

Select Board Meeting
Monday March 31, 2025
6 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, Nancy Belanger, Town Manager Russ Dean, and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6 PM.

2. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(l). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0. The Board went downstairs to the Nowak Room for non-public session at 6:02 PM. The Board emerged from non public session. Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes until the matter concludes. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion carried and the minutes are sealed.

3. Board Interviews

- a. Maisie Sanderson for the Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Advisory Committee
- b. Timothy Willis for the Facilities Advisory Committee
- c. Jay Childs for the Budget Recommendations Committee

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

4. Public Comment

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

5. Proclamations/Recognitions

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for a moment of silence for long-time town volunteer Lionel Ingram, who passed away recently.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: March 17, 2025
 - i. Corrections: Ms. Belanger said that Niko Papakonstantis was also sworn in that evening.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025 as amended. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- b. Regular Meeting: March 24, 2025
 - i. Corrections: Mr. Papakonstantis made several edits to the post-non-public motions.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the minutes of March 24 as amended. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Appointments

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Maisie Sanderson as an alternate Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Advisory Committee, term to expire April 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to appoint Timothy Willis as an alternate to the Facilities Advisory Committee, term to expire April 2028. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Jay Childs to the Budget Recommendations Committee. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion/Action Items

a. Chamber Lease

Mr. Chartrand recused himself from this discussion and vote.

Mr. Dean said the Chamber has leased space at the Town Hall for one-year terms. In the extension provision, that can be extended up to 60 months by mutual agreement. Rent is \$6,000 a year. Ms. Belanger said the property tax averages \$2,668.50 and utilities average \$897 a year. She proposed a change in the language in paragraph 12: "Prior to making improvements to the leased space, the lessee shall seek prior approval from the lessor. It is acknowledged that the judge's bench is in good condition and this will be maintained throughout the term of the lease."

Jennifer Wheeler, President of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, said we have called this space home since 2017. We support local businesses and grow partnerships. We're the connection point between business and community. Being in the hub of downtown is important.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the renewal lease agreement between the town of Exeter and Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce as amended from April 1 2025 - April 1 2026 and authorize the Town Manager or their Designee to sign the agreement. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Chartrand did not vote. The motion passed 4-0.

b. Public Hearing – Stanton K9 Grant Acceptance – Chief Stephan Poulin, Police Department c.

Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a public hearing in the Nowak Room, 10 Front Street, Exeter beginning at 7:00 PM on the 31st day of March, 2025, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b,III(a) for the following: To accept granted monies to the Exeter Police Department in the amount of \$32,000 from Stanton K-9 Foundation to be used for items listed in the model budget, including "Green Dog" and trained for the purpose of work/police work. The dog should come with a 1-year

health guarantee, along with a guarantee of success in completing a K-9 training course; Initial Training/BPD K-9 Handler course (or comparable facility); In service training, K-9 handler; Cost of cruiser conversion for K-9 team use; Outdoor 6'x12' kennel and doghouse at handler's home; Miscellaneous training and handling equipment (collars, leashes, bite sleeves, exercise balls); K-9 bulletproof vest; Dog food, 3 years @ \$650 per year; Vet care allowance, 3 years @ \$1,000 per year; Reserve for contingencies 10%; Reserve for future K-9 skills training. Dated: March 4, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to open the public hearing. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment, but there was none.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chief Stephan Poulin said the PD once had a Patrol K9 unit which ended in 1992. He's very cautious with this kind of endeavor. It requires a handler that has the right temperament and living conditions. In 2024 we hired Connor Kennedy, a US Marine, who served with a contractor in a K9 capacity. He came to us with the idea of being a Police K9 handler. This would be dual purpose: search and rescue and narcotics detection.

Deputy Chief Josh McCain said the timing is right for our Department. We're getting a 15-month-old Belgian Malinois that has started training. The handler and coordinator went to meet the dog and the breeder steered us towards one because he has the right temperament for our town. We applied for a grant and were selected to receive it. This is going to be a success for our town. We're already using K9s in Exeter from outside jurisdictions, which prolongs the time of the interactions.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if there would be another Officer cross-trained as a handler. Chief Poulin said no, these dogs don't have two different handlers in law enforcement work. They're with their handler 24 hours a day.

Ms. Belanger said the State Police currently cover that service. Do we reimburse the cost of that? Chief Poulin said anyone could cover that service. We do not reimburse them. Ms. Belanger asked about wages or a stipend for the officer, noting that the grant doesn't cover them. Chief Poulin said there's overtime incurred. A patrol K9 handler gets 3.5 hours per week of overtime. We foresaw that during our budgeting process and have a line item for his overtime. There would probably be an insurance premium as well. We would seek volunteers or sponsorships through local vets and businesses. Deputy Chief McCain said there's no stipend. Chief Poulin said he [Connor Kennedy] remains a Patrol Officer at his regular step. If he's called out with the dog, that's overtime. Deputy Chief said he can only be called out for overtime for specific criteria.

Mr. Chartrand said he appreciates the care the Department has taken with tailoring this program to Exeter's specifics.

Amanda Kelly of 24 Prospect Street asked if the Board had done research on this. According to the ACLU there are cons to a K9 program as well. Chief Poulin said we're aware of the hazards of such a tool but there are more hazards with the taser we all carry. We need to make sure the program is solid and the Officer is vetted. There will be constant supervision. The comparison is apples to oranges with how Policing is done in other parts of the country. There are legitimate issues from the ACLU. We don't take it lightly to implement such a program.

Mr. Chartrand said Ms. Kelly's concerns are legitimate. The Chief and Assistant Chief's track record assures him that they know how to do this. The approach of our Police Department is different than those case scenarios.

Ms. Cowan said she's not worried about it but she does think about the current climate we're in. This would be an important tool for the missing persons scenario. She worries about who we're looking for right now. Chief Poulin said the strictness of this policy prohibits it being deployed to a protest. Ms. Cowan said there's free speech. There are takings that are happening in communities. Mr. Papakonstantis said the Chief's track record assures him. They know the community. He feels comfortable that they've done their due diligence.

Ms. Belanger asked if the Board determines this is not working, how would it get rescinded? Mr. Dean said the Board would have to raise it with the Police Department. Chief Poulin said they would entertain the discussion. He doesn't believe the Board can dictate the operations of the Police Department. Ms. Cowan asked what would happen if Chief Poulin were compelled to do something he doesn't agree with. Mr. Dean said if there's an issue at the Board level, it starts with the Town Manager and there's a recommendation made on what to do with the program. Chief Poulin said the Department does a deep dive looking for biases in each incident every year. There is no evidence of biases in the Police Department. He doesn't see going against the Board unless it was a completely ridiculous request. If there's an issue that's that bad, he would already be considering getting rid of it.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the Stanton K9 establishment grant, and further authorize the Exeter Police Chief to sign the document. Mr. Chartrand seconded. Ms. Cowan voted nay. The motion passed 4-1.

c. Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Scott Bogle of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) and Town Planner Dave Sharples were present to discuss the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Sharples said this was recently finalized by the Master Plan Oversight Committee. The Town contracted with RPC to have Scott Bogle to develop the plan. This was an action item in our 2018 Master Plan, to identify areas where connections and improvements can be made.

Mr. Bogle did a presentation on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. He said the study's goals were to identify concerns, desires, and priorities among residents and downtown businesses around walking, bicycling, and safety; assemble design strategies for future infrastructure investment; explore funding sources; and come up with recommendations.

They looked at existing conditions and produced a series of maps on sidewalks, lane and shoulder width, crashes, bicycle level of stress, and school zones. Exeter has a vibrant downtown, especially for walking. There are events that bring pedestrians downtown. In-town elementary schools make walking and bicycling viable for young kids. There are beautiful walking paths along Swasey Parkway and the Town Forest trail network. The town has made investments in improving the downtown sidewalk network and crossing improvements. There are areas of town where there is work to be done. Those tend to be along auto-oriented commercial corridors and state highways transitioning to developed areas. There are several locations with very long crossing distances. NH DOT's policy for lane width on State Highways is 11 feet, but some roads have 12 feet or more. By narrowing the lanes, there's traffic calming and it allows more shoulder width for bicycle travel. Federal standard is 4 feet for a shoulder or 5 feet next to a curb. Some are 2 feet or less. They also mapped crash locations over 20 years.

They conducted community engagement with a town-wide survey that got 882 responses. They had a table at the farmer's market and at the polls; conducted focus group interviews; and met with the town staff and the Master Plan Oversight Committee. 69% of the survey's respondents were town residents. The primary concerns were a lack of sidewalks or lack of separation from traffic, driver distraction, and lack of crosswalks. If Exeter could improve by having more separated biking/walking paths, 52% would be much more likely to walk or bicycle. The most common requests were a connection to the Swasey Town Forest trails; a connection to CMS; a connection to the Jolly Rand trail; improvements to the neighborhoods off of Court Street; connections to playgrounds; and safety improvements. Mr. Chartrand asked if the Kingston Road sidewalk project addressed the Jolly Rand Trail concerns. Mr. Bogle said no, this was specifically along Brentwood Road.

Mr. Bogle said the study established several goals: to improve safety for walking and biking with an emphasis on downtown and destinations like schools, parks, and playgrounds; improving visibility at crossing points; accessibility for people of all ages and abilities; enforcement related to speeding and driver distraction; ongoing operation and maintenance of facilities; increasing walking and biking in Exeter through community outreach, schools, wayfinding and amenities; encouraging mixed-use development; and including pedestrian and bicycle access in site plan review for new development.

Regarding speed, small speed differences make a big difference in survivability of a crash. It's important to enforce speed limits.

The study prioritized “the 5 E’s”: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation, and used that framework to consider 50 projects. The proposed infrastructure improvements, arranged in order of short to long term projects and cost/benefit. At Front and Railroad, the town could tighten up the intersection and create accessibility ramps on either side. At Water/Center, there could be a bump out and flashing beacons for cars to see. At Front/Winter near the playground, the town could close off that triangle and add a crosswalk. There could be similar improvements at Park Street Common.

Ms. Belanger asked if having kids ride their bikes on Guinea Road to CMS would be dangerous. Could kids share the road with cars? Mr. Bogle said the bridge has enough width but there's a structural load issue with putting in sidewalks. The town could do delineator posts.

Ms. Belanger said that on page 33, “Bellmore Ave” should be “Bell Ave.”

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

Andrew Elliot of Washington Street said this work is the right thing to do. He’s advocated for sidewalks and biking. He fears for his life crossing some of those roads. Regarding prioritization, was it in order of recommendation? Mr. Bogle said the list was organized by short term, medium term and long term; within that it was by priority and increasing order of cost. Mr. Elliot said walkability, bikeability, and community feeling are a big part of why people move here.

Mr. Bogle discussed various grants that the town has applied for or has the possibility of applying for. Mr. Sharples said we had another road safety audit at Exit 9. We already submitted an application for Railroad Ave and Front Street. We’ll try to fit these projects in as we can. Most of these would wait until there's a water/sewer project and a reconstruction of the roadway.

Amanda Kelly asked why the report says that “Complete Streets” is not a set of criteria. Mr. Bogle said a “complete street” would look different in Boston, Exeter, or Brentwood. It means thinking about the needs of every user of that street. On a rural road, there may not be a need for sidewalks, but you could widen the shoulder to increase safety for bicycles. In a downtown area, it could incorporate pedestrians and bicycles. The town also contracted with RPC to develop a Complete Streets policy and design guidelines, which will identify types of roads in town and recommended treatments. Mr. Sharples said there's some overlap with Complete Streets but it’s more focused than this. This is transportation networks. That has to be completed this year because it’s done with ARPA funds.

Ms. Kelly said she’s excited to see this come out. It’s one of the final pieces of the 2018 Master Plan. She’s looking forward to hearing the Select Board and town officials put together projects for the CIP.

Mr. Chartrand said people are taking their thoughts about these reports from newspaper headlines. He hopes that folks read the report or at least the summary. Mr. Sharples said this will be on the website tomorrow.

Mr. Elliot said we have a list of suggestions now. Can we make a metric so we know how many we can get done every year? Mr. Papakonstantis said there are all kinds of variables. This will be a challenging budget season. A delay can be completely out of our control.

d. Planet Playground Brick Program Fundraiser

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Bisson was present to discuss fundraising for Planet Playground. They're planning a "Buy a Brick" program to enhance fundraising efforts. This is an affordable option for families to leave a legacy. He found Polar Engraving which offers free personal engraving and a donor website. We have the final say on what's written. All payments are through Parks and Rec. The brick has three lines of 15 characters each; there's an option to do clip arts but he'd rather stay away from it, although we could do the Town Seal or the Parks and Rec logo. The cost to the town is \$25/brick, and he's thinking about charging \$100 a brick.

Ms. Belanger asked if this is ADA friendly and Mr. Bisson said yes, they'll be flush with the pavement.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked who would do the paving. Mr. Bisson said his Parks Foreman has experience laying brick. He'd do it unless it was a big job.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to allow Parks & Rec to implement a "Buy a Brick" program with proceeds for Planet Playground enhancements and renovation. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

e. Styrofoam Recycling Truck Rental Donation Acceptance

Conservation & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy was present to discuss fundraising. The Sustainability Advisory Committee is committed to holding styrofoam collection events until we get our densifier. Ideally they would be held quarterly. Any funds for this come from the Sustainability line item for the Planning Department. With the new release of the donation policy, we're seeking authorization to approve donations up to \$400. Other communities have had fantastic results with an optional donation. \$400 would cover two truck rentals. Mr. Stevens said the group could collect more than \$400, but it would have to go towards styrofoam.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to have the Select Board accept all cash donations for the purpose of defraying transportation costs related to Exeter's styrofoam recycling event to be held on April 26, 2025. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to authorize the Conservation and Sustainability Planner to expend donations collected at the April 26, 2025 styrofoam recycling event up to the cost to transport the collected styrofoam; any further disbursements to be made by decision of the Select Board. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

f. SB297 Update and Sign-On Letter

Mr. Dean said SB297 is in the Health Trust's hands. There have been meetings between them, House Leadership, and the Policy Director of the Governor's Office. Health Trust believes it's poor legislation. This bill would take the model of the risk pool and dissolve it. It makes it into a narrow band of required reserves along with a strict assessment and one year replenishment requirements. If losses are worse than expected, it would be difficult to meet steep rate increases. It creates conflicting rights and responsibilities for groups that cannot be reconciled.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if the Board was ok with the letter drafted by Mr. Dean that was in the packet. Ms. Belanger said yes, but she would also like to see something put together for residents showing them what the costs would be. Mr. Dean said we calculated it would be around \$130,000.

Mr. Chartrand asked how long the Health Trust has been in existence. Ms. Roy said since 1985. Mr. Chartrand said they're trying to fix something that's been going for 40 years that doesn't need to be fixed. Ms. Cowan said the State has no money. There's a downshifting of any costs to the local communities. Mr. Chartrand asked if there's any financial stake of the State in this. Mr. Dean said it's just a longstanding issue between the Secretary of State's Office and Health Trust.

g. Select Board Board/Committee/Commission Assignments

Mr. Papakonstantis said we kept everything status quo until Ms. Gilman was present. Molly Cowan will be the alternate for Rec Advisory and Tax Exemption Committee, while Ms. Gilman will be the primary rep for the Tax Exemption Committee.

9. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 19/16/26 in the amount of \$152,251; 32/12/3 in the amount of \$152,251; 87/14/17A in the amount of \$152,251; and 99/24 in the amount of \$152,251 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 64/105/88 in the amount of \$236,251 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/132B. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 73/49/43. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/321. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/109. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny a Veterans Credit for 65/158. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 31/8; 104/79/323; 75/17/24; and 65/149 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 31/8 and 65/149 in the amount of \$2,000 each for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Chartrand said he asked Mr. Dean to look into this religious exemption, and they are using this condo as a parsonage for a Church in Greenland, which is permitted under the RSA.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 69/3/13 in the amount of \$585,200 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Chartrand voted nay. The motion passed 4-1.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Solar Exemption for 62/100 in the amount of \$12,000 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Permits & Approvals

- i. Mr. Bisson discussed two donations for Planet Playground Fundraising: Digital Prospectors donated \$1,500 and the Mautz Family donated \$500. Ms. Belanger thanked Parks and Rec and the Rec Advisory Board for actively pursuing donations. Mr. Bisson said we've now raised \$39,000.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$500 donation received from the Mautz Family for Planet Playground renovations and enhancements, and to direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund, disbursements to be made by further vote of the Select Board related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$1,500 from Digital Prospectors direct the funds for Planet Playground renovations and enhancements, and to direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund, disbursements to be made by further vote of the Select Board related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- ii. Public Works Director Stephen Cronin recommended extending our contract with Bell & Flynn for an additional year for paving services. Bell & Flynn offered us an extension of the current contract at the same price. We looked at this against other infrastructure project bids and

surrounding cities and towns, and they continue to beat those prices.
We're getting good value for money.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to extend the contract with Bell & Flynn LLC for one additional year at the following unit prices: 1) Bituminous concrete pavement - machine method at \$71.90 per ton for binder course, \$72.90 per ton for surface course, \$73.90 per ton for urban compact service course, \$74.90 per ton for cul-de-sac streets and leveling course; 2) Bituminous concrete pavement - hand method at \$140 per ton; and 3) Bituminous concrete curb/berm at \$4.50 per linear foot; and to further authorize the Town Manager or their designee to sign the appropriate contract documents. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- iii. Mr. Cronin requested to use \$75,000 in Road Aid funds to supplement the 2025 road and paving budget.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept \$75,000 in Road Aid funds to supplement the Highway Department's 2025 road and paving budget. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- iv. Mr. Cronin requested to accept a grant from NH DES for \$8,132 for Hazardous Waste Collection. We host the event for Exeter and 6 other surrounding communities.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services for \$8,132 for Hazardous Waste Collection, and to further authorize the Town Manager or their designee to sign the agreement documents. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Mr. Dean presented the MS 232, a record of the appropriations voted by the Town, which needs Board approval.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the NH Department of Revenue Administration MS 232 2025 report and further certify the corresponding form be signed by the Select Board. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- ii. Mr. Dean said we are progressing on the HR Director. We got a quote on constructing the office downstairs.
- iii. The Senior Coordinator job is posted and we have candidates.
- iv. Regarding the Pickpocket Dam grant, we will know whether we get it or not on April 8.
- v. The E911 Meeting for Meeting Place is April 14
- vi. There was a Sewer Rates meeting March 25; those notes will be forwarded to the Board. This is related to the fund balance and some other projects from the Sewer Fund.
- vii. There is a Leadership meeting March 25.
- viii. Amy Brandon started as a part-time Water/Sewer clerk
- ix. Steve Petroski celebrated 40 years with the Police Department.
- x. Derek Wyskiel was promoted to Senior Wastewater Operator and Mike Cheever was promoted to Water Treatment Plant Supervisor.

- xi. CSX upgrades are taking place April 5 - April 8. There will be two road closures, Powder Mill at Kingston Road and Salem Street.
- xii. The Webster Ave Forcemain Work will start April 7.
- xiii. Septage receiving is starting up tomorrow.
- xiv. There will be a bid opening for Linden Bridge and Westside Drive.
- xv. There will be a School Street meeting April 3
- xvi. Mr. Papakonstantis said regarding the E911 agenda item, we had folks from that area here in the Fall and we agreed to pause on hearing this case until elections were complete. He gave his word we would notify them in advance. A month ago, he asked Mr. Dean and the FD to reach out via certified mail, but property management would not release resident names and addresses for us to issue notices. We emailed the individual who had taken the lead on representing her neighbors three weeks ago, and received an email back Friday night, so they are aware of the April 14 meeting. We tried to keep our word in a more formal manner and were unable to, but we did send out that email.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Gilman attended an Energy Committee meeting. They decided to do the window fitters again because it was so successful, but will show someone else how to organize it. The Heritage Commission talked about a show of the Pine Street/Elliott Street area survey in a public venue with notifying residents. We finished with bills in Concord, there were several that were tabled but they could come into the budget.
- ii. Ms. Belanger said the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission is reaching out to Corey Stevens about the new donation process. Dave Tovey was there to explain why we haven't been applying for grant projects for Town Hall yet. They'd like to replace the sign outside the town hall, and Bruce Jones is taking that on. They discussed possible future events like a fashion show. They may be moving the next few meetings due to conflicts. The Rec Advisory Board discussed the Planet Playground event Saturday April 12 along with the Easter Egg Hunt. 10 Hampton Road is getting additional modifications on the 2nd floor. Summer Camp has openings for counselors. We heard a park improvement update regarding the State Park off of Court Street and Gilman Park. Dave Tovey is looking into transportation options; COAST is cost-prohibitive. For fundraising ideas, we discussed a beer garden for the 4th of July celebration on July 12, but there were some concerns. We wanted to talk to the new Director of the Independence Museum. At the Planning Board, the 76 Portsmouth Ave project was approved. There will be a \$20,000 extraction in lieu of a traffic study. We had to continue the other two applicants, 112 Front Street and 57 Portsmouth Ave, to April 10. There will be a public sitewalk for 57 Portsmouth Ave on April 10 at 8 AM. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Mr. Dean can coordinate with Mr. Bisson on the beer garden idea.

- iii. Mr. Chartrand attended a Facilities Advisory meeting and heard a report from Dave Sharples on the Public Safety Complex and 10 Hampton Road. For the next meeting April 23 they're planning to talk about a space needs assessment. He asked Ms. Gilman to attend to discuss Town Hall. He will meet with the Sustainability Committee under the new Chair, Dave Short.
- iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended a Swasey Park Trustee meeting. Kristen Murphy went over the Swasey Coastal Resilience project. Internal Committee. The Pairpoint Park Committee met; they are making progress and will be meeting twice in April to narrow it down to three options to bring to the Select Board.

e. Correspondence

- i. A news release from Public Works on water main flushing.
- ii. Correspondence from Kearsage Energy. Mr. Dean said companies will come into your town and do an energy audit, but we already participate in one. We're generating revenues now from town electricity.
- iii. A notice from DOT requesting that the State-owned bridge be closed until further notice.
- iv. The annual report from Exeter Sportsman's Club
- v. A legislative update from NHMA.

10. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are April 14, April 28, May 12, Tuesday May 27, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21. April 21 is the Select Board goal setting session.

11. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(b). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0. The meeting entered non-public session at 9:24 PM.

- 12. Adjournment. The Board emerged from non public session. Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cowan. The motion carried and the Board stood adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary