

Select Board Meeting
Monday April 28, 2025
6:30 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Final Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, Nancy Belanger, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:30 PM. The Board went downstairs to the Wheelwright Room for interviews.

2. Board Interviews

- a. Jonathan Ring for the 250th Celebration Commission
- b. Olivia Campbell for the Human Services Funding Committee
- c. Kent (Sam) MacLeod for the Planning Board

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions - Municipal Clerks Week

Ms. Belanger read the proclamation for the 2025 Municipal Clerks Week:

Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, initiated in 1969 by IIMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries will celebrate and reflect on 56 years as a time honored and vital part of local government; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

Whereas, It's most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk;

Now, therefore, our Select Board Chair, Niko Papakonstantis, Town of Exeter, hereby proclaim and affirm May 4- May 10 2025 as Municipal Clerks' Week within the Town of Exeter, NH, and hereby extend gratitude, respect, and support for our Municipal Clerk, Andrea Kohler, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital

45 *services they perform through exemplary dedication to the communities they*
46 *represent.*

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48 4. Bid Opening - Linden Street Bridge

- 49 a. New England Infrastructure Inc of Hudson MA bid \$1,857,470.

50 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to refer this bid to the Public Works Department for
51 Recommendation back to the Select Board. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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53 5. Public Comment

- 54 a. Laura Barker of Beech Hill Road said she runs a non-profit and would like to
55 comment on a charitable tax exemption for 51 Paws Way, which the Town
56 Assessor recommended to deny, with the note that they only benefit a "very
57 small, very definite group of individuals." She founded Hero Pups and in 2016 it
58 became a non-profit. It was founded to provide dogs to veterans and first
59 responders to help with their mental health. Her organization logs 1,800
60 volunteer hours every month and has placed 251 support dogs. They also have a
61 comfort dog program. There is a community training model for these dogs. The
62 people impacted are the schools, Police, Fire, EMS, hospital workers, crime
63 victims, inmates, and families. She doesn't think that this qualifies as a "very
64 small, very definite group of individuals." They have received numerous awards
65 for community service. They have a new building to increase the numbers
66 served. A lawyer contacted her and suggested legal action against the town, but
67 she didn't want to do that. She has transferred the property to the non-profit
68 which should have fixed the issue. She requests that the Select Board read the
69 entire request packet and not just Ms. Whitten's summary. She presented the
70 Board with copies of her letter for the record.

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72 6. Approval of Minutes

- 73 a. Regular Meeting: April 14, 2025

74 Corrections: Mr. Dean said the date should be April 14, not March 14.

75 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025 as amended. Ms.
76 Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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78 7. Appointments

79 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Jonathan Ring to the 250th Celebration Commission,
80 term to expire 12/31/26. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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82 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Olivia Campbell to the Human Services Funding
83 Committee, with no term. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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85 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Kent (Sam) MacLeod as an alternate on the Planning
86 Board, term to expire April 30, 2028. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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88 8. Discussion/Action Items

89 a. 1st Reading – Ordinance 101.2 – No Parking

90 Mr. Papakonstantis said there would be three readings; this is the first,
91 the second reading is May 12, and the final reading is May 19.

92 Mr. Papakonstantis read the amendment to Chapter 1, Parking
93 Regulations. This would add the following to 101.2, Parking Prohibited on
94 Specific Streets: Drinkwater Road, both sides of the street from High Street to the
95 Town Line; Pickpocket Road, north side of the street for a distance of 450 feet
96 west of Kingston Road; and Swasey Parkway, west side of the street from
97 Newfields Road to the turnaround. “No parking” is already in play for Swasey
98 Parkway and Pickpocket Road, but Drinkwater Road has not been done. He
99 opened the discussion to the public.

100 Darius Thompson of 15 Drinkwater Road and Scott Matthews of 19A
101 Drinkwater Road were present to comment on the proposed ordinance. Mr.
102 Matthews said he’s lived there for decades and he doesn’t see the problem we’re
103 addressing with this. When he has guests, they park on the side of the road. Mr.
104 Thompson asked who benefits from this, and who does it impact? Is there a
105 specific section of the road that is an issue, so that just a section could be made
106 “no parking”? At the Academy gates, there are rocks that discourage people from
107 parking in that area, but there’s a third gate where people park.

108 Mr. Papakonstantis said there’s a letter in the correspondence from your
109 neighbors who made some of the same points. Mr. Dean was part of a team that
110 went out to examine Drinkwater Road with the Police, Public Works, and the
111 Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Dean said we visited 46 Drinkwater Road about
112 the parking issues the resident, Mr. Lock, has been experiencing. We got
113 together and made a recommendation to post “no parking” up and down the
114 street. If we limit it to around 46 Drinkwater we would just push the problem
115 elsewhere. Mr. Thompson said people are parking and trying to access the trails.
116 Why not make the “no parking” around the Academy gates rather than impacting
117 the rest of the road?

118 Mr. Chartrand asked if Mr. Lock’s concern was the whole road or just
119 near his house. Mr. Dean said just around his house, but the concern was that if
120 we made it only partly “no parking,” it would push the issue down to other
121 residences.

122 Mr. Thompson said there are other things that could be done to mitigate
123 parking there. If parking is eliminated, what are the exemptions for utility work or
124 work on the new well? Mr. Matthews said if someone wants to park by his house,
125 that’s fine. Mr. Dean said part of the issue Mr. Lock identified is that people are
126 parking in the travel lane because there isn’t enough room to park in the road.
127 Mr. Thompson said there are signs that say “no parking on pavement.” Mr. Dean
128 said there are, but people do not comply. Mr. Thompson suggested trying to
129 make that section “no parking” and see what happens. Mr. Chartrand said that
130 seems like a good solution to him. Mr. Matthews said he rarely sees cars parked
131 there.

132 Mr. Chartrand asked if we had feedback from the Academy on this. Mr.
133 Dean said they had no problem with enacting “no parking.”

134 Mr. Papakonstantis said we have three readings, we can take this back to
135 our experts to finetune this for the second reading. Ms. Belanger said there are
136 families that park but she doesn’t really see a problem with them being on the
137 road. She’s having trouble with eliminating another area for people to access
138 walking through the woods. People have been able to access this for as long as
139 she can remember. Mr. Thompson said there’s a metal gate after the first gate. If
140 that were to be made into a couple of parking spaces, that would be an
141 alternative. Ms. Belanger asked if the “no parking” would be on both sides. Mr.
142 Dean said yes. Mr. Chartrand asked who we’re working with at the Academy,
143 and Mr. Dean said Mark Leighton.

144 Ms. Gilman said with the renaming of streets, a lot of the restrictions in
145 the ordinance are no longer accurate, and the Board should clean this up.

146 Mr. Papakonstantis said the second reading will be May 12.

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148 b. Exeter Historical Society Lease Agreement

149 Mr. Dean said this is a lease renewal with the Historical Society for the 47
150 Front Street building. There have been a few editorial changes: the word “lease”
151 has been inserted in the first paragraph; the map and lot have been corrected to
152 read 72/197; under section 2C, the word “Town” has been capitalized; under
153 section 3A the word “agreement” has replaced “lease”; under 3B, the 2015
154 amendment has been inserted into the lease agreement; all other terms and
155 conditions, including the rent due, remains the same.

156 Ms. Gilman asked why we are referring to it as a lease and an
157 agreement? Mr. Dean said it’s a lease agreement. The terms are
158 interchangeable.

159 Mr. Chartrand said he’s in favor of this lease. With the importance of this
160 building as our former Library and the entryway being our Civil War Memorial,
161 there couldn’t be a better tenant than the Historical Society.

162 Ms. Belanger said on page 1, where it says “to have and to hold,” it starts
163 with “It is further understood and agreed that the lessor and lessee” - it should
164 say “and/or” - “shall decide one year...” Also, regarding maintenance requests,
165 there’s no language about how those are handled. Mr. Dean said maintenance
166 requests are made of the DPW. We could add that. Ms. Belanger said on page
167 2C, it says “No interior or exterior alterations to the building will be made without
168 express approval of the Town of Exeter through the Select Board and/or their
169 authorized designee,” it should say “No interior or exterior alterations to the
170 building will be made without prior notice and without express approval...” Under
171 3B, the amount of the insurance coverage is not listed. Should it say the
172 minimum amount? Mr. Chartrand said as the lessor, we don’t have exposure for
173 the contents of the building, that’s the responsibility of the lessee.

174 Jonathan Ring, Vice Chair of the Historical Society Board of Directors,
175 said he’s happy to endorse the document when it’s in its final form. Mr.

Papakonstantis said the Board could approve the document as revised and amended and then Mr. Ring could come into the office to sign.

MOTION (not voted): Mr. Chartrand made a motion to approve the lease agreement as amended. Ms. Belanger seconded. Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like to make a more formal motion. Mr. Chartrand

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the proposed lease as amended between the Town of Exeter and the Exeter Historical Society at 72/197 for the term of May 1, 2025 - May 1, 2030, and authorize the Town Manager to sign the lease on the Town's behalf. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Water Street Project – Weston & Sampson Contract –

DPW Director Stephen Cronin was present to discuss the proposed contract. Mr. Cronin said we're looking to sign a contract with Weston & Sampson for \$100,000 for Stormwater Planning for the Water Street project, which has been in the CIP for several years now. This is for assessment of stormwater and drainage systems. This stretch of road from Norris Brook to Main Street has runoff and seasonal breakout. The survey would look for locations for stormwater infrastructure. The vendor is prequalified as part of the Salem Street project. We have a loan with 100% principal forgiveness for this work. Additional phases will be in the CIP for next year, and there will be a construction request several years down the road.

Ms. Gilman asked if the \$100,000 SRF Loan is already in hand. Mr.

Cronin said it was approved and we have a loan agreement with DES in hand.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a contract with Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$100,000 for Stormwater Planning for the Water Street project and further authorize the Town Manager or their designee to sign the contract documents. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Regular Business

a. Permits & Approvals

i. Water/Sewer Abatement

Water/Sewer Advisory Committee Chair Bob Kelly was present to discuss this abatement request. Mr. Kelly said the Water/Sewer Committee learned of an issue that has been going on for about a year, involving dirty water on Crawford Ave. Public Works tried to figure out where it might be coming from. It was a faulty valve in the groundwater plant on Lary Lane, which was open during backwash operations due to corrosion. It was dirty water, not contamination or chemical issues. We fixed it in October and haven't had problems since. At the Water/Sewer Committee meeting, Jim Willette spoke for the residents and described the need for remuneration for the hardship they experienced. He proposed a three month abatement of all fees and charges. We felt

220 strongly that they did deserve some remuneration. He had contacted 11
221 residents which would have cost the town a total of \$5,300. The
222 committee felt that everyone in the neighborhood should be contacted,
223 and the final number is \$12,000 to cover every resident on Crawford Ave
224 who was affected, which they have accepted. The committee voted 5-0 to
225 approve a general abatement. Mr. Cronin said the total cost is
226 \$12,161.77. Mr. Kelly said it took so long because this was a needle in a
227 haystack. Our policy is that a problem must rest with the town system for
228 an abatement to be considered. There was a lot of analysis to make sure.
229 This would be the largest abatement we've ever given.

230 Mr. Papakonstantis said he feels that this is a reasonable solution
231 for the town and the neighborhood.

232 Mr. Cronin said we've learned some things that would allow us to
233 catch this earlier. The filters are cycled so it was an intermittent release of
234 water, and it would disappear and pop up again. We've talked with our
235 control folks about ways to catch it sooner. We added individual
236 turbidimeters to monitor each filter for backwash in the Drinkwater Road
237 well project.

238 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand made a motion to approve abatements totaling \$12,161.77 for the
239 residents of Crawford Ave that were adversely affected by an equipment failure in our Lary Lane
240 facility; this was a very unique circumstance not related to the normal issues that are taken up
241 by the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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243 ii. Lease-Purchase Financing for 2025

244 Finance Director Corey Stevens was present to discuss the lease-
245 purchase financing. Mr. Stevens said per the memo in the packet, in the
246 March vote, the voters approved three pieces of equipment: a sidewalk
247 tractor, a dump truck, and an ADA van, in articles 18, 19 and 20. We
248 received three finance Packages and selected TD Bank with a 5 year
249 repayment term of 4.1%.

250 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the financing proposal with TD Bank with an interest
251 rate of 4.10% for a 5 year repayment term for the purchases of a sidewalk tractor, dump truck,
252 and ADA van as approved at the March 2025 elections, and to further authorize the Select
253 Board Chair to sign the lease resolution authorizing the Town Manager or their designee to sign
254 all documents regarding the closing on this financing. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed
255 5-0.

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257 iii. Donation Acceptance - Public Art Sculpture

258 Florence Ruffner of the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission said
259 we've been working with Parks and Rec to get a sculpture for Townhouse
260 Common. An Exeter resident agreed when they were moving to donate
261 the sculpture in their yard. We're hoping the Board will approve it for
262 Townhouse Common near the gazebo.

263 Mr. Papakonstantis said the pictures don't do it justice, it's
264 gorgeous. He's pleased that the residents have donated it to the Town.
265 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept the metal sculpture on behalf of Ruffner Real Estate
266 and TEAM For Townhouse Common. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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268 iv. Mats Installation Funding Request

269 Parks and Recreation Director Greg Bisson said we're asking for
270 approval to use the money from fundraising, which was \$13,110, and
271 Park Improvement Funds for playground mats. The installer of the
272 playground will allow us to solicit volunteers to put them in. It could line up
273 with the United Way Day of Caring; if so, we won't use all the money. The
274 installation of the Playground started today. There are 533 mats to be laid
275 down and zip tied.

276 Mr. Papakonstantis said it would be great if we could involve
277 volunteers. Have we run this through Primex? Mr. Dean said not yet. Mr.
278 Bisson said he can do that. In the past, as long as it is rostered we're
279 covered under the town policy.

280 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize and
281 not to exceed the Planet Playground Enhancement funds of \$13,110 and Park Improvement
282 funds of \$4,890 to install ADA mats at Planet Playground and to approve of any volunteer
283 organization to assist to offset the cost once Primex has okayed volunteers working on this
284 project. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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286 v. Donation Acceptance – Lang Plumer

287 Mr. Bisson said Lang Plumer, a long-time member of the Planning
288 Board, donated \$510 towards Planet Playground. Ms. Belanger said this
289 is specifically for ADA enhancements for Planet Playground. Should there
290 be a separate account for ADA for Planet Playground, or is it all one
291 account? Mr. Stevens asked if it were Mr. Plumer's wishes that it
292 specifically be used for ADA. The form doesn't say that. Mr. Bisson said
293 all we received was a check. There was nothing that specifically said
294 ADA. Mr. Stevens said if the donor didn't have a specific purpose beyond
295 Planet Playground enhancements, we should leave it at that. Mr. Bisson
296 said he just added that to the memo, it was not at Lang's request.

297 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$510 donation from Lang Plumer for Planet
298 Playground renovations and enhancements and direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of
299 the Trust Funds in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund.
300 Disbursement of the funds shall be made by authorization of the Town Manager or their
301 designee related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Mr. Chartrand
302 seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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304 vi. Donation Acceptance – Gullick/Auman Family

305 Mr. Bisson asked the Board to accept the donation of the
306 Gullick/Auman family.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$600 donation from the Gullick/Auman Family for Planet Playground renovations and enhancements and direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund. Disbursement of the funds shall be made by authorization of the Town Manager or their designee related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

vii. Donation Acceptance – Curtis Tree

Mr. Bisson said Curtis Tree has offered to donate \$1,800 worth of work in the area of Planet Playground.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the donation of \$1,800 of work from Curtis Tree. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

viii. Donation Acceptance – United Way

Mr. Bisson said on May 16, the United Way will assist with cleanup, staining the dugouts, cleaning the tennis courts, general maintenance, planting flower beds, staining a fence around the transformer, and assembling benches. We have 35-40 volunteers come out and all we have to do is feed them.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the services provided by the United Way Day of Caring including assistance with park cleanup and Planet Playground renovation volunteer opportunities, and ask that the Town Manager or Parks and Rec director follow up with Primex regarding the coverage of the volunteers. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ix. Donation Acceptance – RiverWoods

Mr. Bisson said there is a donation from the Charitable Funds Committee at RiverWoods in the amount of \$15,000 towards Senior Programming. This will enable us to maintain the level of programming achieved with the grant from the Hospital, which is expiring.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$15,000 donation received from RiverWoods residents Charitable Funds Committee for senior programming and direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds in a new Trust account called “Senior Programming;” disbursement of the funds to be made by the Town Manager or their designee for senior programming expenses coordinated through the Exeter Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Chartrand recused himself. The motion passed 4-0-1.

b. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

Mr. Chartrand said he would like more information before he votes on the denial. Ms. Gilman said the packet cited an RSA that she thinks is non-existent. Our town attorney wasn’t given enough information. Mr. Chartrand said he’s concerned that we’re going off a 990 form that is 12 years old. Ms. Barker said she will have a new one in the next two weeks. Mr. Papakonstantis said he was troubled by the information in her letter. He would not be comfortable taking action without addressing the items in her comments. Ms. Belanger said she

would like to look into the issue with the Town's paperwork saying "North Hampton." Mr. Dean said we will do a full re-review. Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like to coordinate with Ms. Barker prior to the next discussion.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 74/129 in the amount of \$211.70 for tax year 2024. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 72/123 in the amount of \$2,414.10 for tax year 2024. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 47/9/1 in the amount of \$13,675.17 for tax year 2024. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny abatements for 65/113 and 65/127/A for tax year 2024. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny a Disability Exemption for 103/13/30 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Disability Exemption for 103/13/31 in the amount of \$125,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve Solar Exemptions for 90/29 and 38/11 in the amount of \$10,000 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve Elderly Exemptions for 65/59, 55/14, 96/2/11, and 104/79/1008 in the amount of \$152,251 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 87/14/6B in the amount of \$183,751 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 64/105/24 in the amount of \$236,251 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny Elderly Exemptions for 64/105/4, 47/8/104, and 90/11 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve Veterans Credits for 87/8/c-18 and 54/4/125 in the amount of \$2,000 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve Veterans Credits for 54/4/125 and 54/4/34 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny a Veterans Credit for 94/24/3 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the amount of \$62,300 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 62/112 in the amount of \$3,555,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 108/1 in the amount of \$337,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 64/41/E in the amount of \$2,864,500 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 64/42 in the amount of \$1,277,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption 64/43 in the amount of \$1,861,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 64/46 in the amount of \$1,540,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the amount of \$4,934,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/162/E in the amount of \$1,119,500 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/169/E in the amount of \$23,366,500 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/204/1E in the amount of \$545,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/208/E in the amount of \$26,497,500 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/209/E in the amount of \$30,888,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 83/1E in the amount of \$29,884,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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440 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 83/87 in the
441 amount of \$1,492,900 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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443 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 86/11/11 in
444 the amount of \$119,300 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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446 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve Charitable/Educational Exemptions for 86/11/12 and
447 86/11/14 in the amount of \$116,600 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
448 motion passed 5-0.
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450 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 86/11/15 in
451 the amount of \$119,300 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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453 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 63/8 in the
454 amount of \$328,300 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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456 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 35/4 in the
457 amount of \$553,400 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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459 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 97/23/E in
460 the amount of \$24,200,000 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. Mr. Chartrand recused
461 himself. The motion passed 4-0-1.
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463 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 86/8/1 in the
464 amount of \$240,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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466 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 86/8/2 in the
467 amount of \$238,600 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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469 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 87/36/E in
470 the amount of \$812,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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472 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 65/146 in the
473 amount of \$2,735,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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475 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 73/292 in the
476 amount of \$592,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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478 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/206 in the
479 amount of \$1,581,600 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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481 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/215 in the
482 amount of \$546,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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484 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 82/13 in the
485 amount of \$4,097,900 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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487 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable/Educational Exemption for 72/9 in the
488 amount of \$1,515,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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490 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 83/60 in the amount of
491 \$3,359,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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493 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 91/32 in the amount of
494 \$2,879,900 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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496 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222 in the amount of
497 \$952,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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499 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222/E in the amount of
500 \$1,020,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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502 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 73/143 in the amount of
503 \$1,051,000 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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505 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 29/26 in the amount of
506 \$1,546,700 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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508 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 29/21 in the amount of
509 \$578,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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511 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 95/61 in the amount of
512 \$777,500 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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514 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/166 in the amount of
515 \$1,578,400 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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517 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 91/35 in the amount of
518 \$1,342,900 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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520 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/165 in the amount of
521 \$665,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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523 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 73/5 in the amount of
524 \$564,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 73/300 in the amount of \$1,668,900 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 73/299 in the amount of \$2,246,100 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 65/28 in the amount of \$42,400 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 65/129/1 in the amount of \$12,434,400 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 65/130 in the amount of \$14,928,400 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 65/131 in the amount of \$51,821,200 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 65/131/3 in the amount of \$3,988,700 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption/Hospital for 71/48/E in the amount of \$74,800 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Unitil will be doing gas main replacement work on Water Street and High Street. The work starts May 5th on Water Street which will last 2 - 3 weeks, then start on High Street for another 2-3 weeks. The work on High Street is mostly on the sidewalks and should have minimal impact on traffic.
- ii. Deeding notices are going out and a response is due by June 6.
- iii. DES and Sportsman's Club met with us regarding issues at the club.
- iv. The Solar Array meter letter we sent to Unitil worked and we'll have the meter in by the end of May. It will take 5-6 weeks to get it in working order.
- v. The Hospital approved EMS using their training room.
- vi. Madison Bailey received her Masters in Public Health.
- vii. He attended the Planet Playground farewell.
- viii. The Farmer's Market is beginning on May 1.
- ix. He attended Paul Vlasich's retirement party last Friday.
- x. SB 297 is in the Commerce Committee at the House. The hearing went well according to the Health Trust. There was a lot of opposition to the bill.

- 570 d. Select Board Committee Reports
- 571 i. Ms. Gilman attended an HDC meeting where they looked at 89 Front
- 572 Street, which is the Amos Tuck House with a barn. We saw this building 3
- 573 years ago and they put on addition on the back; now the new owner
- 574 wants a new addition. They want to connect the two buildings. We had a
- 575 lot of discussion about this connection. It was a split decision. The
- 576 Heritage Commission May 13 will be a public meeting for the Pine Street
- 577 Historic Survey, a presentation of the findings. We sent letters to property
- 578 owners in that area. This was just about its history, not for any other
- 579 purpose. The Senate is having their only public budget hearing on May 6.
- 580 ii. Ms. Belanger attended the Planet Playground sendoff and the Select
- 581 Board goal session. The Arts & Culture Commission meeting and Rec
- 582 Advisory meeting were both cancelled for lack of quorum. At the Planning
- 583 Board meeting, one application was granted, for 57 Portsmouth Ave for
- 584 six residential condo units. The other application was for Willey Creek,
- 585 and she recused herself. The design review ended and the Board
- 586 requested a formal application, so it's not on an agenda yet. At the end of
- 587 the meeting, they decided to restructure next month. They also talked
- 588 about two surveys, the Pairpoint Park survey and the RPC survey for a
- 589 regional master plan.
- 590 iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
- 591 iv. Mr. Chartrand attended a Facilities Advisory Committee meeting where
- 592 they began the space needs assessment process. They would like to add
- 593 to the CIP to hire a consultant on the most efficient way to use our public
- 594 buildings. Everyone agreed that robust staff input was important. Our
- 595 Maintenance Department is very understaffed right now. He attended a
- 596 Train Station meeting; they're still waiting to hear from the Select Board
- 597 on how to proceed. There was another styrofoam collection event at
- 598 DPW, and we gathered 16 ½ sacks. It was very successful.
- 599 v. Mr. Papakonstantis said there is a survey out for the three plans for
- 600 Pairpoint Park. He attended the Planet Playground festivities and Easter
- 601 Egg Hunt. Bill Keegan facilitated the goal setting session. He was not
- 602 able to attend Paul Vlasich's retirement party. May 7 at 5:30 is the Exeter
- 603 Accessibility forum.
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- 605 e. Correspondence
- 606 i. A letter the person spoke about at our last meeting.
- 607 ii. A Jady Hill email
- 608 iii. A notice from Xfinity with updated information on their programming
- 609 iv. The DRA results of monitoring 2024 sale inspections for Town of Exeter
- 610 v. The NHMA Legislative Bulletin
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- 612 10. Review Board Calendar

613 a. The next meetings are May 12, May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July
614 28, and August 11.
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616 11. Other Business

617 a. Ms. Gilman said there's a good slideshow and discussion on NH Fiscal Policy
618 Institute's webpage. Several proposed zoning laws were pulled off the consent
619 calendar.
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621 12. Non-Public Session

622 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(a,b,c). Mr.
623 Chartrand seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0 and the meeting entered non-
624 public session at 9:04 PM. The Board emerged from non public session. Mr. Chartrand moved
625 to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion carried by a
626 5-0 vote.
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628 13. Adjournment. Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
629 carried and the Board stood adjourned at 9:32 pm.
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631 Respectfully Submitted,
632 Joanna Bartell
633 Recording Secretary