

Select Board Meeting
Monday May 10, 2021
7 PM
Remotely via Zoom
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Daryl Browne, Niko Papakonstantis, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 7 PM.

Mr. Papakonstantis read a statement:

As Chair of the Select Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Public notice of this meeting was posted on the town website and on the bulletin board of the town offices at 10 Front Street. As provided in that public notice, the public may access the meeting online and via phone. The usual rules of conduct and decorum will apply.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote. Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting and who that person is (son, daughter, spouse, etc...), which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

2. Public Comment

- a. There was no comment from the public at this time.
- b. Ms. Oliff asked to discuss the trash issue downtown next to Stillwell's Ice Cream. Mr. Dean said he reached out to Jay Perkins and will discuss it in his report. The DPW empties the trash 3-4 times per week and Mr. Perkins checks on it on the weekends.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. National Public Works Week

Ms. Gilman read the proclamation:

Whereas, Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire; and,

Whereas, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of Public Works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water

treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

Whereas, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children of the town of Exeter New Hampshire, to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of Public Works and Public Works programs in their respective communities; and,

Whereas, the year 2021 marks the 61st Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association,

Be It Now Resolved, we, the Select Board of Exeter, New Hampshire do hereby designate the week of May 16 through 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week; we urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association, and government agencies designed to pay tribute to our Public Works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, done at the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire this tenth day of May, 2021.

Mr. Papakonstantis thanked Ms. Perry for the work the department does.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: April 26, 2021

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021 as presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

5. Appointments

- a. There were no appointments at this meeting.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. COVID 19 Updates

Fire Chief Eric Wilking said that the Covid numbers dropped steadily over the last 3 weeks. They're averaging 190-200 positive each day in NH, and Exeter had two days with no new cases. There are 14 active cases they're tracking in Exeter. Rockingham County still has the fixed vaccination site open, but he's heard possible end dates, perhaps in June, July, or August. The site in Newington is vaccinating 1,000 people a day, but they still have appointments open. The CDC has granted emergency use authorization to vaccinate children as young as 12 years old. Chief Pizon has been working with the schools on what that would look like. The Fire Department's vaccinations are pretty much done; they administered over 5,000 doses. The identified list of group facilities

and underserved populations has been vaccinated. They're working on new guidance from CDC and DHHS.

James Murray said that the Safer at Home guidelines expired last Friday, and have been replaced with universal best practices, which are not requirements. Exeter still has a town mask mandate, which is set to expire May 29. He talked to Newmarket, Durham, and Portsmouth, which have their own mask mandates. Newmarket will let their mandate lapse when it expires June 4; Durham will let theirs lapse June 5; Portsmouth's expires later in June, and it's unclear if they will be renewing. Nashua has tabled the discussion on renewing. Mr. Murray asked the Board what direction Exeter's mask mandate should go. It should be revised if renewed, since the CDC has taken away the recommendation on use of masks outside.

Ms. Gilman asked if someone has reached out to businesses around town about whether they like the backup of the town keeping the ordinance. Mr. Murray said he has not. Ms. Cowan said she's heard from people thanking them for having the mask ordinance that businesses can point to. She's not comfortable lifting the mask ordinance for inside public spaces. Mr. Papakonstantis said the Board has one more meeting before it expires, and he would like Mr. Murray and Mr. Winham reach out to businesses and find out their preference. Chief Wilking said the initial premise of the town's mask ordinance was educational, which worked well. How much more education is there? Are they setting businesses up for confrontation? The Police Department should be engaged in this conversation. The issue will be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. Murray said regarding vaccines, they have done four restaurants; restaurants and retail businesses can email exetervax@gmail.com and they will come to the place of business and run a clinic for all employees. They don't require ID, just a name and a birthday. Mr. Browne asked if they were doing the contraindicators, and Mr. Murray said yes, they do the full screening that they do at the fixed site.

b. Community Electric Aggregation Committee Continued Discussion

Lew Hitzrot and Cliff Sinnott of the Energy Committee and Henry Herndon from the Community Power Coalition were present to discuss Community Power Aggregation. Mr. Papakonstantis said there were two items to consider: the establishment of an Electric Aggregation Committee, and whether to join the newly formed Community Power Coalition of NH. Mr. Dean said he has no particular issue with joining the coalition. Regarding the Aggregation Committee, they could appoint members of the Energy Board, but it must be a separate committee, not a subcommittee.

Mr. Sinnott said there will be a lot of work involved; one reason to have five members in the committee is so the work can be fairly distributed. Ms. Gilman said a committee's members must be residents of Exeter, but non-residents can still be guests of the committee. She recommends five members, with perhaps one member of the Energy Committee. The Committee would have

the authority to make the plan and put it into place, and must have public hearings, but does the legislative body need to be involved? Mr. Sinnott said after the committee develops the plan, the Select Board receives the plan, and then decides if it goes to town meeting, per RSA 53-E.

Mr. Browne said he would like to extend the timeline by a year. Mr. Sinnott agreed, as the PUC [Public Utilities Commission] may not finalize the rules in time to meet a 2022 deadline. Ms. Gilman said she would also favor lengthening the time to meet this goal, as there are things that may be changing on the State level in late June or September.

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to commission an Energy Aggregation Committee, a five member Board, to exist through December 2023, with the charge to investigate community power aggregation for Exeter. Ms. Oliff seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Board agreed to allow Henry Herndon, a non-resident, to speak. Mr. Herndon said he has been working with a number of communities on community power aggregation. The coalition model for community power encompasses best practices to allow communities to lower their energy costs and support renewable energy sources. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if they vote to join the coalition, what paperwork is there? Mr. Herndon said the document is a Commission Joint Power agreement, a contract among communities to share their authorities under a new entity.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved that Exeter to join the newly formed Community Power Coalition and further authorize the Town Manager to sign the Joint Power agreement. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

c. Water Sewer Rates Hearing

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to open the public Water and Sewer rates hearing. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bob Kelly, the Water/Sewer Advisory Board Chair, was present to discuss the Water/Sewer rate proposal. Mr. Dean gave a presentation on the Water Sewer Rates. They've been building rates over time based on a study done in 2016. Rates were last adjusted October 2019. The rate proposal is an increase of 11.2% for water and 19.85% for sewer, for a total \$44.80 increase per quarter for a 12,000 gallon per quarter user. There's also a service fee increase of \$1 for the Water Fund. They're under the continuing EPA mandate to end CSOs [Combined Sewer Overflow events]. The new Wastewater Treatment Facility and Main Pump Station are fully operational. They're looking at increased operating costs and a debt service on the new facility of \$3.5M. They're dealing with the loss of the State Aid Grant Money, which was \$800,000 per year. They're working on the Salem Street Utilities project, Westside Drive Sewer Project, and the Squamscott River Siphons. For Water projects, there's the Groundwater/Surfacewater project at \$800,000, Groundwater Source Development at \$1M, and a Capital Outlay of \$500,000.

The proposed rate increases will be implemented with the July billing. He discussed the details of the rate increase. Sewer Flat rates are \$238.75 per quarter, and the rate increases with additional bedrooms. The average quarterly bill is \$347 for 12,000 gallons, and will go up to \$391. This rate adjustment will prevent the funds from falling into a revenue deficit. Current receivables are over \$1M, so they need to adjust rates in advance. Future State mandates like limits on PFAS and PFOA could require further adjustments.

Mr. Browne asked what they can do to encourage aggregate conservation in group living situations. Mr. Dean said public works has water saving equipment and education programs to encourage conservation. Mr. Browne asked if the rate increase includes the emergency work under the river, and Mr. Dean said it does not include that work.

Ms. Gilman said the State Aid Grant has been promised for a number of years but not granted. The public should contact the Senate Finance Committee and the governor to ask for it to be restored.

Mr. Papakonstantis said changing the rates in July gives less than 60 days notice. Mr. Dean said the recommendation is to implement the increase with billings after July 1, for equal billing across the three districts.

Mr. Kelly said between approved projects and not having adjusted the rates, they are looking at significant deficits in Water and Sewer Funds by the end of the year if not adjusted. The Water/Sewer Committee considered four different options. The first was the increase the 2016 model projected, which does not account for not adjusting the rates last year. The second was an increase just to eliminate deficits, which would bring us to zero cash flow situation; if anything happened in the next 6-8 months, we'd be back in a deficit situation. The third was a uniform 10% increase. The fourth was a hybrid model; which would provide about \$100,000 surplus in Water and \$250,000 in Sewer; this is the option they recommend. They wouldn't have to come back if things didn't go as planned with the siphon project. The Water/Sewer committee approved the changes 5-0, to begin after July 1.

Mr. Browne asked why the rates weren't raised between 2019 and now. Mr. Kelly said he thinks it was the pandemic. There were a lot of questions last year about people's ability to pay their bills.

Mr. Papakonstantis opened the discussion to public comment, but there was none. He closed public comment and brought the discussion back to the Board

MOTION (not voted): Mr. Browne moved to increase the Water rates by 11.2% and the Sewer rates by 19.85% as recommended by the Water and Sewer committee. Ms. Oliff seconded. Ms. Gilman said they should include an effective date

MOTION: Mr. Browne amended his motion to increase the water rates by 11.2% and the sewer rates by 19.85% as recommended by the Water and Sewer committee, effective July 31, 2021. Ms. Oliff seconded the amended motion. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to increase the service fee on the water rate by \$1, effective July 31, 2021. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to close the public hearing on the Water Sewer Rates. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

d. Q1 Financial Report

Doreen Chester, the town Finance Director, gave a report on the Q1 financials. There are seasonal revenues like property taxes which are not due until July 1st, so there are not a lot of revenues yet. Motor Vehicle was up by 67% from the prior year, but other things have gone down. They're at \$1.1M, or 6% of the \$20M total budget collected. There was a decrease of \$45,000 in building and permit fees, but things should change in April, as there are new projects. Other permits and fees were slightly up, by \$3,000. There was a \$88,000 drop in income from Departments. Part of that was Fire General Revenue, which was down \$33,000, due to discontinued monitoring of radio and master boxes. Blue bags were off by \$32,000 due to timing. The town is expecting ARPA funds of \$1.5M that will be split into two "tranches" or payments, this year and next year at \$750,000 each. There are internal efforts to get more funds from this act for capital projects.

Expenditures were at \$4.5M or 23% expended. Most Departments were average, at 20-25% spent. Snow removal was 59% spent, at \$182,000, as the weather was a little worse this year. There are vacant positions in the town, including an upcoming HR vacancy due to the retirement of the HR director. The Police have 3 vacancies, and Public Works 6 vacancies. There's a net deficit in the General Fund, which is typical and should change once the property taxes are billed in May.

In the Water Fund, revenues were \$824,000 or 20% of the \$4.05M budget. Consumption charges were at about 19%, water charges about 25% collected. The revenues were affected by last year's moratorium on water shutoffs, as people tend to not pay if they don't have to. There are two large non-paying customers on the sewer side that are causing issues. She spoke with the deputy tax collector, and the town doubled the amount of payment plans. Mr. Browne asked if they apply interest or penalties on those payments, and Ms. Chester said yes, she thinks 12%.

Water expenses are at \$1M in the first quarter, so they're operating at a deficit. All charges are as anticipated, and they're about 25% spent in those categories.

The Sewer Fund was at \$1.4M in revenue, 20% against the budget. Usage charges were collected at 20%. In Sewer Receivables, \$312,000 is over

90 days. They can't shut off sewer services, so the town has implemented sewer liens. Of the two large non-paying customers, one is starting to make payments, and the other will go into sewer lien June 1st. Expenses were at \$745,000, so a net income, but there will be in a deficit if no rate increases are made.

Administration expenses were higher than 25%, at \$170,000, or 37% spent. Property insurance went up \$8,000. Net income was \$653,000, down from the prior year. Mr. Browne if the sewer siphons were factored in, and Ms. Chester said no, it's not covered. Mr. Dean said the \$1.6M that was appropriated is in the rates.

e. Riverwoods Conservation Easement

Kristen Murphy, the town Natural Resources Planner, discussed a proposed conservation easement of 61 acres surrounding the Ridge and Boulders Campus of Riverwoods. When these campuses were constructed, 2003/2008, it was anticipated that there would be conservation land around them, and they have been managed that way. She showed a map of the areas. There are five disjointed parcels, but they still represent some good contiguous woodland and wetland. There were a host of reasons it wasn't accomplished sooner. The Town Planner said Riverwoods had to finalize the plan, Sharon Somers was involved, and they have been working to get a draft easement before the Conservation Commission and Select Board. The gas line easement was not properly located on the maps, so survey work was required. In 2019, a draft easement was presented to the Conservation Commission and a subcommittee was formed. The final draft was presented in Dec 2019. Members were supportive of the language, and voted to present it to the Select Board. They have been working with legal counsel to finalize it.

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to accept and sign the conservation easement for Riverwoods as presented. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

f. Mobile Vending Plan

Darren Winham, the Economic Development Director, discussed the mobile vending plans presented at the previous meeting. They have the same three choices: disallow mobile vending; allow it only in Townhouse Common at \$1,200 per year/\$100 per month; or allow mobile vending in Townhouse Common and additionally in one space on Front Street, with fees for Front Street at \$2,400 year/\$200 per month, subject to an RFP process, starting Jan 2022. He proposes allowing Clyde's Cupcakes to use the Front Street space for the rest of the year after his contract expires on July 8th. Clyde has moved to the proposed space rather than the bandstand space, and it's working.

Ms. Gilman said that mobile units take up two parking spots, so will there be twice the charge? Mr. Winham said the downtown space is only one, as there's a buffer near the crosswalk. At Townhouse Common, it depends on how many vendors sign up, but he doesn't think they should charge extra.

Anne Surman of 14 Cullen Way said she's baffled that they are not discussing the private option instead. Taxpayers have funded parking studies

over the years which talk about the challenges of parking downtown. Why are they considering these proposals and sacrificing seven downtown parking spaces? Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Winham if there is a concern about a decrease in parking. Mr. Winham said he thinks it's unlikely they'll get a bunch of local vendors, since there are other places they can go that would be more lucrative. Vendors are welcome to talk to owners of private spaces, but that's on the mobile vendor.

Carl Bouchard, an Exeter resident and former downtown business owner, said he's concerned about safety. He can't think of a worse place for a vendor than beside the bandstand. People go out into traffic to get to it, they don't use the crosswalk. This would apply to any vendor, not just the current vendor. Mr. Papakonstantis said they've been moved and the new space has been signed off on by the Fire Department.

Arryn Vogan of 4 Lamprey Road said the new space is a good location. Mobile vending could add a lot of vibrancy to the town. This keeps getting pushed off, so she hopes that they can vote on this tonight. She doesn't understand the parking issue, she hasn't had a problem finding parking downtown in 12 years.

Mr. Papakonstantis closed public comment and brought the discussion back to the Board. He asked Mr. Winham if he has a recommendation. Mr. Winham said all three options could work. He's heard from people who don't want to see it at all, those who think there should be multiple trucks on front street. Most think option 2 or 3. Mr. Browne said his experience is that parking depends on timing, sometimes it's no trouble, sometimes it's very difficult to park. Still, there is room for mobile vendors. People need to see people out and about in a safe manner, which gives them confidence. Mr. Papakonstantis said he's not concerned about a mobile vendor being in that location. The departments have signed off on that. Ms. Gilman said the one space downtown is better than at the bandstand. This is a historic district, is it appropriate to have food trucks on a semi-permanent basis? She's leaning toward solution 3, an RFP, which gives a fair chance to anyone that wants to come in. Ms. Cowan said she doesn't feel strongly about what they do, but they need to do something, as they've been having this conversation for a while. They're still in a pandemic, so whatever happens they can revisit it in a year.

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to pursue option 3 with Mr. Winham as the point person. Ms. Gilman asked if they should build in a time to revisit this, and Mr. Browne said he would prefer to leave it undefined so they can address it as it comes. Ms. Gilman seconded the motion as moved. Mr. Dean said the intent is to modify the town ordinance to allow this, but they can revisit it as they wish. Mr. Winham said he would like it to be a joint effort between the Economic Development and Town Offices. He would be working with Pam McElroy as with the outdoor dining. All the Departments would still have to sign off. Mr. Dean said he's ok with that. Mr. Papakonstantis read from the memo: *In the C-1 Downtown and Waterfront Commercial Districts, allow mobile vending in up to six municipal parking spaces adjacent to Town House Common and 1 municipal parking space on Front Street, the exact location to be determined by*

the Select Board. Town House Common sites would be priced at \$1,200 per annum prorated at \$100 per month. The Front Street space would be priced at \$2,400 per annum prorated at \$200 per month. The Select Board is designating the Economic Development and Town Manager's office to take responsibility for this joint effort, with applications to be signed off by appropriate department heads and the Health Officer when appropriate. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

g. American Recovery Plan Act Updates

Mr. Winham discussed a subset of ARPA, the Restaurant Revitalization fund, run through Small Business Administration. The application period opened May 3rd, but through May 24 they will only accept applications by businesses owned by women, veterans, and the disadvantaged.

Mr. Dean said he received the first bit of guidance on this fund, a 10 page document with an interim rule of 151 pages. He will read it over the next couple of days. Regarding the Congressionally-directed spending item request, he has been in contact with Senator Shaheen's office, and will develop projects to submit by the May 21, 2021 deadline. He's leaning on the CIP program and some Economic Development and Public Safety projects. Mr. Papakonstantis asked for updates on the projects submitted through Congressman Pappas's office, but Mr. Dean said there were no updates yet.

h. Recreation Grant - Summer Concert Series

Greg Bisson, the Parks and Rec Director, was present to discuss a recreation grant. The NH Council on the Arts did a grant for venues that had an arts or music lineup scheduled and budgeted, and were accessible with ADA. The summer concert series met those criteria; they applied for the full amount and were awarded \$5,000. They're planning on adding additional concerts for kids and expenses that would have come out of the Rec Revolving Fund, such as portapotties.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the NH State Council on the Arts, and further authorize the Town Manager to sign any related documents. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

7. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to deny a tax abatement for 65/113. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to deny/accept a withdrawal for a tax abatement for 115/31. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept a land use change tax for 70/12 in the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept a land use change tax for 103/5 in the amount of \$31,500. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept a yield tax for 28/19 in the amount of \$450.71. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an intent to cut for 51/17. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

b. Permits & Approvals

- i. Mr. Bisson said that Yoga Smith on Water Street has applied to hold classes at Town House Common and Park Street Common. The plan has been reviewed by Mr. Murray, and he has signed off.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the application for Yoga Smith to conduct yoga on Town House Common May 11 through Aug 25 on Wednesdays at 9 AM - 10:30 AM, and on Park Street Common starting May 11 through July 2nd, Tues Thurs from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

- ii. Ragnar RTB LLC has applied for a permit for Reach the Beach. Last year it was cancelled due to the pandemic. They would be using the SST as their stop, and using very strict protocols, runners will quarantine for two weeks prior. All department heads have signed off.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to allow Ragnar RTB LLC to utilize SST and town roads for the race to be held on September 18, 2021. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

- iii. Big Brothers and Big Sisters would like to hold a pickleball tournament at the Rec Park. They will give the proceeds to Parks and Rec for scholarships for programming. They provided their health protocols and Mr. Murray has signed off. This could be the start a long-term partnership with this organization, which has the same goals as Parks and Rec.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the permit application for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH for a pickleball tournament to be held at the Rec Park July 9, 10, and 11, 2021. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

- iv. Powderkeg Beer and Chili festival is a large fundraiser and brings people downtown. They propose reducing the capacity by making it two separate concessions, which would allow space for social distancing. They would have contactless entry into the festival. They will not be having refillable glasses, but the glasses would be recyclable. All vendors would pre-register so they know who's coming. Signs and announcements will encourage distancing. Participants would be registered for potential contact tracing. No chili vendors would be present, as they don't feel right asking restaurants to donate; instead they're hoping to partner with restaurants that patrons can visit to buy chili. Mr. Browne asked about

compostable glasses vs recyclable, and Mr. Bisson said he could look into that.

Jennifer Wheeler, the President of Exeter Area Chamber and a Stratham resident, indicated that she wished to speak, and the Board had no objection. She said Chamber is excited about the proposal, and they're hoping to go forward with the partnership.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the permit request from Parks and Rec for Powderkeg Beer and Chili Festival on October 2, 2021 as described in detail in their application. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. The Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 31, and all Board members are invited. Ceremonies begin at 10 AM.
- ii. Congressman Pappas took the Siphons project to Washington, one of 10 projects he submitted.
- iii. The Network Admin interviews are over, they think they have a good candidate.
- iv. He testified on Senate Bill 95 last week regarding virtual town meetings. There was testimony from lots of different people in support.
- v. On the Revision Energy project, he's working on a letter of intent with the solar array.
- vi. Field work is continuing on the audit.
- vii. They're reviewing public buildings for potential use in the near future.
- viii. Regarding trash near Stillwells, they dealt with the same issue in May 2019. At that time, the owner of Stillwells said she would prefer the town to take its trash cans off the street. The ones that are still there are emptied three times a week. Mr. Dean spoke to Jay Perkins, who said only one can was overflowing once this year.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Mr. Browne had no report on the EPSC or Facilities meetings. He attended a walkthrough of the Pocket Park with Renay Allen.
- ii. Ms. Cowan had an E911 meeting, where they decided to wait before approving a name change to get public input. There was a sitewalk with the Planning Board on the Griset project, which was well attended. At the Water and Sewer Advisory meeting, they voted on the rate increase. For EPSC, she had something urgent come up, so Mr. Papakonstantis attended.
- iii. Mr. Papakonstantis said the EPSC went over pulling motor vehicles over for speeding, issuing tickets, etc. Detective Bruce Page talked about Police Night Out, which was held in 2019; they did not have it last year but will be hosting it again on the first Tuesday in August. Ms. Surman and Chief Poulin will be presenting to the Select Board at the next meeting.

- iv. Ms. Oliff had no report. She has Housing Committee and Arts and Culture meetings this week.
 - v. Ms. Gilman had no meetings, except for the Arbor Day planting of trees. She gave an update on pending State legislation.
 - vi. Mr. Papakonstantis said he also attended the tree planting April 30, where they planted three trees in memory of neighbors. It was postponed from last fall due to the drought. The event was very well attended. At the Sustainability meeting, they are finalizing the application for the grant they've been working on with Julie LaBranche. They talked about approaching the BRC this year for funding for the Sustainability Coordinator position. They're planning to take a vote at the June meeting.
- e. Correspondence
- i. The Rockingham County Commissioner's proposed FY22 budget. Ms. Gilman said she could bring up the Community Power Aggregation to the utilities subcommittee and see if they want to go county-wide.
 - ii. A letter from NH DOT about a plan to conduct repairs on Rte 85/Newfields road.
 - iii. A news release from the Racial Unity Team about an art and poetry challenge for NH residents of all ages.
 - iv. An email from CABT regarding the bigger trucks. Mr. Dean said this is part of the infrastructure package. They want to limit truck sizes to what they call reasonable size.
 - v. A letter from the NHMA regarding Bill 307.
 - vi. Several pieces of correspondence on mobile vending.
 - vii. A letter from Enna Grazier on small businesses and vaccinations.
8. Review Board Calendar
- a. Next meeting is May 24th, 2021. Memorial Day is May 31st.
9. Non-Public Session
- a. There was no non-public session at this meeting.
10. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adjourn. Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary