

Select Board Meeting
Monday May 18, 2026
6:45 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

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

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

2. Board Interviews

- a. Sarah DeWitt for the Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

3. Public Comment

Keith Whitehouse of Westside Drive said the styrofoam recycler came online today. He thinks running it once a week will be adequate to meet the demand. Raynes Barn is done, and they took the dumpster away today. There will be an art show on September 26, "Art in the Barn."

4. Bid Opening - School Street Area Improvement Project

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

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to refer the four bids to Public Works to make a recommendation to the Select Board. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Proclamations/Recognitions

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

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

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

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

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

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting: April 27, 2026

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

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

b. Regular meeting: May 4, 2026

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

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

7. Appointments

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

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

8. Discussion/Action Items

a. Public Hearing – Cass Street – 1st Reading

Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

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

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

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

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

Public Works Director Stephen Cronin was present for this discussion.

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

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

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

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b. Public Hearing – Wadleigh Street – 1st Reading

Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. CSO Barrel Project Update – Steve Cronin, DPW Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- e. Town Clerk Recommendation – Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager
 - i. Ms. Roy said Andie Kohler is retiring this Friday. We have a Deputy Clerk who Andie recommends and supports as the new Town Clerk until the next election. She would have to run again in March 2027.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

- b. Permits & Approvals
 - i. Pairpoint Park Donation

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

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

- c. Town Manager's Report
 - i. Ms. Roy said Jon Ring of the Exeter Historical Society said they're hoping to wish Peter A. Smith a happy 90th birthday.
 - ii. We were contacted regarding traffic issues with the construction on Webster Ave. We reached out to the contractor. The current work is repairing a newly installed manhole. They had to fully disassemble the structure and fix the defects. Once the manhole work is complete they will be restoring and reseeding.
 - iii. Starting next Tuesday, the new Town Manager Paul Cohen will be here. She thanked the staff and the Board for their support during the transition.
- d. Select Board Committee Reports
 - i. Ms. Belanger attended a Housing Advisory Committee meeting. They had a guest, Jerry Duffy from Portsmouth Progress, who discussed affordable housing in Portsmouth. At Rec Advisory Board, they heard that the fund-raising bricks will be installed this week. The Board restructured with Jenn Harrington as Chair, Nicholas Nordin Vice-Chair, and Brinn Sullivan as Clerk. The yard sale fundraiser is May 30. 48 houses have signed up, and the deadline is May 27. The Planning Board heard case #26-3, a Portsmouth Ave 22-room hotel. The applicant asked to postpone through June 11 due to a request from an abutter. There was an extension request regarding #22-6, the Baptist Church, which was granted. The election of officers was tabled until June 11.
 - ii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
 - iii. Mr. Chartrand asked to give his report at the next meeting.
 - iv. Mr. Papakonstantis said regarding the Conservation Commission meeting, there was public comment regarding Pairpoint Park, and some of what was offered was not completely accurate. When we last took this up as a discussion item, we went through the entire history and the

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

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

- e. Correspondence
 - i. The emails previously mentioned
 - ii. The NHMA Legislative Update

10. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are June 1, June 15, June 29, July 14, July 28, August 10, and August 24.

11. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public under 91-A:311(a). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0 and the meeting entered non-public session.

12. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary