

1 Select Board Meeting
2 Monday April 27, 2026
3 6:45 PM
4 Nowak Room, Town Offices
5 Final Minutes
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7 1. Call Meeting to Order

8 Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Clerk Nancy Belanger, Julie Gilman, Dan
9 Chartrand, and Interim Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting.

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11 Members absent: Vice-Chair Molly Cowan was not present.

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13 The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:45 PM.

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15 2. Board Interviews

- 16 a. Geoffrey Bell for the Budget Recommendations Committee
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18 The Board returned to the Nowak Room at 7 PM.
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20 3. Public Comment

- 21 a. Adam Gaston of 11 Chestnut Street said his family has been displaced from their
22 home since March 23. They have mycotoxin poisoning. He has asked for the
23 town's oversight on his landlord's remediation plan. Weeks have gone by without
24 a single response. He was under the impression that code enforcement and its
25 officers were here to protect safety, but Madison and Doug have done nothing.

26 Mr. Papakonstantis said regardless of whether you own or rent, you are a
27 resident of Exeter. This is the first the Board has heard of this. He asked Ms. Roy
28 to be notified and updated to ensure that everything is done appropriately.
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30 4. Proclamations/Recognitions

31 Mr. Papakonstantis read the proclamation for the 2026 Municipal Clerks Week:
32 *Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, initiated in 1969 by HMC and*
33 *endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15*
34 *other countries will celebrate and reflect on 57 years as a time honored and vital*
35 *part of local government; and*

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

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

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

43 *Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of*
44 *local government and community: and*

45 *Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the*
46 *affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education*
47 *programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state,*
48 *provincial, county and international professional organizations; and*
49 *Whereas, It's most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the*
50 *Office of the Municipal Clerk;*
51 *Now, therefore, I Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter,*
52 *hereby proclaim and affirm May 3 - May 9 2026 as Municipal Clerks' Week within*
53 *the Town of Exeter, NH, and hereby extend gratitude, respect, and support for*
54 *our Municipal Clerk, Andrea Kohler, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital*
55 *services they perform through exemplary dedication to the communities they*
56 *represent. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal*
57 *of the Town of Exeter to be affixed this 27th day of April, the year of our Lord*
58 *2026.*

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60 5. Approval of Minutes

- 61 a. Regular Meeting: March 30, 2026
- 62 i. Corrections: Ms. Belanger said Line 60 should read Elaine *Hays*, not
- 63 *Hayes.*

64 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026 as amended. Ms.
65 Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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67 b. Regular Meeting: April 13, 2026

68 **MOTION** [not voted]: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as
69 presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. A member of the public said that the minutes should correct
70 “Dr. Rawson” to “Principal Rawson.” Ms. Belanger withdrew her motion and Ms. Gilman
71 withdrew her second.

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73 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as amended. Mr.
74 Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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76 6. Select Board Reorganization

- 77 a. Mr. Chartrand said he and Ms. Cowan are the Water/Sewer Reps, by vote of the
- 78 Town.
- 79 b. Mr. Papakonstantis said the Sustainability Advisory Committee has requested
- 80 that the Select Board consider changing some roles. Mr. Chartrand said this is to
- 81 accommodate people’s availability for meetings. Julie will remain as an alternate
- 82 and Sarah will be moved to a regular member. Ryan is moving out of town. They
- 83 also want to move Carol from an alternate to a regular member.

84 Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Ryan has formally resigned. Mr. Chartrand
85 said he wasn’t sure. Mr. Papakonstantis said if there is a memo, it’s probable that
86 he resigned.

87 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to make the following changes to the Sustainability Advisory
88 Committee: appoint Julie Gaunt to an alternate role with a term through April 2028; appoint

89 Sarah Koff to regular member, term to end April 2027; accept regretfully Ryan Jean's
90 resignation from the term ending April 2027, and move Caryl Olmstead from alternate to regular
91 member, term ending April 2027. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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93 7. Discussion/Action Items

94 a. Tree City USA Recognition and Growth Award – Eileen Flockhart, Tree
95 Committee

96 Ms. Flockhart gave an update on the Tree Committee's work. She said
97 there are amazing people in this group. Kristen Murphy has been incredible. We
98 now have support from the town with real money and water trucks that can get us
99 through a drought situation.

100 The Board thanked her for her work as Chair of the Tree Committee.

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102 b. Complete Streets Policy Discussion – Dave Sharples, Town Planner and Scott
103 Bogle of Rockingham Planning Commission

104 Mr. Sharples said the Complete Streets study has been finalized by the
105 Planning Board. He recommended a study in 2018. Funding for the study was
106 included in the CIP. It received funding in 2024. He started with the Master Plan
107 Oversight Committee and RPC; he went out on leave but Steve Cronin stepped
108 in and the rest continued working on the project. When he came back in March,
109 he had a full draft to review. There were some minor revisions incorporated and
110 the Planning Board voted unanimously to forward it to the Select Board with a
111 recommendation to pass. Mr. Sharples asked that it not apply to projects
112 underway.

113 Mr. Bogle said since his update in December, RPC did another focus
114 group with residents and business owners. He presented the full documents to
115 the Planning Board February 12, and it was presented in final form on April 9
116 when they voted to endorse it and recommend its adoption by the Select Board.

117 Mr. Bogle said regarding changes for the final version, we added a
118 section on considerations for accessibility and universal design; refined the
119 "challenges" section to acknowledge the challenge of right-of-way acquisition;
120 added several elements to the implementation recommendations for undertaking
121 demonstration project and added a reference to the Complete Streets checklist
122 development process. Also, the study had previously emphasized connectivity
123 between the downtown, neighborhoods, and schools, but to that list we added
124 grocery stores and the train station.

125 Regarding performance metrics, Implementation measures include feet of
126 new sidewalk or multi-use path; number and percentage of projects implemented
127 from the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan; and average time to complete snow
128 removal. The second set of measures are longer term outcomes, including
129 changes in bicycle and pedestrian usage in town; changes in speed as traffic-
130 calming measures are incorporated; and changes in crash patterns.

131 Ms. Belanger asked Mr. Sharples to explain the new language around
132 forcing private property owners to comply. Mr. Sharples said this applies to any

133 project in Exeter, but there are other laws in play here. We want to have that in
134 the site plan regulations, not the policy.

135 Mr. Papakonstantis asked if we will need a public hearing. Ms. Roy said
136 it's Select Board Policy 15, "The Board shall not vote on a policy at a meeting at
137 which it is first introduced." Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like to reconsider it
138 at the Select Board meeting next Monday.

139 Mr. Sharples said this will apply as projects come up. Mr. Bogle said we
140 will be looking for an opportunistic approach to projects already in the CIP, then
141 look at what future projects will be the best return on safety improvements.

142 Mr. Chartrand asked what is a reasonable timeline for significant
143 movement forward. Mr. Sharples said we're identifying projects and got through
144 about a quarter of them in the last meeting. We're planning to do field trips out to
145 those projects. We could have movement on those soon. There is a \$2M SS4 or
146 Safe Streets for All grant open, which he is applying for. Mr. Chartrand asked
147 about creating bike lanes. Mr. Sharples said we're looking at off-road bike lanes,
148 which are the safest approach. Mr. Chartrand said we have all these great
149 studies, now they need to come together.

150 Ms. Gilman said Portsmouth Ave changed to one center lane; previously
151 the concern was Green Hill Ave and Portsmouth Ave, so they put in a double
152 center lane and accidents went away. Mr. Bogle said the concept he's seen for a
153 redesign for Portsmouth Ave is looking at Alumni Drive northward. You'd need
154 another study for the Green Hill area. Mr. Sharples said we can consider that
155 now that the Complete Streets study is done.

156 Ms. Belanger said when we talk about future CIPs, any that get changed
157 should have a note in red with additional costs. Ms. Roy said that can be
158 discussed in the CIP meeting. We're hoping to show the grant committees that
159 the community has supported these Master Plan and Complete Streets projects.
160 The project would connect schools, nursing homes, the Rec Center, it's a major
161 thoroughfare in town. It would fill in the gaps in sidewalks through that area.

162 Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

163 Resident Silas Richards spoke in favor of adopting the Complete Streets
164 guidelines. He recommended starting with "demonstration projects" with modest
165 funding to test ideas quickly and affordably. He would also like to see a public
166 dashboard where residents could submit issues and requests.

167 Ben Hodgston of 41 McKay Drive said the demonstration projects should
168 start as early as possible, while the design process is happening. Community
169 input is paramount on these projects. He asked if there are any immediate
170 changes in the site plan regs that could have an immediate impact. Mr. Sharples
171 said he hasn't researched that yet.

172 Becky Moore of 5 Nelson Drive said she supports the previous two
173 speakers. They have contributed to the Planning meetings. The dashboard is a
174 good idea because people like special needs adults are lower to the ground,
175 feedback from them would come up on a dashboard.

176 Mr. Sharples said he and Steve Cronin are looking at demonstration
177 projects and a public dashboard.

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179 8. Appointments

180 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Aaron Brown as a voting member to the Planning
181 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-
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184 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Jen Martel as a voting member to the Planning
185 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed
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188 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Dean Hubbard as an alternate to the Planning
189 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-
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192 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Nicholas Nordin to the Recreation Advisory Board
193 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
194 motion passed 4-0.

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196 Ms. Belanger said Stefanie Papakonstantis is not going to stay on the Rec
197 Advisory Board, and thanked her for her work as Chair.

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199 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Laura Montagno to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
200 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
201 motion passed 4-0.

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203 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Baum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as
204 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
205 motion passed 4-0.

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207 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Martha Pennell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
208 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms. Gilman
209 said Martha has been serving on the Zoning Board since before 2005. The motion passed 4-0.

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211 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Keith Whitehouse to the Conservation Commission
212 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
213 motion passed 4-0.

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215 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Trevor Mattera to the Conservation Commission as
216 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
217 motion passed 4-0.

219 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Michelle Crepeau to the Conservation Commission
220 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
221 motion passed 4-0.

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223 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Pam Gjettum as a Commissioner to the Exeter
224 Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire April 2031. Ms. Gilman seconded.
225 The motion passed 4-0.

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227 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Fleming as a Commissioner to the Exeter
228 Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire April 2031. Ms. Gilman seconded.
229 The motion passed 4-0.

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231 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Francoise Elise to the Heritage Commission as a
232 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
233 motion passed 4-0.

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235 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Kahn as a voting member to the Historic
236 District Commission for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms.
237 Gilman said Grayson Shepherd has been the Chair for a number of years, and he will be
238 missed. There is a vacancy. The motion passed 4-0.

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240 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Don Briselden to the Facilities Committee as a
241 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
242 passed 4-0.

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244 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Mark Leighton to the Facilities Committee as a
245 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
246 passed 4-0.

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248 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Nic Drinker to the River Advisory Committee as a
249 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
250 passed 4-0.

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252 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Denise Short to the Sustainability Advisory
253 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger
254 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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256 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Nina Braun to the Sustainability Advisory
257 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger
258 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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260 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Bruce Jones to the Arts and Culture Advisory
261 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman
262 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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264 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Darius Thomson to the Train Station Committee as
265 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
266 motion passed 4-0.

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268 **MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to reappoint Anthony Callendrello to the Train Station Committee
269 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
270 motion passed 4-0.

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272 Ms. Roy said per RSA 36-46:3, Commissioners are appointed by
273 Selectmen for four-year terms except when more than one position is filled at
274 once, in which case the terms are staggered. We can bring this back for next
275 week. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if RPC are meeting between now and May 4,
276 and Ms. Belanger said no.

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278 9. Regular Business

279 a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

280 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$316 for
281 tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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283 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$278.91
284 for tax year 2024. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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286 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$311.08
287 for tax year 2023. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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289 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$360.11
290 for tax year 2022. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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292 Ms. Belanger asked about the discretionary easement. Ms. Roy said this
293 is the Country Club. We can bring this back to the Board, as the documentation
294 is still being worked out through Legal.

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296 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 73/78/3 and 95/64/15 in the
297 amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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299 **MOTION:** [Not Voted] Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 19/16/103,
300 38/12, 72/118, and 84/105/34 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman
301 seconded. Mr. Chartrand said the fourth entry is Map 64, not 84.

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303 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 19/16/103, 38/12, 72/118,
304 and 64/105/34 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
305 passed 4-0.

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307 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 95/75 in the amount of
308 \$1,000 for the tax year 2026; there are two veterans. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed
309 4-0.

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311 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 104/68, 95/64/149,
312 95/64/15, 103/7, and 95/64/280, in the amount of \$198,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman
313 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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315 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 87/18/46, 104/79/16,
316 95/64/104, and 52/44 in the amount of \$238,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded.
317 The motion passed 4-0.

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319 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/301 and 95/64/308.
320 Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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322 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Disability Exemption for 96/2/9, 99/31, and 61/15 in
323 the amount of \$125,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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325 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Change in Current Use Assessment for 97/41 for
326 tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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328 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the
329 amount of \$62,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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331 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 108/1 in the amount of
332 \$337,100 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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334 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/204/1E in the
335 amount of \$545,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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337 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/162/E in the
338 amount of \$1,193,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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340 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/42 in the amount of
341 \$1,277,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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343 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/87 in the amount of
344 \$1,492,900 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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346 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/46 in the amount of
347 \$1,540,100 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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349 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/198 in the amount
350 of \$1,602,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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352 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/43 in the amount of
353 \$1,861,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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355 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/41/E in the amount
356 of \$2,864,500 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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358 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 62/112 in the amount
359 of \$3,555,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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361 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the
362 amount of \$4,934,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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364 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/169/E in the
365 amount of \$23,366,500 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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367 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/208/E in the
368 amount of \$26,616,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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370 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/1/E in the amount
371 of \$29,884,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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373 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/209/E in the
374 amount of \$30,888,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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376 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/165 in the amount of
377 \$665,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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379 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222/E in the amount of
380 \$1,029,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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382 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/166/E in the amount of
383 \$1,495,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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385 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 83/60 in the amount of
386 \$3,359,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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388 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 35/4 in the amount of
389 \$553,400 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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391 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 69/5 in the amount of
392 \$760,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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394 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 72/9 in the amount of
395 \$1,515,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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b. Permits & Approvals

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- i. SRF Loan Authorization to Accept and Sign – Stephen Cronin, Public
399 Works Director

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Mr. Cronin was present remotely via Zoom. Mr. Cronin said in
401 2024, Public Works began advancing plans for the Surface Water
402 Treatment Plant. It struggles to meet current regulations. We received a
403 \$500,000 loan from SRF, which is currently underway. In August 2025,
404 the Project was awarded up to \$2M to move into the final design phase.
405 In 2026, the voters approved Article 6, confirming the Town's commitment
406 to the project. This is the final step needed: to amend the existing loan
407 agreement up to \$2.5M, which will allow us to complete the final design
408 phase.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to amend the DWSRF loan agreement with the New Hampshire
410 Department of Environmental Services for Surface Water Treatment Plant Design in an amount
411 up to \$2,500,000, and to further authorize the Town Manager, Interim Town Manager, or Select
412 Board Chair to sign the associated loan application, agreement, and disbursement request
413 documents. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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- ii. 2026 Paving Services Contract Extension – Stephen Cronin, Public
416 Works Director

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Mr. Cronin said Bell & Flynn submitted a proposal to extend their
418 paving services with the town. They offered to hold most prices steady for
419 this year. We compared it to current market pricing and it's competitive.
420 We recommend extending their contract for another year. Ms. Belanger
421 said they have kept these rates reasonable. Mr. Cronin said paving costs
422 have increased since 2018. There are escalations for fuel but we're still
423 below current market pricing.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to extend the contract with Bell & Flynn, LLC for Paving
425 Services for one additional year at the following unit prices: Item #1: Bituminous Concrete
426 Pavement - Machine Method \$71.90 per ton for Binder Course, \$72.90 per ton for Surface
427 Course, \$73.90 per ton for "Urban Compact" Surface Course, and \$74.90 per ton for Cul-de-sac
428 Street and Leveling Course; Item #2: Bituminous Concrete Pavement - Hand Method \$175.00
429 per ton; Item #3: Bituminous Concrete Curb/Berm \$5.00 per linear foot; and to further authorize
430 the Interim Town Manager to sign the associated contract documents. Ms. Gilman seconded.
431 The motion passed 4-0.

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- iii. Phillips Exeter Academy Road Closure Permit Application – Graduation
434 6/7/26

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Mr. Papakonstantis said graduation is starting at 10:30 AM on
436 Sunday June 7. PEA is looking to have traffic stopped on Front Street
437 between Tan Lane and Elm Street and on Tan Lane itself between 9:30

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438 AM and 1 PM. In case of rain, they will hold graduation at the Thompson
439 Field House, so they would instead close off Court Street at that time.
440 PEA will pay the cost of Police detail and barricades.

441 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the application for road sidewalk request from Philips
442 Exeter Academy for Sunday June 7, 2026 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 1 PM for the 2026
443 graduation to block off Front Street between Tan Lane and Elm Street and Tan Lane itself; and
444 in case of rain, to close Court Street instead of Front Street. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
445 motion passed 4-0.

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447 c. Town Manager's Report

448 i. Ms. Roy said the Train Station Committee applied to Plan NH for a
449 Planning Charette, and they were picked as the summer charette. Darren
450 of the Train Station Committee will come before the Board. They would
451 like to use Lincoln Street School as part of that charette.

452 ii. We received a question from a resident regarding the drought status.
453 DPW will come May 4 to give us a formal recommendation on that. One
454 of our water tanks is being cleaned and repaired, so they didn't want to
455 make the change this week.

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457 d. Select Board Committee Reports

458 i. Ms. Gilman attended a Facilities Committee meeting and a 250
459 Committee meeting. The 250 Committee is talking with Memories Ice
460 Cream about the community picnic in July. Squamscot Soda will do a
461 special label. She also gave an update on State issues.

462 ii. Ms. Belanger attended the Housing Advisory Board. There was
463 discussion about a possible workforce housing collaboration with Exeter
464 Housing Authority. We're waiting for Doug Eastman to give us an
465 inventory of available land in Exeter and present it like a charette. There
466 is a new member who is a Planning Board rep. At the Planning Board
467 meeting, there was one application, regarding the existing dry cleaner on
468 Portsmouth Ave. The Board asked for clarifications and the applicant felt
469 they could be ready for the next scheduled meeting on May 14.

470 iii. Mr. Chartrand said he attended two Conservation Commission meetings.
471 They discussed work they're doing with the Fort Rock Riders. Kristen
472 Murphy prepared a framework for working with them on trail revisions.
473 They're working to close off existing trails that have suffered significant
474 erosion or wear. Dave Short went out with the Fort Rock Riders and
475 confirmed what was discussed. At the Train Station Committee meeting,
476 they were planning for this input session/charette in August. He attended
477 a progress ceremony with Chair Papakonstantis and Melissa Roy for the
478 new Public Safety building. At the Facilities Committee meeting, Don
479 Briselden discussed his work with Julie at the Library on the HVAC
480 problems. They talked with Melissa Roy about moving forward with the
481 space needs assessment.

- 482 iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended a Tree Committee meeting. They talked
483 about the Arbor Day celebration and the joint effort between the Tree
484 Committee and the Swasey Trustees on a birthday party for the birch tree
485 there. He attended America 250 Flag Raising, which was sponsored by
486 the 250 Celebration Commission. He also attended the Public Safety
487 Complex celebration. He added that April 25 was the Arbor Day
488 Celebration.
489 v. Ms. Roy said regarding the resident that came in, she has set up a
490 meeting tomorrow with Madison and Doug. Madison has been in contact
491 with the property owner, so maybe there was a disconnect in
492 communication with the person renting.
493 vi. Ms. Belanger said there's a forum at Town Hall for public input on Beth
494 Lahey Hospital.

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496 e. Correspondence

- 497 i. A calendar of Exeter 250 Celebration Committee events.
498 ii. The NHMA Legislative Bulletin

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500 10. Review Board Calendar

- 501 a. There will be a special meeting May 14; the next regular meetings are May 4,
502 May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug 10, and Aug 24.

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504 11. Non-Public Session

505 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a) and (d).
506 In a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0. The meeting entered non-public session at 8:49 PM.

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508 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to exit non-public session at 9:27 pm. Ms. Gilman seconded.
509 The motion passed 4-0.

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511 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved. Ms. Belanger
512 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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514 12. Adjournment

515 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 9:28 pm. Ms. Gilman
516 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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519 Respectfully Submitted,
520 Joanna Bartell
521 Recording Secretary

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