of sustained follow-up on major recommendations in FAC Report to SB on the FY 20 P&R Renovation/Expansion project at 4 Hampton Road.
- (2) Lack of sustained follow-up on information needed from the DPW on the FY 21 Garage project.
- (3) Inability to identify funding for the FCA.
- (4) Insufficient outreach to other Town Committees and Commissions.