

1 Select Board Meeting
2 Monday May 18, 2026
3 6:45 PM
4 Nowak Room, Town Offices
5 Draft Minutes
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7 1. Call Meeting to Order

8 Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Nancy Belanger,
9 Dan Chartrand

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11 Members absent: Julie Gilman was not present at this meeting.

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13 Interim Town Manager Melissa Roy was also present at this meeting. The meeting was called
14 to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:45 PM.

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16 2. Board Interviews

- 17 a. Sarah DeWitt for the Sustainability Advisory Committee
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19 The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.
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21 3. Public Comment

22 Keith Whitehouse of Westside Drive said the styrofoam recycler came online
23 today. He thinks running it once a week will be adequate to meet the demand. Raynes
24 Barn is done, and they took the dumpster away today. There will be an art show on
25 September 26, "Art in the Barn."
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27 4. Bid Opening - School Street Area Improvement Project

- 28 a. MAC Construction and Evacuation, Portsmouth NH: Base bid: \$5,877,274.12.
29 Bid Alternate A \$351,162.
30 b. Jamco Excavators, South Hampton NH: \$4,080,850. Bid Alternate A \$222,174.
31 c. Granese and Sons, Salem MA: \$4,968,936.50. Bid Alternate A \$298,562.
32 d. DeFelice Corp, Dracut MA: \$4,182,375.50. Bid Alternate A \$296,551.40.

33 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to refer the four bids to Public Works to make a
34 recommendation to the Select Board. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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36 5. Proclamations/Recognitions

37 Ms. Belanger read the proclamation for National Public Works week 2026:
38 *WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services*
39 *that are of vital importance to our sustainable and resilient communities and to public*
40 *health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the Town of Exeter; and,*
41 *WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without*
42 *the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and*
43 *employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for*
44 *rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water*

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

47 *WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in*
48 *Exeter to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the*
49 *importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities;*
50 *and,*

51 *WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week*
52 *sponsored by the American Public Works Association, be it now,*

53 *RESOLVED, We, the Exeter Select Board, do hereby designate the week of May 17-23,*
54 *2026, as National Public Works Week. We urge all citizens to join with representatives of*
55 *the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events,*
56 *and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers,*
57 *managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to*
58 *protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.*

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60 6. Approval of Minutes

61 a. Regular Meeting: April 27, 2026

62 i. Ms. Belanger said line 172 should read *Becky Moore*, not *More*.

63 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, as amended. Ms.
64 Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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66 b. Regular meeting: May 4, 2026

67 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2026 as presented. Ms.
68 Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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70 Mr. Papakonstantis said the Board will need to approve the May 14
71 minutes at the next meeting.

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74 7. Appointments

75 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to appoint Sarah Dewitt as an alternate to Sustainability
76 Advisory Committee as an alternate, term to expire April 2027. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
77 motion passed 4-0.

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79 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to accept the resignation of Nick Campion from the
80 Conservation Commission. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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82 8. Discussion/Action Items

83 a. Public Hearing – Cass Street – 1st Reading

84 Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

85 *Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b,III(a)*

86 *Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a*
87 *public hearing consisting of three (3) readings in the Nowak Room, 10 Front*
88 *Street, Exeter for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-*

89 *b,III(a) for a proposed change to parking regulations on Cass Street. The first*
90 *reading will be Monday, May 18, 2026. The second reading will be Monday, June*
91 *1, 2026. The third reading will be Monday, June 15, 2026. Each reading will*
92 *begin at 7:00 PM. Dated: May 8, 2026.*

93 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to open the public hearing for Cass Street. Ms. Cowan
94 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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96 Public Works Director Stephen Cronin was present for this discussion.

97 Ms. Roy said we received a request from a resident at 22 Cass Street
98 regarding no parking. The request is that the length of the no parking area from
99 the intersection be increased. Usually it's 30 feet per the ordinance. Currently it
100 has no parking from 7:30 - 3:30 each day on the right side. This would affect the
101 left side of Cass Street as well. We received a petition from some residents of the
102 neighborhood with concerns about this plan. The request is for 170 feet south
103 from Park Street. There is also a second petition with concern about the no
104 parking and some encroachment into the right of way. She went with the DPW to
105 view the situation, and recommends that if they want a no parking sign, we stick
106 with the normal amount of distance we have from our intersections.

107 Mr. Chartrand asked if there is no parking on the east side on a school
108 day so that overflow parking from the school isn't on both sides and makes the
109 road too narrow. Mr. Cronin said yes.

110 Mr. Chartrand asked if it's true that there's encroachment into the street.
111 Mr. Cronin said yes, we feel there has been encroachment on the right of way.
112 Mr. Chartrand said he thinks that shouldn't be allowed.

113 Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

114 Richard Page of 18 Cass Street asked if the petitioner could speak first.

115 Abigail Pitou of 20 Cass Street said she thinks her property is about 60
116 feet from Park Street. She's asking that the no parking sign be reinstated on the
117 edge of 20 Cass Street, on the western side. It's already in the ordinance that 30
118 feet from Park Street is governed already, but she'd like to extend it for safety
119 reasons. She doesn't want to change anything about the idiosyncrasies of the
120 junctions and the roads, but when you come up Park Street, it's a blind corner.
121 It's dangerous. People turn onto Cass Street into oncoming traffic. There haven't
122 been accidents here in the past, but there are new factors such as the train
123 bridge being closed and the new housing development. She spoke to Jay
124 Perkins and he agreed it's a dangerous corner, and he put up a new no parking
125 sign in her yard. When she went out and got signatures for her petition, she
126 heard that people don't want parking on Cass Street at all. Rather than
127 reconstruct the corner, the least expensive measure would be to put no parking
128 signs and add a line to help cars make that turn.

129 Mr. Chartrand asked if she is extending her lot into the roadway. Ms.
130 Pitou said no, and submitted photos to the Board for review. Mr. Cronin said
131 there has been a disagreement with the Town and Ms. Pitou where her property
132 ends. The street narrows and widens in that area. We have paved right up to her

133 property line according to the survey of bounds. Mr. Chartrand said if the photo
134 showing leaf litter and grass flowing into the roadway is correct, that needs to
135 stop. Ms. Pitou said when she first moved here, in front of her house was rubble.
136 She asked Doug Eastman if he minded her fixing it up. He said no, but to make
137 sure it's not in the Town's right of way. She just reinstated the grass to where it
138 was.

139 Ms. Roy said Doug Eastman supports that the property line is where Mr.
140 Cronin says it is.

141 Sally Ward of 72 Park Street, a former resident of Cass Street, said for
142 many years there has been a problem with school parking making the street too
143 narrow. The neighbors had a disagreement about which side of Cass Street
144 should be no parking, but couldn't decide. The Police said there should be no
145 parking on the east side. There was a problem at that time, and in her view it was
146 solved.

147 Kelly Richards of 25 Cass Street said the neighbors want to voice their
148 opposition to changing the parking rules on Cass Street. In the proposal, the
149 resident cites safety concerns and driveway access concerns. She presented the
150 Board with an exhibit binder. Exeter parking regulations prohibit parking within 30
151 feet of a road, and this would extend that to 170 feet from the intersection, an
152 additional 140 feet. In the 2022 Town of Exeter intersection study, intersections
153 were evaluated and ranked in order of crashes; neither Cass Street nor Park
154 Street appear. She reached out to Exeter Police to ask if there were any
155 incidents at the intersection, and the answer was no. In 2025, the Park Street
156 bridge was permanently closed, which led to a significant drop in traffic. There's
157 no evidence of safety issues created by allowing on-street parking. Many
158 neighbors park their cars on the street, and this restriction would create a
159 hardship for these families. We shouldn't grant one resident's personal wishes at
160 the expense of the other residents' lawful use of the street. The resident has built
161 out their front lawn into the roadway to enlarge the property boundary by 3-5 feet
162 into the public roadway, and added orange parking cones to limit parking. With
163 the cones, the resident is impeding traffic and obstructing their own driveway
164 access. This would set a bad precedent for other residents making requests for
165 changes with the Town. She read a list of the residents who were present and
166 had signed the petition.

167 Kyoko Tazawa of 22 Cass Street said 30 feet from the intersection is a
168 no-parking zone, but when a festival or event happens, people are parking there.
169 When she returns home, it's so narrow. She thinks there should be a no parking
170 sign about 32 feet in, where there is a telephone pole.

171 Liz Morse of 4 Cass Street said she has 3 daughters who ride scooters
172 on Cass Street. More parking causes people to slow down; her concern is people
173 going too quickly. Parking is actually a safety benefit rather than a safety
174 concern.

175 Ms. Pitou said on her side of the street, cars pull into Cass Street and do
176 tailspins. It's not about her personal parking spot.

177 Chris Baker of Smith Avenue said he's concerned that this is an arbitrary
178 thing. He doesn't want his neighbors to start doing things like this in his
179 neighborhood. Mr. Papakonstantis said any citizen has a right to suggest a
180 recommendation. Town staff brought it to the Select Board, and we're having
181 three public hearings to hear from the neighborhood. Ms. Roy said this would
182 only precipitate a change regarding this neighborhood, not other neighborhoods.
183 Mr. Chartrand said he tends to be conservative about enacting resident requests,
184 especially when they're at odds with the preponderance of their neighbors.

185 Susan Heel of 14 Cass Street said her husband's great grandfather built
186 their house in 1888. The parking has been the way it is. Our street is very
187 cohesive. Our neighbors look out for one another. We don't mind the traffic or the
188 school. The majority of people there love the way they have been living there for
189 a long time.

190 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion
191 passed 4-0.

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193 b. Public Hearing – Wadleigh Street – 1st Reading

194 Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

195 *Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a*
196 *public hearing consisting of three (3) readings in the Nowak Room, 10 Front*
197 *Street, Exeter for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-*
198 *b,III(a) for a proposed change to traffic control signage on Wadleigh Street at*
199 *Forest Street. The first reading will be Monday, May 18, 2026. The second*
200 *reading will be Monday June 1, 2026. The third reading will be Monday, June 15,*
201 *2026. Each reading will begin at 7:00 PM. Dated: May 8, 2026*

202 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to open the public hearing for Wadleigh Street. Mr. Chartrand
203 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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205 Mr. Cronin said Public Works received concerns from residents about
206 traffic, which have increased due to the new development. There is some driver
207 misbehavior with the stop conditions that are out there. Police and Fire did not
208 have any concerns about converting this to a three-way stop. Mr. Chartrand
209 asked if the fourth way is a driveway that's an extension of Forest Street. Mr.
210 Cronin said yes, the intersection lines up more with Wadleigh Street than it
211 appears on the map. Mr. Chartrand said the three stop signs would be on Rose
212 Farm, Wadleigh, and Forest, with nothing on the driveway, and Mr. Cronin said
213 that's correct.

214 Florence Ruffner, who said she owns the jailhouse, asked which corners
215 the signs would go on. Mr. Cronin showed her on the map. Louis Ruffner, who is
216 a co-owner of the Jailhouse, asked if the addition of the third stop sign changes
217 where parking is restricted. Mr. Cronin said yes, it would restrict parking within 30
218 feet of the sign. Mr. Ruffner said people park there now.

219 Sheila Roy of 3 Salem Street said since the development was put in, the
220 Police have been monitoring the street. She is concerned about the drivers there.

221 Melissa Roy asked if she could have Sheila Roy's contact information to follow
222 up about her concerns.

223 Karen Dangora of 6 Wadleigh Street said she's concerned about cars
224 speeding in and out of the Rose Farm development, as well as commercial
225 vehicles. She's requesting a new stop sign and to have the current stop sign
226 aligned properly for the intersection.

227 Sally Ward of 72 Park Street said because the bridge is out, the traffic
228 pattern has changed in this neighborhood, in addition to the new development.
229 She thinks it's a good idea

230 Pete Nikitis of 5 Wadleigh Street said it's his driveway that's part of this
231 intersection. From his living room they see people plowing through the stop
232 signs. People can stop there but cars are flying into Wadleigh and you don't
233 know whether they are going straight through or turning left. You don't have
234 much room to deal with the speed. An additional stop sign will slow the traffic
235 down, but it needs enforcement as well.

236 Mr. Papakonstantis said we can talk to Police Chief McCain about the
237 construction and commercial vehicles specifically. Mr. Chartrand asked about a
238 temporary raised table during construction. Mr. Cronin said we haven't done that
239 before but we can look into it. Ms. Roy said part of the issue is that the town
240 doesn't own that road yet. Mr. Cronin said we don't have jurisdiction to enforce
241 what's going on there now because it's not a public way. We're out there
242 frequently but our hands are tied a little bit.

243 Mark Furlong of 20 Forest Street said he supports turning this intersection
244 into a three-way stop. The two nearest intersections are both four-way stops.
245 He's seen people fly through that intersection. People working on the
246 development are not seeing that stop sign at all.

247 Barbara Desjardins of 50 Brookside Drive said she walks her dog in this
248 area. She supports another stop sign because it's so dangerous there. Most of
249 these streets don't have sidewalks.

250 Sheila Roy said they put a \$2.4M sidewalk in front of her house to walk to
251 downtown. Exeter is supposed to be walkable and bikeable.

252 John Gromack of 25 Forest Street said from a safety point of view, it
253 would be traffic calming to have an additional sign there.

254 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion
255 passed 4-0.

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257 c. CSO Barrel Project Update – Steve Cronin, DPW Director
258 Mr. Cronin and Water/Sewer Director Steve Dalton were present for this
259 item. Mr. Cronin said the Clemson Pond project. This is part of the wastewater
260 system. It was installed in 1964 and runs beneath Swasey. The Town approved
261 the cleaning and inspection of the barrels, and we hired Insituform Technologies.
262 They began work in February but had several weather-related delays. In March,
263 contaminated material was found in the pipe. Town staff contacted Wright-Pierce
264 who coordinated with AE Com regarding remediation efforts at the gas site. They

265 coordinated equipment to manage the contaminated material. The project
266 became increasingly more complicated, with multiple extensions of the March 27
267 completion date. The town requested an accounting of any outstanding invoices.
268 The project was suspended with the northern barrel still needing cleaning and
269 inspection. The total cost is \$623,000 to date, which is \$124,000 over the
270 originally authorized budget. This does not include the remaining portion of the
271 northern barrel. He met with Unitil regarding the expenses and discussion is
272 ongoing. He met with NH DES last week and they've asked that we keep them
273 apprised of further developments. We're requesting \$123,731 from the sewer
274 reserve fund to cover project overages.

275 Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Unitil has indicated why they're not
276 responsible for costs. Mr. Cronin said they feel they're responsible for the
277 material but not for the labor involved. They didn't commit to a reimbursement,
278 but did commit to ongoing discussions. It's hard to determine how much went into
279 the remediation of contaminated material. We're requesting quotes from firms on
280 removing the rest of the material.

281 Mr. Chartrand asked why we're trying to generate quotes. Mr. Cronin said
282 we're broadening beyond the original vendor. They feel it will take additional
283 mechanical means to remove it, but other vendors had alternatives. Mr.
284 Chartrand asked if this could be a similar situation to what Mr. Vlasich
285 negotiated, the lump sum payment. Mr. Cronin said we can discuss that.

286 Ms. Belanger asked if we approve the funds, could any of the potential
287 reimbursement be put back into the funds? Finance Director Corey Stevens said
288 yes, it would end up back in the Sewer Reserve Fund.

289 Mr. Papakonstantis said the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee is aware
290 of this request. Mr. Cronin said we plan to go to them formally, but we have
291 incurred these costs and have an obligation to pay.

292 Mr. Cronin said we explored all options. We went back to DES about
293 sealing off one of the siphons, but according to our permit we have to keep both
294 in operation. The inspection of the first siphon shows that we are getting some
295 infiltration into that pipe; we expect to find that same condition on the second
296 siphon. It would be preferable to line these to prevent the infiltration, which could
297 have a 50-year lifespan.

298 Mr. Papakonstantis asked about the contamination. Mr. Cronin said the
299 coal gasification plant at 280 Water Street had some material get into the
300 groundwater capture zone. Material has migrated into the CSO barrel, but we're
301 not sure how. There were efforts to mitigate issues with the river. This could be a
302 legacy issue that is just coming up because of the cleaning of the pipes.

303 Mr. Chartrand said this is not the same as the sewer siphons. These are
304 combined sewer overflow siphons. Mr. Cronin said it is separate. These are in
305 better shape and could be lined in place. If the sewer system were to become
306 overwhelmed, this is where the overflow would go. We haven't had an issue like
307 that in several years. Ms. Roy said we have minimized the CSO events through
308 management. The scope of this project is different than the other. These are 36-

309 inch-wide barrels, compared to the smaller sewer siphons that we needed to
310 redrill. These are so large that we can reline them, not drill new ones.

311 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the use of Sewer Reserve Funds in the amount of
312 \$123,731.04 to complete the work that has been done to date for the Clemson Pond cleaning
313 and inspection project. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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315 d. Letter of Support Requests for the SAA4 Grant – Melissa Roy, Interim Town
316 Manager

317 Town Planner Dave Sharples was present to discuss this item. Mr.
318 Sharples said he’s asking for a letter of support for a grant opportunity. This is a
319 multi-million dollar project, \$16 or \$17M, funded 80% by the Federal Government
320 if awarded. There’s a demonstration grant and an implementation grant. We
321 brought it to the Leadership group and then to a big group of staff to see where to
322 go with this. The studies we’ve done in the past guided this work. We took the
323 concept plans from each and put together 20 improvements from Epping Road to
324 the Cooperative Middle school. We plan to submit them by the 26th. We’re
325 gathering letters of support for this grant.

326 Mr. Papakonstantis said we have two emails regarding this grant, from
327 John and Sally Morris of Linden Street and Don and Mary Jo Briselden from Gill
328 Street.

329 Ms. Belanger said the Planning Board unanimously voted to provide a
330 letter of support.

331 Ms. Roy said this is a large Federal Grant and has a maximum of \$25M.
332 For a small town like ours, it’s difficult to get. We want to show that the voters
333 have supported multiple planning studies and reviews and value pedestrian and
334 bike safety. If we did everything without this grant, it would be a significant
335 burden on the community. Each concept typically had a community engagement
336 piece to it.

337 Ms. Belanger said during public comment, we heard that we’re putting in
338 sidewalks because of new developments, but it’s really for public safety and ADA
339 compliance. This grant would let us put everything in one basket.

340 Mr. Sharples described the areas that projects covered by the grant
341 would affect. These are primarily intersection and crossing projects from the
342 studies.

343 Ms. Roy said the priorities of this grant are fatalities and safety. We don’t
344 have a lot of fatalities, but we want to get ahead of it. It’s not just about
345 connectivity, it’s about the safety along this pathway. Mr. Sharples said we have
346 a “high injury network” in Exeter, which is Epping Road from the railroad tracks to
347 Exit 9.

348 Silas Richards of Locust Avenue said securing \$16-17M could
349 dramatically improve the connectivity of our town, but it does not yet fully meet
350 the goals of the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, which emphasizes safety and
351 comfort for all ages and abilities. This focuses on sidewalks and undefined
352 bicycle lanes next to moving traffic. Paint does not prevent a car from striking a

353 bicyclist; separated lanes do. There is a significant difference between an area
354 for cyclists vs an area where everyone will feel comfortable cycling. Legally a
355 sidewalk can only accommodate pedestrians, while a separated path can
356 accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, scooters, and other forms of transportation.
357 It was not clear whether street calming and raised crosswalk measures would be
358 included, but they remain important. We should pursue infrastructure that
359 supports peoples' desire for multi-use pathways.

360 Barbara Richards of 7 Locust Ave said she walks through town daily, as
361 well as bicycles. She would like to encourage people to work towards a separate,
362 multi-use path. She has two granddaughters that ride at the Rec Park, but she's
363 not going to put them into a painted bike path. She wants to encourage a path
364 that's separate from a sidewalk.

365 Abigail Pitou of 20 Cass Street said regarding traffic circles, they
366 decrease the mortality rates 50-70% of those in the geriatric community.

367 Michelle Albion of Lincoln Street said she sees kids riding bikes on the
368 sidewalks because it's safer, but it's illegal. We want to do whatever we can to
369 support them cycling.

370 The Board agreed to write a letter of support for the grant application.

371 Mr. Sharples said shared use or multiuse paths are generally around
372 riparian corridors and not near vehicular traffic. Putting a multi-use path next to a
373 roadway is a side path. You have to evaluate the safety in each situation. If you
374 put a sidepath in a dense commercial area with curb cuts, you're creating more
375 conflicts but outside of the sight of the driver. This would require data, evaluation,
376 and research.

377 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to write a letter of support regarding the SAA4 grant, and to
378 authorize the Select Board Chair to sign the letter. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed
379 4-0.

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381 e. Town Clerk Recommendation – Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager

382 i. Ms. Roy said Andie Kohler is retiring this Friday. We have a Deputy Clerk
383 who Andie recommends and supports as the new Town Clerk until the
384 next election. She would have to run again in March 2027.

385 **MOTION [Withdrawn]:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Jennifer Shupe, currently the Deputy
386 Town Clerk, to serve as Town Clerk effective May 22, 2026, pursuant to RSA 41:18, to fulfill the
387 remainder of the current Town Clerk term, contingent upon being sworn into office on
388 May 22, 2026. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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390 Ms. Roy said this appointment is only until the next Town election.

391 Ms. Belanger withdrew her motion and Ms. Cowan withdrew her second. The Board withdrew
392 their votes.

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394 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Jennifer Shupe, currently the Deputy Town Clerk, to
395 serve as Town Clerk effective May 22, 2026, pursuant to RSA 41:18, to serve until the next
396 election in March 2027. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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9. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-10 in the amount of 352.3 for tax year 2022. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-10 in the amount of 270.11 for tax year 2023. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-10 in the amount of 335.49 for tax year 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-10 in the amount of 344.6 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-58 in the amount of 224.73 for tax year 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-58 in the amount of 210.39 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 111-5-58 in the amount of 162.41 for tax year 2023. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 111-5-58 in the amount of 222.67 for tax year 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 111-5-58 in the amount of 227.29 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-99 in the amount of 171.78 for tax year 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-99 in the amount of 171.79 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-31 in the amount of 412.22 for tax year 2022. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-31 in the amount of 367.14 for tax year 2023. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-31 in the amount of 339.73 for tax year 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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442 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110-2-31 in the amount of 348.79
443 for tax year 2025. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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445 b. Permits & Approvals

446 i. Pairpoint Park Donation

447 Mr. Chartrand said he would like to recuse himself. Mr.
448 Papakonstantis said he doesn't see any gain coming from this, or any
449 conflict of interest.

450 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept the donations received during the month of April 2026
451 totaling \$5,250.00 for the design and construction of Pairpoint Park and direct the funds to be
452 held by the Trustees of Trust Funds in the Pairpoint Park Fund. Disbursement of the funds shall
453 be made by authorization of the Town Manager for the purpose of designing and/or constructing
454 Pairpoint Park. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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456 c. Town Manager's Report

457 i. Ms. Roy said Jon Ring of the Exeter Historical Society said they're hoping
458 to wish Peter A. Smith a happy 90th birthday.

459 ii. We were contacted regarding traffic issues with the construction on
460 Webster Ave. We reached out to the contractor. The current work is
461 repairing a newly installed manhole. They had to fully disassemble the
462 structure and fix the defects. Once the manhole work is complete they will
463 be restoring and reseeding.

464 iii. Starting next Tuesday, the new Town Manager Paul Cohen will be here.
465 She thanked the staff and the Board for their support during the transition.

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467 d. Select Board Committee Reports

468 i. Ms. Belanger attended a Housing Advisory Committee meeting. They had
469 a guest, Jerry Duffy from Portsmouth Progress, who discussed affordable
470 housing in Portsmouth. At Rec Advisory Board, they heard that the fund-
471 raising bricks will be installed this week. The Board restructured with Jenn
472 Harrington as Chair, Nicholas Nordin Vice-Chair, and Brinn Sullivan as
473 Clerk. The yard sale fundraiser is May 30. 48 houses have signed up, and
474 the deadline is May 27. The Planning Board heard case #26-3, a
475 Portsmouth Ave 22-room hotel. The applicant asked to postpone through
476 June 11 due to a request from an abutter. There was an extension
477 request regarding #22-6, the Baptist Church, which was granted. The
478 election of officers was tabled until June 11.

479 ii. Ms. Cowan had no report.

480 iii. Mr. Chartrand asked to give his report at the next meeting.

481 iv. Mr. Papakonstantis said regarding the Conservation Commission
482 meeting, there was public comment regarding Pairpoint Park, and some
483 of what was offered was not completely accurate. When we last took this
484 up as a discussion item, we went through the entire history and the

485 Planning Board, Concom, and HDC all voted to recommend that the
486 Select Board consider this offer of land, with one condition being that a
487 committee be set up. The Select Board has been consistent with what
488 was asked of us by the land use boards and what we've told the public.
489 We put together a good committee who have done everything the Select
490 Board has asked.

491 Mr. Papakonstantis said the Pairpoint Park Committee have
492 raised over \$35,000 and the RFQ is out. We will be moving forward on a
493 design. The Tree Committee decided we will only plant the trees we
494 already have due to the drought restrictions. He attended a ceremony at
495 Lincoln Street where two trees were planted, one in honor of a cafeteria
496 worker who had passed away.

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- 498 e. Correspondence
 - 499 i. The emails previously mentioned
 - 500 ii. The NHMA Legislative Update
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502 10. Review Board Calendar

- 503 a. The next meetings are June 1, June 15, June 29, July 14, July 28, August 10,
504 and August 24.
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506 11. Non-Public Session

507 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public under 91-A:3II(a). Ms. Cowan seconded.
508 In a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0 and the meeting entered non-public session.

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510 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to exit non-public at 10:34 pm. Ms. Cowan seconded. The
511 motion passed 4-0.

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513 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes indefinitely. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
514 motion passed 4-0.

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516 12. Adjournment

517 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm. Ms. Cowan seconded.
518 The motion passed 4-0.

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520 Respectfully Submitted,
521 Joanna Bartell
522 Recording Secretary