

TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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LEGAL NOTICE EXETER PLANNING BOARD AGENDA

The Exeter Planning Board will meet on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building located at 10 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire, to consider the following:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2024

NEW BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Continued public hearing on the application of 81 Front Street LLC for a multi-family site plan review for the proposed conversion of the existing single-family residence at 81 Front Street into six (6) residential condominium units along with associated parking and site improvements. The subject property is located in the R-2, Single Family Residential zoning district. Tax Map Parcel # 72-195. PB Case #24-1.

In accordance with NH RSA 41:14-a, consideration of a request for a Planning Board recommendation on the acquisition of 0.45 acres of land from 8 Hampton Road (Tax Map Parcel #69-6) to be combined with property at 4 Hampton Road (Exeter Recreation Park, Tax Map Parcel #69-4), for the purposes of acquiring the land supporting and surrounding Planet Playground.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Master Plan Discussion
- Land Use Regulations Review
- Field Modifications
- Bond and/or Letter of Credit Reductions and Releases

EXETER PLANNING BOARD Langdon J. Plumer, Chairman

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1	TOWN OF EXETER
2	PLANNING BOARD
3	NOWAK MEETING ROOM
4	10 FRONT STREET
5	FEBRUARY 8, 2024
6	DRAFT MINUTES
7	7:00 PM
, 8	I. PRELIMINARIES:
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10	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Chair Langdon Plumer, Pete Cameron, Clerk, Jennifer
10	Martel, John Grueter, and Nancy Belanger Select Board Representative
12	Marter, John Grueter, and Marty Belanger Select Board Representative
13	STAFF PRESENT: Town Planner Dave Sharples
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15	II. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Plumer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the
16	members.
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18	III. OLD BUSINESS
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20	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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22	January 25, 2024
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24	Ms. Belanger recommended edits.
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26	Ms. Belanger motioned to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes, as amended. Mr. Cameron
27	seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.
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29	IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>
30	1. The application of 81 Front Street LLC for a multi-family site plan review for the proposed
31	conversion of the existing single-family residence at 81 Front Street into six (6) residential
32	condominium unites along with associated parking and site improvements.
33	R-2, Single Family Residential zoning district
34	Tax Map Parcel #72-195
35	Planning Board Case #24-1
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37	Chair Plumer read the Public Hearing Notice out loud and asked Town Planner, Dave Sharples, if the case
38	was ready to be heard. Mr. Sharples indicated the case was ready for review purposes.
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40	Ms. Martel motioned to open Planning Board Case #24-1. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion. A vote
41	was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 5-0-0.
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43 Mr. Sharples indicated that the applicant is looking for site plan approval for a multi-family and

- 44 submitted documents on 1/5/24, 1/18/24 and a response to the TRC comments on 1/30/24. The
- 45 applicant got relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for multi-family use in zone R-2. There are no
- 46 waivers requested. Mr. Sharples noted there would be six single-family units and that the connector
- 47 section is being removed. There will be two small additions. Mr. Sharples noted fire access was
- 48 reviewed and noted some questions with parking spaces, some of which were located partially on the
- 49 grass with no striping and concerns with the access to the rear parking spaces from Seminary Lane which
- 50 is a private drive owned by the Exeter School District.
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- 52 Steve Wilson presented his application noting that he purchased the property last August for
- redevelopment and stated that his daughter and her family will live in two of the units in the back and
- 54 there will be four units in the front. He noted providing a historical narrative of the property which was
- 55 once a women's seminary school in the 60s and burned down. He described the property as being
- 56 vacant for the past five years or so and the previous owner having multiple employees living at the
- 57 residence. Formerly there was a duplex, carriage house and servant's quarters, indoor pool and outdoor
- 58 pool area. He described the abutting Lincoln School area and noted use of Seminary Lane goes back
- over 100-years, but he had concerns permission to use it could be revoked and described a back up plan
- to build a driveway access to the rear parking in that event. Mr. Sharples explained that being a
- 61 municipally owned property adverse possession would not apply and the Board could not give the
- 62 applicant permission to use Seminary Lane either expressly or by approving the proposed plan.
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- 64 Mr. Wilson described the square footage of the property and buildings and noted the 32' long hallway 65 would be removed to add two small additions for two bedrooms. He estimated 15 bathrooms and 8 66 bedrooms with 14-15 parking spaces. He described the curb stops to be used on the parking spaces 67 being extended and converting the existing bark mulch to stone. He described the fence that he owned 68 the land on both sides, which ran the length of the property adjacent land owned by Mr. Russ. He 69 described existing lighting and the possibility of adding more vegetation to buffer sound. He noted 70 there will be no further walkways or new lighting constructed.
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Ms. Belanger expressed concerns with the private drive access to the rear parking not being owned or
permitted to be used by the applicant and noted there was a barrier placed by the school she imagined
had to do with drop off and pick up of students.

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Mr. Grueter asked if the private way was wide enough for two-way traffic and Mr. Sharples noted it was 18' wide scaled. Mr. Wilson noted there is parking for spaces 8-11 in garages. Mr. Sharples described the location of parking spaces 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 13 as being completely on the grass or partially on the grass and noted there were no curb stops shown on the plan and requested that be done. Mr. Wilson apologized that Mr. Boyd was asked to do so but has been out of town. Ms. Martel questioned the access in and out.

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- 83 Chair Plumer opened the hearing to the public for comments and questions at 7:33 PM.
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- 85 Sally Brown Russ of 79 Front Street expressed concerns with there being 15 parking spaces and
- questioned if 15 were necessary. She also expressed concerns about lighting and noise because some of

87 the parking was up along the fence near her bedroom window. She noted it would be a difficult 88 adjustment to have so many people living next door, coming and going. She noted that Section 9.13.4 89 provides that parking be located in such a manner as to not unduly harm the owner or occupants of 90 neighboring parcels and stated this seems to apply to her situation. She asked about trash removal and 91 if there would be any dumpsters and if the units would be rentals or condominiums because she has 92 heard both. 93 94 Mr. Sharples asked the bedroom count and Mr. Wilson noted six would have at least two bedrooms, and 95 there would be one with three and guest parking. He noted the 6' high fence and offered to eliminate 96 parking space #3. He noted 14 people lived there previously but the property has sat abandoned the 97 last five years. He noted the Russ' house was built 15 inches from the property line. He responded that 98 there were not going to be any dumpsters and owners would use totes and garbage cans. He answered 99 that the units would be condominiums. 100 101 Mr. Grueter asked if parking spaces #3 and #4 exist now and Mr. Wilson indicated no. 102 103 Ms. Belanger asked who owned the fence and Mr. Wilson answered that he did on both sides, the fence 104 was not on the property line. 105 106 Ms. Martel asked about going before the Historic District Commission and Mr. Wilson answered that he 107 had done so and they waived jurisdiction. 108 109 Ms. Martel asked about electric vehicle chargers and Mr. Sharples noted there were enough garages 110 with power supply. 111 112 Ms. Martel asked about access to each unit and Mr. Wilson described where access exists currently for 113 each and every unit. 114 115 Mr. Cameron noted the ZBA conditions for approval, owner occupancy of one of the units and Planning 116 Board approval. 117 118 Ms. Belanger asked about fire access. Mr. Wilson noted the department would have the final say in the 119 permitting and occupancy process, but it was discussed already and the fire department indicated it 120 would not likely drive a fire truck in but would like enough access for an ambulance. 121 122 Ms. Belanger noted she had concerns with the private drive, Seminary Lane, owned by the school 123 district being used without express permission to access parking spaces in the rear. She recommended 124 checking with town counsel. 125 126 Mrs. Russ asked if the ZBA condition meant that a member of Mr. Wilson's family would always have to 127 occupy one of the units and asked who would enforce that. Mr. Sharples explained that if the units 128 were rentals and not condominiums, the owner would have to occupy a unit. The condition is not 129 running with Mr. Wilson's family into perpetuity, beyond his ownership, but rather with whoever owns

the property (they must be on the deed) and he stated if the units are condominiums that conditionwould not apply. He answered that enforcement is complaint driven.

- 133 Mr. Grueter asked about exterior changes and Mr. Wilson noted only the removal of the connector and 134 two small additions which are in the center of the property and would not be visible from the street. He 135 described the separate utilities and heating that exists already for the six units.
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Ms. Martel asked about the doctor's office and Mr. Wilson indicated that would not become an ADU orseventh unit but someone could apply to use that as an office.

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140 Chair Plumer closed the hearing to the public at 8:16 PM.

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142 Ms. Martel indicated she would like to see parking on the plans to see how that would work and agreed 143 with the concerns about Seminary Lane such as if the lane were blocked by buses or other vehicles, the

144 occupants using the rear parking lot could not get out.

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- Ms. Belanger asked that town counsel review the Seminary Lane issue and that there be conditions thatthe fence and plantings be maintained.
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Mr. Sharples indicated he would speak to the school district and requested the plans show striping, and
 curb stops. He discussed the frontage needed along Front Street to be allowed an additional curb cut
 and noted 600' would be needed.

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153 Ms. Belanger motioned to continue Planning Board Case #24-1 to the Planning Board's February 22,

154 **2024** meeting at 7 PM. Mr. Cameron seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the

155 *motion passed 5-0-0.*156

Ms. Russ noted concerns with abutter's notices being received. Mr. Sharples indicated to her that they
were stamped received by the post office on January 25, 2024 but he will look into it.

159 V. OTHER BUSINESS

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Master Plan Discussion

162Mr. Sharples noted the Master Plan analysis was included and updated in 2018. He163noted 67 items on the agenda to be completed and that 66 of them were complete or164being worked on. He noted the remaining item is the Complete Streets policy being165funded hopefully in the 2025 CIP. He noted the next update would be in 20218 and166thanked the Boards and everyone who assisted. Ms. Belanger thanked Mr. Sharples for167keeping it moving forward.168

- Field Modifications
- Bond and/or Letter of Credit Reductions and Release
- 172 Mr. Sharples thanked Barb McEvoy for finding more refunds to release.

- 173 VII. TOWN PLANNER'S ITEMS
- 174 VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S ITEMS
- 175 IX. PB REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT ON "OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITY"
- 176 **X. ADJOURN**
- 177 *Ms. Belanger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Mr. Cameron seconded the*
- 178 *motion.* A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.
- 179 Respectfully submitted.
- 180 Daniel Hoijer,
- 181 Recording Secretary
- 182 Via Exeter TV



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Date:	February 14, 2024	
То:	Planning Board	
From:	Dave Sharples, Town Planner	
Re:	81 Front Street LLC	PB Case #24-1

The Applicant is seeking a multi-family site plan review for the redevelopment of the existing single-family structure located at 81 Front Street. The Applicant is proposing to convert the existing structure into six (6) residential condominiums along with associated parking and site improvements. The subject property is located in the R-2, Single Family Residential zoning district and is identified as Tax Map Parcel #72-195.

The Applicant appeared before the Board at the February 8th, 2024 meeting to present their proposal. Subsequently, the application was tabled to the February 22nd, 2024 meeting.

I have spoken with Shayne Forsley, from Hampshire Development Corp., and he has indicated that they will not be prepared to address the Board's concerns at the February 22nd, 2024 meeting. He has asked that the application be continued to the March 14th, 2024 meeting, therefore providing them adequate time to prepare to address the Boards' concerns.

Planning Board Motions:

Request for Continuance motion: I move that the request of 81 Front Street LLC (PB Case #24-1) for a continuance of their application to the 3/14/24 Planning Board meeting be APPROVED / APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS / TABLED / DENIED.

Thank You.



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Date:	February 14, 2024
То:	Planning Board
From:	Dave Sharples, Town Planner
Re:	Land Acquisition - 4 Hampton Road (Exeter Parks & Recreation)

Land Acquisition:

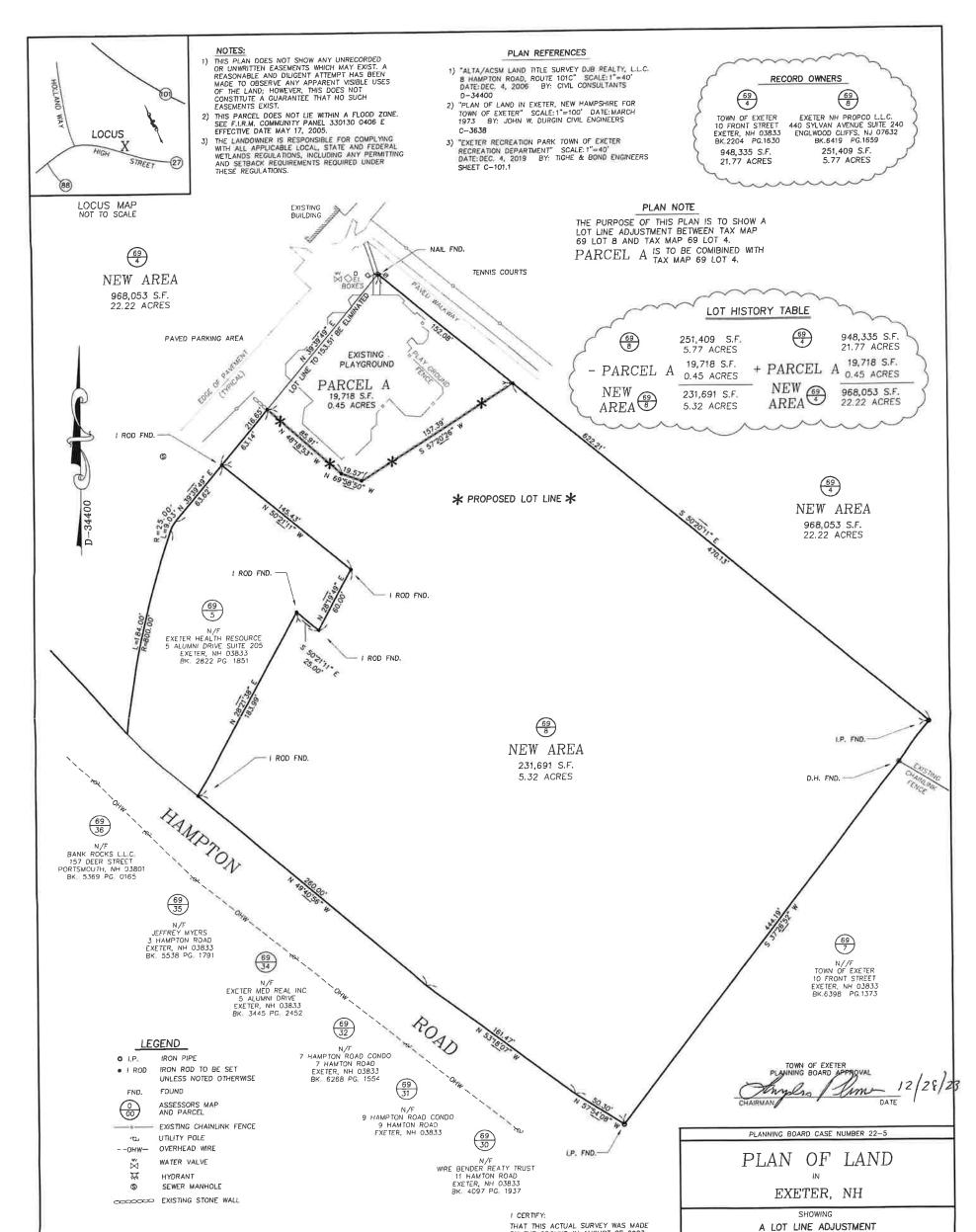
Exeter Parks and Recreation has been working with the abutting property owner, Exeter NH Propco LLC, to acquire the land surrounding Planet Playground at 4 Hampton Road. As required in accordance with NH RSA 41:14-a, the Select Board must first obtain a recommendation from the Planning Board (also Conservation Commission and Heritage Commission). I have attached a plan indicating the location.

Suggested Motion:

To send a memo to the Select Board indicating that the Planning Board [recommends] [does not recommend] the acquisition of 0.45 acres of land from the Exeter NH Propco LLC property (Tax Map Parcel #96-6), indicated as 'Parcel A' on the plan provided entitled "Lot Line Adjustment at 4 and 8 Hampton Road", for the purpose of acquiring the land supporting and surrounding Planet Playground (4 Hampton Road, Exeter Recreation Park, Tax Map Parcel #96-4).

Thank You.

Enclosures (1)



UTILITIES NOTE

