

Select Board Meeting  
Monday September 19, 2022  
6:40 PM  
Nowak Room, Town Offices  
Final Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Niko Papakonstantis, Nancy Belanger, and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:40 PM. The Board went down to the Wheelwright Room for interviews.

2. Board Interviews

- a. Florence Ruffner for the Arts & Culture Commission
- b. Chris Newport for the Budget Recommendations Committee

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 6:55 PM.

3. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment at this meeting.

4. Proclamations/Recognitions

Mr. Papakonstantis read the proclamation for Constitution Week:

*Whereas it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and Whereas Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,*

*Now, therefore, I Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week in the Town of Exeter, and I urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.*

*In witness whereoff, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Exeter to be affixed this 19th day of September of the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two.*

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: August 22, 2022

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2022 as presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms. Oliff abstained, as she was not present on August 22. The motion passed 4-0.

b. Regular Meeting: September 6, 2022

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 6, 2022 as presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Appointments and Resignations

a. The Board was asked to accept the resignation of Camille Webber, the EHS student liaison to the Exeter Energy Committee.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept with regret the resignation of Camille Webber. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Discussion/Action Items

a. Polling Pads

Town Moderator Kate Miller, Town Clerk Andie Kohler, and Supervisor of the Checklist Vicky Nawoichyk were present to discuss the polling pads. Ms. Miller said the cost of renting for one election is \$9,300. In some years we have four elections. The cost of purchasing is \$19,400, which is just a little over 2x the rental cost for one election. There is no lease agreement. No other towns or cities are renting. Rochester rented for a year and purchased them. It makes more economic sense to purchase them. The price includes the central cradle point to which everything is connected and 10 poll pads, which should be ample.

Mr. Papakonstantis said if we want to have the system for the March 2023 election, the purchase would have to come from funds we already have. ARPA funds have been talked about, but is there any other money in the budget? Ms. Roy said Mr. Dean would like the Board to discuss ARPA funding.

Ms. Gilman asked if the Town Clerk's Department has a line item that's ready to purchase new voting machines when the Secretary of State figures out what they want. Ms. Kohler said it's only about \$1,200. There's no equipment budget for this. Mr. Papakonstantis said he believes this should be in the budget. ARPA funding should be used for what it was meant for. This will be a line item moving forward. However, he understands the issue of the timing.

Ms. Belanger said she saw the potential benefit of this system during Tuesday's voting, but our last meeting was telling Department heads to not make these ARPA requests. There's only one election next year, do we really want to consider buying them for a year with one election? If it's in the budget, we could purchase in the Fall and use them for Deliberative Session and the March 2024 election.

Ms. Belanger was concerned that the company will only train once. Ms. Kohler said the company is right there on election day if there's an issue. Ms. Belanger said if the ballot clerks have to wait almost a year between training and use, they may forget how to use them.

Ms. Nawoichyk said having the polling pads first at a primary may be complicated, since we're talking about party affiliation and what people are registered for. In a March election, people would get used to using them. Her job

has been training the ballot clerks, so the one-time training is more of a train-the-trainer question.

Ms. Kohler said we also thought about doing a mock election as a dry run with the public at the Town Hall.

Attorney Miller said we are likely to have a big turnout for the Presidential Primary, so it may be challenging to use it for the first time then.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked how quickly we could get the system, and Ms. Kohler said by the end of the week.

Ms. Gilman asked about the hardware lifecycle. Ms. Kohler said the only thing they'd update would be the software every 5-6 years.

Ms. Gilman asked what the Secretary of State thinks of these. Attorney Miller said that office encourages them, because one of the big concerns the Secretary of State has is lines to check in which may discourage voters. When this system is in place, waiting times go way down, because you don't split the alphabet and anyone can check in with any clerk.

Ms. Oliff said she watched a number of people standing and waiting while there were empty spaces elsewhere. The sooner we can do this the better.

Ms. Nawoichyk said buying them now will give us more time for an education campaign for voters.

Mr. Papakonstantis said he's concerned about the process and doesn't want to use ARPA funds, but making the voting process more seamless is vitally important. There's not enough money in the budget for this, but we could task the Town Manager to scrub the budget and find some money to offset the \$19,400. The Board will revisit it in the next meeting.

b. Economic Development Update

Darren Winham, the Economic Development Director, was present to give an update on economic development. Osram sold a portion of their property, and the plan is to develop and sell building B to a manufacturing firm that caters to the military, which would have 175 new employees. The Coastal Waters charter school is open at 2 Holland Way. The owners are looking to combine 22 and 24 Continental Drive and build a 300,000-400,000 square foot building. Primrose Daycare is now open on Epping Road. Street [a restaurant] is open. Nouria Energy is going up right now. 85 Epping Road has a P&S with a bank, but he can't say the name yet. Business outreach continues, with 1,400 people on our mailing list. Mr. Carlisle's property has a P&S for an existing brewery; there is a legal issue, but he's hoping we can finish the TIF road and put that brewery in. Mr. Monahan's project is going forward, 220 units with affordable units. Mr. Monahan put in an Invest NH application for \$3M. He's talking to two different commercial entities now looking at the front of that development. Travel & Nature moved to Lincoln Street. FH Kahn moved to Domain Drive. 140 Epping Road, formerly Palmer & Sicard, is going to be a ninja warrior gym. IOKA has been hung up with State Permits, which were complicated because the building actually extends into the river, but they now have permits in hand and they'll be

“going gangbusters”. A startup called Fat Hen Brewing is looking at the Alrose Shoe site. At 23 Water Street, we’re talking to Mr. Berkowitz about doing something on that property because the cost of construction is precluding work there. Mobile vending is going well, we had “Tune Fork Tuesdays” in the Townhouse Common. Glerups, a comfortable shoe company from Denmark, will put their distribution offices of 95,000 square feet on Continental Drive; that project has received site plan approval. The State wants to sell the property 1 Cronin Road, which is off Epping Road before the Highway. He will work with the realtor and try to get something in there that makes sense. The White Apron is opening “Mila by White Apron” at 1 Franklin Street. He’s meeting with them on Wednesday. A NH Cafe with 2 regional sites is looking to purchase the Tavern for a third site. Gentle Dental moved to where Olympia Sports was. Enna Chocolate created a reusable cup program and is trying to get other local businesses to participate. Seasons Corner’s Market is interested in Exeter. 17 Industrial Drive is on the market. Otto Pizza is open. He [Mr. Winham] applied for our own Invest NH grant, since the State wants to reward communities that make it easy to put affordable housing in. \$40M is going to municipalities. Dave Sharples got one for zoning amendments, and we applied for \$10,000 per unit of affordable housing. In order for us to receive the grant, Tom Monahan must get something from them first.

Ms. Gilman said regarding the affordable housing units, is there any assurance that those units will remain affordable? Mr. Winham said per their approval at the ZBA, the affordable housing runs for 30 years. 25% of the project is affordable.

Mr. Winham said we partnered with other communities to advertise in the Patriots Yearbook, which goes to every season ticket holder and is at every game. It cost each community \$1,400 for the full page ad. Ms. Belanger asked how the ad was funded, and Mr. Winham said it was from unused funds in his budget.

c. RPC Proposal re: Floodplain Development Ordinance Amendments and Climate Change Risk Areas

Kristen Murphy said RPC is offering technical expertise to us free of cost. They will review our floodplain zoning ordinance and work to offer some updates to bring us into alignment with the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission, which recommends incorporating 2 feet of Freeboard above base elevation. This would ensure that the lowest level of your property is above the base flood elevation. They also recommend having an advisory coastal flood risk area. If a property in that area came before the town for permits, we would advise them to follow regulations for the flood zones. It’s not mandatory, but gets us looking down the road. It meets our Master Plan goal of identifying flood properties at risk and educating the public.

Ms. Oliff asked how the change would affect homeowners’ insurance. Ms. Murphy said flood insurance is only based on the FEMA boundaries.

Ms. Belanger asked if this would work with what Mr. Sharples is doing with Invest NH, and Ms. Murphy said yes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to support the Planning Department to work with the Rockingham Planning Commission to recommend amendments to the town's floodplain development ordinance. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

d. Community Power Update

Cliff Sinnott of the Energy Committee and Energy Aggregation Committee was present to give an update on the Community Power initiative. When the Board updated the plan, the PUC [Public Utilities Commission] updated the rules the following week. We wanted to have one community update their plan and see how the PUC responded, so Lebanon submitted and was approved. Our plan was based on a similar template, and will likely succeed. He asked that the Board transmit the plan to the PUC. After that approval, they can take 60 days to review and respond. Then we request from the utility the data on demand for electricity. The data is anonymized, but fairly granular. After that, there's a series of decisions by the Board. CPCNH is developing a number of policies that are required before they can procure power for the communities, including a cost sharing agreement, energy risk sharing policy, financial reserve policy, and a rate setting policy. The Board must approve these policies on behalf of the town. We'll also have to decide that the rate is good enough to proceed; it must be better than the Unitil default rate. If all of that works, we could launch next April.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked how other towns plan to go about the public information piece. Mr. Sinnott said CPCNH will likely develop a generic outreach campaign, which we can use to create our own.

Ms. Belanger asked how far the data will go back. Mr. Sinnott said we had some rough info in the appendix which went back two years.

Ms. Cowan suggested partnering with the Communications Advisory Committee in the ramp-up to the public outreach campaign. Mr. Sinnott said EXTV had been very helpful already.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the letter to be sent to the NH Public Utilities Commission which would state the approval of the Exeter Electric Aggregation Plan of December 29, 2021 which was approved by the Exeter voters at the March Town Meeting 2022 and amended by the Select Board on July 18, 2022. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

e. Accept Certified Local Government Grant of \$100 for membership in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

Ms. Gilman said we received a \$100 grant to pay the dues for Heritage Commission and Historic District Commission membership to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. We received a grant of \$25,000 a number of years ago for a two-day teaching session for volunteers on historical criteria,

which was a great success. At these meetings, we connect with other towns and cities on what tools they're using and what they're working on.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept the Local Government Grant for membership in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions in the amount of \$100 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any necessary documents. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## 8. Regular Business

### a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for 63/150 for \$8,000 in tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for 71/112 in the amount of \$21,000 for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for 63/72 in the amount of \$12,000 for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve an abatement for 104/79/1000 in the amount of \$550.40 for tax year 2020, \$534.58 for tax year 2021, and \$586.00 for tax year 2022. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a tax abatement for 104/79/957 in the amount of \$695.42 for 2019, \$992.71 for tax year 2020, \$979.08 for tax year 2021, and \$250 for tax year 2022. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Roy said we have our annual request from the Deputy Tax Collector where the Board will make a decision whether to take the deed or do a deed waiver. Last year, the Board waived all of the properties.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 64/105/30 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 74/23 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/229 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/78 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 87/14/21B for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 13/8 for the tax years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 111/5/7 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/124 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/228 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 55/44 for the tax years 2018, 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 58/7 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 103/13/37 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/309 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/332 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 64/105/82 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/222 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 103/15/11 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 55/25 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/309 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/387 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/324 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would



subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 111/5/1 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 104/68 for the tax years 2016,2017, and 2018 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/50 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/378 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/182 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/180 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 52/44 for the tax years 2018 and 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/164/125 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 104/79/144 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/382 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 110/2/34 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/69 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 103/11 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to waive the tax deed for the property located at 95/64/41 for the tax year 2019 because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Permits & Approvals

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to accept a notice of intent to cut for 5/1. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Ms. Roy said Mr. Dean has spoken with the Deputy Tax Collector regarding resident Gerry Hamel's request about late fees. We reached out to the software company to see if we can make an adjustment to charge on a daily, not monthly, basis.
- ii. Regarding Swasey Parkway, Attorney Mitchell sent an email to Tom Donovan at Charitable Trust to find out he has retired. Attorney Mitchell has given Mr. Donovan's replacement, Diane Quinlin, a brief update, and

- they will have a more in-depth conversation on Sept 27. Once Attorney Mitchell understands their position, he can file with probate court.
- iii. Mr. Dean has been reviewing each Department's budget request and is putting together a reasonable budget. We will come next week with an update and ARPA discussion.
  - iv. She and Mr. Dean joined the "housing in plain sight" walking tour, which had a fantastic turnout.
  - v. Mr. Papakonstantis said the job posting for the DPW Director is online. Ms. Roy said we contracted with MRI to help us with that recruitment process.
- d. Select Board Committee Reports
- i. Ms. Belanger said Planning Board had its first CIP meeting Aug 25, and has had one follow up since. The Planning Board supports funding for a parking study. Phillips Exeter was granted a site plan review for reconstruction and site improvements at 24-26 Spring Street. The Site Walk was the Housing Advisory Committee walk. She asked Kristin Murphy about a potential public garden at Rose Farm, but was told that it's very wooded, and would take considerable money to develop. Brian Griset wants beavers to be trapped, but the Conservation Commission allows natural cycles to take place. Mr. Griset is also concerned that the town has not installed "no hunting" signs. The Railroad installed two undersized culverts without the proper permits, and Kristen Murphy will follow up with NHDES. The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is seeking an Exeter representative. The Conservation Commission agreed to keep their current haying cycle agreement at Raynes Farm. For upcoming events, there's an electric vehicle showcase, a Squamscott River Kayak event, a "Forest Bathing" walk, and Skywatch stargazing at Raynes Farm. At the Planning Board meeting of Sept 8, Dave Sharples talked about the Invest NH grant to look at zoning. The walking tour, Housing in Plain Sight, had about 50 attendees. Dave Sharples stopped at all of the stops and explained what our map tells people.
  - ii. Ms. Glman said the Energy Committee is hosting the electric vehicle event, where residents can take a test drive and get more info from EV owners. We heard an update on the landfill solar project; the new Inflation Reduction Act has a section on energy infrastructure, so we may be getting some money. There's a question of should we go forward in March for more money on that project. We had expected a return in 10 years, but the data has changed and we now expect a return in 5 years, depending on the size of the array. She had a meeting with the age friendly community group led by RPC. They finished their survey, and are putting out a brochure with the results. People are not aware of the services available. We would like to put together an informational

package on services. The HDC meeting was canceled. Ms. Gilman also gave an update on the State-level “veto day.”

- iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
- iv. Ms. Oliff attended an Arts and Culture Commission meeting, but it did not have a quorum. The Swasey Parkway Trustees are meeting this Wednesday.
- v. Mr. Papakonstantis said that the River Advisory postponed their meeting to October. He thanked the Housing Advisory Committee, EXTV, and town staff for their work on the walking tour.

e. Correspondence

- i. A Federal Aviation Administration notice of a review in Maine, NH, and MA to support helicopter air ambulance operations.
- ii. A letter to attorney Mitchell from retired Attorney Donovan, which was previously mentioned.
- iii. A notice that the household hazardous waste collection is Saturday Oct 15 from 8-12 at the Exeter Public Works garage
- iv. An article about a bill to send an \$100 automatic credit to qualifying Electric ratepayers.

9. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next Select Board meetings are September 26, October 11, and Tuesday October 24. The BRC will meet on Wednesday, September 28.

10. Non-Public Session

- a. There was no non-public session at this meeting.

11. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary