

Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 12th, 2021, 6:45 p.m.
Nowak Room, Town Offices
10 Front Street, Exeter NH

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Non-Public Session
3. Bid Award: Wastewater Lagoon Sludge Removal
4. Public Comment
5. Proclamations/Recognitions
 - a. DPW Recognitions
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 21st, 2021
7. Appointments: Community Power Aggregation Committee
Board/Committee Resignations
8. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Swasey Parkway Trustees and Parkway Closure
 - b. Covid-19 Update – Fire Chief Wilking
 - c. Emergency Operations Plan Adoption – Fire Chief Wilking
 - d. Drought Update – DPW Director Jennifer Perry
9. Regular Business
 - a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
 - b. Permits & Approvals
 - c. Town Manager’s Report
 - d. Select Board Committee Reports
 - e. Correspondence
10. Review Board Calendar
11. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair
Select Board

Posted: 7/9/21 Town Office, Town Website

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Bid Award: Wastewater Lagoon Sludge Removal



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Memo

To: Exeter Select Board
Russell Dean, Town Manager

From: Jennifer Perry, P.E., Public Works Director

CC: Matthew Berube, Water/Sewer Manager
Stephen Dalton, Water/Sewer Assistant Manager
Joshua Scotton, WWTF Operations Supervisor

Date: July 8, 2021

Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility-Contract 5 Lagoon 2 & Remainder of 1 Sludge Removal Bid Evaluation & Recommendation to Award

Wright-Pierce Engineers has completed the evaluation of the two bids received and opened Monday, June 21, 2021. Wright-Pierce's bid evaluation letter is attached. Synagro-Northeast, LLC, out of Baltimore, MD, submitted the low bid of \$2,587,591. Synagro-Northeast, LLC has completed similar wastewater treatment facility sludge removal and has the financial capability to perform a project of this size. Synagro-Northeast, LLC was the selected contractor last year to dredge and pump sludge into geotextile bags from Lagoon 1. Wright-Pierce has reviewed Synagro's references and capacity. Wright-Pierce and the Town of Exeter recommend award of this project to low bidder Synagro-Northeast, LLC.

This project is a component of and critical to the overall wastewater facilities improvements and lagoon closure projects. The dewatered sludge from last year's project will be removed and hauled away this season. Once space is available again for dewatering, the sludge from lagoon 2 and remainder of sludge in lagoon 1 will be dredged, pumped and stored in geotextile tubes to dewater over the winter. Final dewatered sludge will be hauled to a sludge handling facility in 2022. Sludge removal is anticipated to start in August 2021 and be complete by November 2022.

This project was approved by the voters at the 2021 Town Meeting for a total amount of \$2,600,000. It will be financed through the NH Municipal Bond Bank with debt service paid through the Sewer Fund. The Select Board previously approved on April 26, 2021, the agreement with Wright-Pierce for construction phase engineering in the amount of \$120,000.

Suggested language for motion:

“Move to award Contract Number 5, Wastewater Treatment Facility Sludge Removal to Synagro Northeast, LLC, of Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of \$2,343,716 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Notice of Award and associated contract documents.”

July 7, 2021

Mr. Matthew Berube
Water and Sewer Manager
Department of Public Works
13 Newfields Road
Exeter, NH 03833

**SUBJECT: Contract No. 5 – WWTF Lagoon Sludge Removal
Evaluation of Bids**

Dear Matt:

We have completed our review of the bids that were opened on June 21, 2021 for the subject project. This letter represents a summary of our findings.

Two bids were received and reviewed. The bids ranged from \$2,587,591 to \$2,781,900. A tabulation of the bids is attached. Synagro Northeast, LLC of Baltimore, MD submitted the low bid. The second bid was approximately 7.5% higher than the low bid. Synagro's bid appear reasonable for the type of work involved. No deficiencies or mathematical errors were found in Synagro's bid.

Wright-Pierce and the Town successfully worked with Synagro on a very similar WWTF Sludge Removal project in 2020. Based on this experience and the information contained in the Qualifications Statement provided in their bid, Synagro is capable of performing a project of this nature. Synagro is also currently performing a similar lagoon sludge removal project in Epping, New Hampshire.

We have contacted Synagro's banking institution, Keybank. Keybank reports that Synagro's parent company (Whitemarsh Infrastructure Acquisition, Inc.) has been a customer since December 2020. Whitemarsh/Synagro maintains a medium seven figure balance in a secured and guaranteed revolving line of credit with a medium eight figure credit line available. Keybank reports that they have no reservations with Whitemarsh/Synagro undertaking this project.

Based on the above, we are not aware of any reason why this contract should not be awarded to Synagro as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The Town appropriated \$2.6M dollars for this project. The full bid amount is just under the appropriation amount; however, that would leave no funding for other contract recommendations and obligations (i.e., construction contingency, interim interest and technical services). The bid form was structured in such a way as to allow the Town to modify the award amount to maximize the amount of sludge removal with the funds available. We recommend awarding the contract based on the modified unit quantities identified in the bid tabulation in the "Synagro Recommended Award Amount" column. These quantities will reduce the bid award to \$2,343,716.00. We have discussed this with Synagro and they are amenable to this approach.

7/7/2021

Mr. Matthew Berube

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If the Town concurs with this recommendation, the attached Notice of Award should be issued as soon as possible. If the Town wishes to modify this Notice of Award, please let us know.

We are ready to assist the Town with awarding the contract, requesting the required bonds and insurance information, and getting the Contract Documents executed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WRIGHT-PIERCE



Edward J. Leonard, PE
Senior Project manager

ed.leonard@wright-pierce.com

Attachments

- Bid Tabulation
- Draft Notice of Award

CC: Steve Dalton – Town of Exeter
Josh Scotton – Town of Exeter
Jennifer Perry, PE – Town of Exeter
W-P File (12883N)

TOWN OF EXETER, NH
 CONTRACT NO. 5: WWTF LAGOON SLUDGE REMOVAL

BID TAB FOR BID OPENING 6/21/2021

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$2,900,000

WP PROJECT NO.: 12883N



BID QUANTITIES				BIDDER'S NAME						
				Denali Water Solutions		Syangro		Synagro Recommended Award Amount		
Item	Qty.	UNIT	UNIT AMT	BID	UNIT AMT	BID	AWARD	UNIT AMT	BID	
BASE BID										
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	1	LS	\$137,000.00	\$137,000.00	\$129,379.00	\$129,379.00	1	\$129,379.00	\$129,379.00
2	Remove and Dispose of Dewatered Sludge in 2021	10,000	WT*	\$146.00	\$1,460,000.00	\$136.15	\$1,361,500.00	10,000	\$136.15	\$1,361,500.00
3	Site Preparation Cell No. 1	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,081.00	\$8,081.00	1	\$8,081.00	\$8,081.00
6	Site Preparation Cell No. 2	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,081.00	\$8,081.00	1	\$8,081.00	\$8,081.00
7	Chemical Odor Control	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
4	Dredge/Dewater Sludge from Lagoon No. 2	700	DT*	\$264.00	\$184,800.00	\$218.00	\$152,600.00	700	\$218.00	\$152,600.00
5	Dredge/Dewater Sludge from Lagoon No. 1	400	DT*	\$264.00	\$105,600.00	\$218.00	\$87,200.00	150	\$218.00	\$32,700.00
8	Remove and Dispose of Dewatered Sludge in 2022	5,500	WT*	\$149.00	\$819,500.00	\$151.50	\$833,250.00	4,250	\$151.50	\$643,875.00
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT ITEMS (1 THROUGH 8)					\$2,781,900.00		\$2,587,591.00			\$2,343,716.00

Contingency	5%	\$120,000.00
BAN Interest		\$5,000.00
Technical Services		\$120,000.00
Total		\$2,588,716.00
Town Budget		\$2,600,000.00



SECTION 00810

NOTICE OF AWARD

Date of Issuance:

Owner: Town of Exeter NH Owner's Contract No.:

Engineer: Wright-Pierce Engineer's Project No.:

Project: WWTF Lagoon Sludge Removal Contract Name:

Bidder: Synagro Northeast, LLC.

Bidder's Address: 435 Williams Court, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21220

TO BIDDER:

You are notified that Owner has accepted your Bid dated June 21, 2021 for the above Contract, that you are the Successful Bidder and that you are awarded a Contract for: modified unit quantities for Bid Item No. 5 (change from 400 DT to **150 DT**), and No. 8 (change from 5,500 WT to **4,250 WT**); other bid items remain unchanged.

The Contract Price of the awarded Contract is: \$ 2,343,716.00.

One unexecuted counterpart of the Agreement will be provided by the Engineer concurrently with this Notice of Award.

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of the date of receipt of this Notice of Award:

1. Deliver to Owner three counterparts of the Agreement, fully executed by Bidder.
2. Deliver with the executed Agreements, three sets of the Contract security (i.e., performance and payment bonds) and insurance documentation as specified in the Instructions to Bidders and General Conditions, Articles 2 and 6.
3. Other conditions precedent:
 - a. Submit Schedule of Values in Microsoft Excel format
 - b. Submit Draft "Initial Project Schedule"
 - c. Submit List of Suppliers and Subcontractors

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle Owner to consider you in default, annul this Notice of Award, and declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within ten days after you comply with the above conditions, Owner will return to you one fully executed counterpart of the Agreement, together with any additional copies of the Contract Documents as indicated in Paragraph 2.02 of the General Conditions.

Owner:

Authorized Signature

By:

Title: _____

Copy: Matt Berube, Town of Exeter
Edward Leonard, Wright-Pierce

Proclamations/Recognitions



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July 6, 2021

Select Board
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Re: Exeter Public Works Employee of the Quarter, Spring 2020

Dear Select Board members:

It is our pleasure to inform you that Timothy Childers, Custodian, has been awarded the Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) for the Spring of 2020.

Nominations said that Tim deserved the award for the following reasons.

Tim has always done a great job every single day and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. He kept us all safe and healthy. No sickness spread here on his watch! Employee of the quarter, the year, the decade, the century...Outstanding Job! No one became ill. He was so well prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tim was recently awarded the EOQ for his work during the Summer of 2019, and also was the recipient in the Spring of 2015. It is readily apparent that Tim and his work are truly appreciated and he does not rest on his laurels. Tim has been employed with the Town of Exeter for 7 years.

The Employee of the Quarter Program was created 22 years ago, in 1999, to recognize outstanding performance and dedication to the Exeter Public Works Department and Exeter community. This honor is awarded to an individual for special achievements to advance the mission of the Department while aligned with the Department's core values of Teamwork, Integrity and Safety. Nominations can be made by any Town employee or citizen, and the selection is made by the Employee of the Quarter Committee.

On behalf of the Exeter Public Works Department, we are pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that Tim has demonstrated to warrant this recognition.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer R. Perry in blue ink.

Jennifer R. Perry
Public Works Director

Matthew Berube, Vice Chair
Employee of the Quarter Committee

cc: Human Resources, personnel file



Exeter Public Works Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) Spring 2020 recipient Timothy Childers (middle) receiving award from EOQ Committee Vice Chair Matthew Berube (left) and Jennifer Perry (right). (photo by Trisha Allen)



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Re: Exeter Public Works Employee of the Quarter, Spring of 2021

Dear Select Board Members:

It is our pleasure to inform you that Harry Lindsay, III, Mechanic Foreman, has been awarded the Employee of the Quarter for the Spring of 2021.

Nominations reflect that Harry deserves the award for the following reasons.

Harry comes to work every day ready to do whatever it takes to get any job done, no questions asked. He goes above and beyond on a daily basis to help anyone he comes in contact with. He is very reliable and a valuable member of the department and is the embodiment of teamwork and leadership. Harry also volunteered on his own time to help with the Department's Fill-a-Truck food drive for St. Vincent De Paul food pantry. Harry regularly donates his time to help out with personal matters as both Union President and as a fellow employee advising any co-worker. You know if you call on him he will always do the right thing, no matter the circumstance; that is integrity. It has been said at prior employee of the quarter meetings that this award should go to the individual that stands out in the crowd and truly represents the spirit of the program. There is no other employee of the Town that does this any better than Harry Lindsay and he does it every day.

Harry has been employed with the Town of Exeter for 4 years. He has been a previous recipient of the Employee of the Quarter award in the Fall of 2018.

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On behalf of the Exeter Public Works Department, we are pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that Harry has demonstrated to warrant this recognition.

Sincerely,



Jennifer R. Perry
Public Works Director

Matthew Berube, Vice Chair
Employee of the Quarter Committee

cc: Human Resources, personnel file



Exeter Public Works Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) Spring 2021 recipient Harry Lindsay, III (middle) receiving award from EOQ Committee Vice Chair Matthew Berube (left) and Jennifer Perry (right). (photo by Trisha Allen)

Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting
Monday June 21, 2021
6:45 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Daryl Browne, Niko Papakonstantis, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present in person at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:45 PM.

The Board recessed to conduct an interview in the Wheelwright Room.

2. Board Interviews

- a. David Wold for the Communications Advisory Committee

The Board reconvened at 7:07 PM.

3. Bid Opening: Lagoon Sludge Disposal

- a. Denali Water Solutions of Russellville Arkansas provided a quote of \$2,781,900.
- b. Synagro of Baltimore Maryland provided a quote of \$2,587,591.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to refer the bids to DPW for review and recommendation. Ms. Oliff seconded. All were in favor.

4. Public Comment

- a. Ken Damsell of 6 Dewey Street said he called Police on Saturday about excessive noise in the Parkway, but they did not respond. He went down and asked the organizers to turn it down, and he was ignored. They play music loud enough to vibrate the windows at almost any concert. The town should set up a noise ordinance on how loud they can be, and it should be enforced. Mr. Papakonstantis said they do have a noise ordinance, and he will look into the complaint.
- b. Assistant Fire Chief Justin Pizon did a successful test of the Zoom meeting.

5. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. Chief Stephan Poulin recognized Officer Petroski, who was named DARE Officer of the Year for the US.
- b. Mr. Papakonstantis recognized those involved in the opening of the pool at the Rec Park this weekend. He thanked Parks and Rec, especially Melissa Roy, as well as the lifeguards, DPW, Highway, and Maintenance.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: June 14, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented. Ms. Oliff seconded. All were in favor.

7. Appointments

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to appoint David Wold to the Communications Advisory Committee for a term to expire April 2022. Ms. Oliff seconded. All were in favor.

8. Discussion/Action Items

a. TAP Grant Discussion

Dave Sharples, the Town Planner, and Stephen Haas, a Design Engineer from Hoyle Tanner, were present to discuss the Brentwood Road/Epping Road/Columbus Ave intersection changes. Mr. Sharples said this process started in 2016, when he applied for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant to complete three sidewalks in town, including on Epping Road. When 80 Epping Road was developed, the Planning Board required a sidewalk of about 300 feet in front, but it did not connect to existing sidewalks. The town was awarded the grant for 80% of the project cost, and did a warrant article for the 20% match, which was approved by the voters. The project went through a series of federal reviews, including an engineering study. They did a public input process with the abutters to the project, but only a handful of people showed up.

The Design Engineer came up with two alternatives for that intersection. The first was to have a crosswalk at the Brentwood Road stop sign, and the second was to have a crosswalk across the island, which changes the traffic pattern. They've had 15 accidents in the 5 years of crash data. He sent out flyers to 112 people, everyone on Washington, Columbus, Spruce, and some on Brentwood, which included a notice that one alternative will change traffic patterns. The letters went out in February or March 2018, and were sent regular mail, not registered or certified. There was no legal requirement to notify abutters, but they wanted to. About 20 people came to the second meeting, and were unanimous that they preferred option 2. The town contracted with Hoyle Tanner to do a traffic study and count and look for safety issues, and concluded that, while additional traffic would go down other streets, they could handle the increased capacity. They began the final design process on option 2 after that. It took until now to do the construction because that's how Federal Grants work, and they also had to get the easements from abutters. They were ready to put out for bid last year, but it wasn't good timing since it was towards the end of the season. They put it out to bid in Spring 2021, got bids, and started construction.

Mr. Papakonstantis said a 45% increase of southbound traffic on Winter Street sounds significant, is that high? Mr. Sharples said the key factor is not the percentage increase, but the number of cars. There are about 100 additional cars on Winter Street during peak hour, 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked about the selection of the week in August to do the traffic study, when many people are on vacation. Mr. Haas said they try to avoid any period when things may not be normal. They sometimes use adjustment factors based on DOT numbers, but did not in this case. August is the highest month for the nearest local DOT counter. Ms. Oliff said Exeter in August is different than Hampton and other beach-friendly areas. Mr. Haas said the nearest counter is on 101 near Exeter.

Mr. Papakonstantis said a vibrant business [Exeter Bowling Lanes/Shooter's Pub] is located on Columbus, with a lot of peak traffic in the evenings. Was that factored in, or did they speak with the business owner? Mr. Haas said no.

Ms. Oliff said she'd like the public to focus on how they can move forward.

Keith Kondrat of 49 Winter Street said he's frustrated with the new traffic pattern. He can't get out of his driveway. They forgot about the traffic for the schools coming across. He did not receive the flyer about the public input meeting. Ms. Oliff asked for a show of hands on how many did receive the flyer, and no hands were raised.

Salina McIntyre of Arbor Street said people coming through Winter Street, parking on both sides, too narrow. Should be parking on one side, might make it more passable and safe. Asked if the new development on Epping Road was factored in, which will add more people using Epping Road. Mr. Haas said future traffic was not projected.

Chris Soutter of Cullen Way said traffic studies usually look at multiple times, not a one-day study. She's here to support Rob Ficara and his business, which support non-profits and the community.

Norm Geis of 14 Spruce Street said he's upset about the lack of communication. He never received a flyer or heard anything until construction started. There's an inconvenience to going down Washington or Winter to get to his house. He doesn't think they got enough people from Columbus, Washington, or Winter at the public input meeting. He wants to redo the intersection to go with option 1.

Leslie Haslam of Columbus Ave said she came back from a vacation to construction and didn't know how to get out of her neighborhood. She can't figure out when to pull out of Columbus onto Brentwood Road. She thinks they should go back to option 1. The intersection at Railroad and Columbus is much more dangerous than this intersection.

Mr. Sharples said their primary focus was introducing pedestrians to the intersection, and looking to get them safely across.

Tom Hemenway of Epping Road said this intersection hasn't been a major issue in the past. Standing on the island is dangerous for pedestrians. He's also concerned for Rob Ficara, who should have been taken into consideration.

Leslie Haslam said she is elated to have the Winter Street to Park Street sidewalks finished.

Harold LaFoe of 17 Columbus Ave said that Hoyle Tanner is one of the most recognized companies in the industry, but for that neighborhood, there should have been a 30/60/90 day mechanical study to get real numbers. They decided to change the traffic pattern, and notified everyone but the one business on Columbus Ave. The only way to fix it is to start with a real traffic study.

Rob Ficara of 6 Columbus Ave said he's owned the Exeter Bowling Lanes for 35 years. He was raised to give back to the community. In 2019, he was

responsible for helping to raise \$97,600 for charities. They're only at about 20% of the traffic now of what it will be when bowling and dart leagues start in September and people are back from vacation. Traffic will be crazy. Columbus is a better street at handling the traffic than the surrounding streets. He can't say yet what the impact to his business is, but he has heard that people are going elsewhere. Bowlers come from Maine, Massachusetts, and further, and come into town from the 101 via exit 9. There's a lack of communication and respect. They should have come and talked to him. He asked the town to take the intersection down.

Molly Cowan of 58 Columbus Ave said she's a neighbor to Rob, but really appreciates the work Mr. Sharples has done to make the sidewalk safer there. When she was running for Select Board, she heard that people wanted to walk their children to Great Bay and had trouble with this intersection. She feels horrible that they've dropped the ball here. What would taking it out mean for the grant, and for the other taxpayers who don't live in the neighborhood? They need to explore how to make this better. The Winter Street intersection is a nightmare. Her property value is increasing due to this decision, so maybe she should recuse herself. The construction piece has calmed the traffic, but it may be making things worse for children on Washington Avenue. She wants to look at how to make this better. She doesn't think there was a deliberate disrespect of this pillar of the community [Mr. Ficara].

Mr. Haas said they presented both options at the public meeting, and there was a lot of concern about introducing pedestrians to this intersection. When cars take the left onto Brentwood Road, there was a concern that cars going through would pass those turning. Ms. Oliff said with the new development, there will be more kids walking to Lincoln and Main Street Schools. She wants to find a solution without spending too much money and without losing sight of future development. Mr. Papakonstantis said they need to figure out what to do to make this better, and how they can handle the process better next time.

John Haslam of 15 Columbus Ave was concerned that they did not look at future growth or the apartments. They have improved Columbus but made the traffic worse on Washington, Winter, and Spruce.

Rob Ficara said that at the meeting where residents were invited, there was one person from Winter Street and no one else from any of the neighborhoods. They have a lot more work to do on this town, and this process is a problem.

Martin Mulrey of 105-107 Washington Street said cars, trucks, and tankers are going down Washington Street. The whole street rattles. A mistake has been made. Their 8-ton truck limit is never enforced. They could use a couple cops on the street.

Ron Thomas of 15 Arbor Street said they should push the crosswalks back further and put in blinking crosswalk signs like PEA. Mr. Sharples said those are for mid-block crossings, not a stop control intersection. The crossing

here is at a stopped crossing. They did propose one on Winter Street, but people were adamantly against it.

Mr. Sharples read the streets of the attendees of the public meeting; there were 9 people from those streets, and he also got a couple of resident calls. He'd like suggestions on getting more public input.

Kelly Kondrat of Winter Street asked if they will put in a crosswalk from Winter Street to the Park Street Common. Ms. Gilman said that was part of the original proposal, where they discussed the blinking light. Mr. Sharples said that originally folks wanted a crosswalk. DPW hired Underwood Engineers, who looked at where they could put a safe crosswalk, but because of the speeds and the sight distance, felt there was no safe place for it. Once they put a crosswalk in, the town is sanctifying that people can cross there. They looked to re-explore that when putting in sidewalks, and designed one that needed flashing beacons, but the folks that lived there who gave easements were adamantly opposed to that. They try to come up with the best solution given the public input.

Chris Soutter said re communications, they send out email blasts, regular mail, and put it on the website and social media, and there's always a bunch of people saying they didn't know. Sometimes it just doesn't carry over. The reason the residents are here is because Rob spoke to them. If something matters, they should get out and go face to face.

Joe Leweck of 12 Exeter Highlands, who owns a business on the corner of Winter and Rockingham, said communication could have been better. He's surprised the meeting even went forward with only 9 people. The traffic on Winter has increased greatly, so that he can't get out of his driveway. They should have had a larger sampling of the community at large. It's not the worst thing to scrap a project.

Mr. Papakonstantis brought the discussion back to the Board. He said one of the biggest responsibilities of the Board is to increase public safety. Pedestrian safety was accomplished, but they may have created another problem. He asked Mr. Sharples what options they have at this point. 80% of this was paid for by a grant. Can they submit another design, or will they lose the Federal money? Mr. Sharples said he can't predict how the Feds will react. They didn't review the concept plans, only the preferred alternative, which was option 2. He would have to go back and ask them what the process would be. They would want to review any redesign.

Ms. Oliff asked how they would communicate with the public about what will happen. Mr. Sharples said sometimes the Feds are very busy; he'll submit something and months will go by. He'll do his best to get an answer as quickly as he can.

Mr. Papakonstantis said the traffic study seems faulty. It was taken on one day during school vacation week. Can they revisit it? Mr. Sharples said possibly, but they won't be funded by the grant. They did an Epping Road Corridor study as part of the TIF study and got traffic counts, so he can contact VHB and get that data, and see what they advise.

Mr. Papakonstantis said they will put this on the Select Board meeting agenda as more information becomes available.

Mr. Browne said concerned that no projections were done for the future, so he's interested in VHB's opinion. If Brentwood Road traffic increases, what's the impact there? Mr. Sharples said they did do a future traffic study through VHB. They proposed a two-lane roundabout, but that didn't seem feasible, since it would take out several houses and a business. Traffic studies are all assumptions, they can't really predict how many cars will be added from square footage of development.

Ms. Gilman said she understands that changes are difficult and there are concerns about process. She asked about the study of all the problem intersections in town, Mr. Sharples said he's only involved with this intersection because this was a grant for pedestrians. They would have to get an update from DPW. Mr. Dean said the DPW were looking to form a work group based on the intersections they've come up with so far.

Ms. Oliff asked what the quorum from each neighborhood should have been. Do they not pass or vote on things unless a certain percentage of people are present? Mr. Sharples said there are no guidelines. He has gone door to door himself. He's always looking to get more of the neighborhood.

Andrew Elliott of 42 Washington Street spoke remotely via Zoom. He has seen some growth since buying a house in 2012. He's been working with Mr. Sharples on Washington Street. He doesn't necessarily want them to change back the intersection, but there's been a significant traffic increase on Washington. They should complete the sidewalks, which are very unsafe. He would like to see traffic calming measures on Washington and Winter to reduce the speed, if not the volume.

Mr. Sharples encouraged anyone with concerns to contact him directly. Mr. Papakonstantis said he will personally work with Mr. Ficara to update everyone.

b. Third Reading - Animal Control Ordinance Amendment

- i. Ms. Gilman read the change to the Animal Ordinance, the third and final reading. This is an amendment to chapter 9, section 910, to add Kids Park and Townhouse Common.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adopt the amendment to section 9 of the ordinance. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

c. 44 River Street- Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lot

- i. Mr. Dean said they received an application to restore 44 River Street. The Building Dept was under the impression that the town had never voluntarily merged the lot, but they got documentation that the previous

owner had voluntarily merged the lot. Mr. Eastman is recommending that the Board move to deny the application.

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to deny the application for the restoration of an involuntarily merged lot for the property of 44 River Street (Tax Map Parcel #72/98) in accordance with the new information provided from the former property owner verifying that the two parcels were voluntarily merged in 2004 and the letter from the Town Assessor, dated March 29 2004, confirming the lot merger and recent changes in the property assessment value. Ms. Oliff seconded. All were in favor.

9. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an intent to excavate for 113/5. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an abatement for 111/5/3 in the amount of \$45.16 for 2020. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an abatement for 111/5/6 in the amount of \$69.63 for 2019 and the amount of \$132.25 for 2020. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

b. Permits & Approvals

i. Warrant for unlicensed dogs from Town Clerk.

MOTION: Ms. Oliff moved to approve the dog warrant for 2021. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor, and each member signed the warrant.

ii. The Board received an email from Scott Ruffner of TEAM requesting to waive the fees for the TEAM festivals. They should provide relief for arts and culture in the community, which suffered loss during the pandemic. Mr. Papakonstantis suggested reducing all fees for Exeter based organizations by 50% in 2021. The fees are minimal, but help maintain the Parkway and Town Hall; reducing them by 50% could fit into the budget.

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to reduce the Swasey Parkway and Town Hall rates for Exeter based organizations and non-profits by 50% for 2021. Ms. Oliff seconded. Mr. Browne asked if this complicates things for the Swasey Parkway Trustees, and Mr. Papakonstantis said it's the Select Board's issue. The Trustees feel strongly about waiving fees, but this 50% is out of the town budget for this year. All were in favor.

iii. Mr. Papakonstantis discussed the closing of Swasey Park, which expires on June 30. He spoke with Dwayne Staples, Chair of the Swasey Park Trustees, who requested to meet with the Select Board in July following the Trustees' meeting June 30. He asked the Board to consider extending the closure through July 12, 2021 to allow the Trustees to have their meeting and allow the public fair notice to come before the Board. Ms. Gilman said this should go beyond July 12.

MOTION [not voted]: Ms. Gilman moved to extend the closure of Swasey Parkway to vehicular traffic to the date of July 17, 2021. Mr. Browne seconded. Ms. Gilman said July 17 is a Saturday, and she would prefer to have it expire on the Friday.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman amended her motion, to extend the closure of Swasey Park to vehicular traffic through July 16th. Mr. Browne seconded the amended motion. All were in favor.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. They can now hit the GOFER site and get the tranche of ARPA funds, which will be around \$800,000.
- ii. They received 15 proposals for the Public Safety alternatives analysis. They're looking for another member of the Board to participate on that committee.
- iii. They submitted the LCHIP grant application.
- iv. Today was the Network Administrator Steven Bailey's first day.
- v. Regarding outdoor dining, SB155 is in a state of flux, but locally they've allowed it to continue. This seems to be the way other communities are handling it.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Mr. Browne had no report.
- ii. Ms. Gilman had a Heritage Commission meeting, where there was continued discussion on the Park Street neighborhood area. Survey done and still processing the data. Thursday is the last day in Concord, and they will vote on 45 bills. HB315 would allow municipalities to generate up to 5 MW of power, and the transfer station was designed for 1.75 MW. The State now says only 1 MW, which would hamper our potential.
- iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
- iv. Ms. Oliff had no report
- v. Mr. Papakonstantis had no report.

e. Correspondence

- i. A letter from the Department of Transportation regarding sign replacement work on 101 in Epping, Brentwood, and Exeter.
- ii. An update from Executive Council
- iii. A letter regarding the Exeter 2019 cyclical revaluation from the DOR. Mr. Dean said the State sent the letter to certify the activities of the 2019 cyclical revaluation.
- iv. Correspondence from two citizens, one on sidewalks at Portsmouth Ave, and one opposed to the addition of the Assistant Town Manager.

10. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are July 12 and July 19.

11. Non-Public Session

- a. There was no non-public session at this meeting.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adjourn. Ms. Oliff seconded. Ms. Cowan had stepped away, and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

Appointments



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Good news!

2 messages

RM Allen <rmallennh@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 12:44 PM

To: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>, Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

Hi Russ and Niko,

Good news! The community power aggregation committee, or energy aggregation committee is mostly filled. You should see the applications come in shortly. It will be cliff Sinnott, Lew Hitzrot, Julie Labranche from RPC, and Nick Devonshire from Clean Energy Capital.

Cliff is working on one more gentleman to round out the committee, but I think we can get started as soon as the select board approves the applications.

Thanks,
Renay

sent from Renay's cell phone

Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 12:47 PM

To: RM Allen <rmallennh@gmail.com>

Cc: Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

Good news!!

Thanks for the heads up Renay.

Russ

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Town Manager's Office

Town of Exeter
Town Manager's Office
10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833

JUN 21 2021

Received

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: Exeter Community Power Aggregation Committee

New

Re-Appointment

Regular

Alternate

Name: Lewis Hitzrot Email: lhitzrot@exeter.edu

Address: 185 Hugh St Phone: 603-738-6153

Registered Voter: Yes No

Statement of Interest/experience/background/qualification, etc. (resume can be attached).

Member of the Exeter Energy Committee - Cliff Sinnott
and I have been the EEC members who have
investigated community power and presented our
findings to the EEC & the Select Board

If this is re-appointment to a position, please list all training sessions you have attended relative to your appointed position.

I understand that: 1. this application will be presented to the Exeter Select Board only for the position specified above and not for subsequent vacancies on the same board; 2. The Town Manager and Select Board may nominate someone who has not filed a similar application; 3. this application will be available for public inspection.

After submitting this application for appointment to the Town Manager:

- The application will be reviewed and you will be scheduled for an interview with the Select Board
- Following the interview the Board will vote on your potential appointment at the next regular meeting
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I certify that I am 18 years of age or older:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/16/21

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

Date Appointed: _____ Term Ending: _____ Full: _____ Alternate: _____



Town of Exeter

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Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: Energy Aggregation Committee

New

Re-Appointment

Regular

Alternate

Name: Cliff Sinnott Email: cliffsinnott@gmail.com

Address: 84 Park Street, Exeter Phone: 603-553-5707

Registered Voter: Yes No

Statement of Interest/experience/background/qualification, etc. (*resume can be attached*).

I am a member of the Exeter Local Energy Committee and, along with Lew Hitzrot of that committee, have been studying and gathering information relative to the implementation of community power for the Town of Exeter through RSA 53-E. I believe it has great promise in providing electric customers in Exeter with greater choice and access to renewable electric energy sources at competitive prices. A first step in that implementation is to form this committee who is charged with developing the Town's plan for community power. I am interested in continuing this work as well as acting as a liaison with the Energy Committee.

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Signature:  Date: June 14, 2021

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

Date Appointed: _____ Term Ending: _____ Full: _____ Alternate: _____



Town of Exeter

Town Manager's Office
10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: Energy Committee Community Power Aggregation Committee

New Re-Appointment Regular Alternate

Name: Nicholas Devonshire Email: nicholas.devonshire@gmail.com
Address: 10 Woodridge Ln Exeter, NH Phone: 847 962 7810

Registered Voter: Yes No

Statement of Interest/experience/background/qualification, etc. (resume can be attached).

Director of Investments at Clean Capital, overseeing \$800m in Clean energy investments
MBA From MIT where I studied electric power systems
Experience underwriting credit/default risks of California Community Choice Aggregators
Experience underwriting competitive 3rd party Retail electric supplies
Invested several million dollars into NH Municipal solar assets for Clean Capital
Significant experience in Retail electric tariff structuring

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I certify that I am 18 years of age or older:

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/8/21

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

Date Appointed: _____ Term Ending: _____ Full: _____ Alternate: _____



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Resigning as Exeter Planning Board Alternate

1 message

Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 9:11 AM

To: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

For the next packet

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Molly Cowan** <mcowan@exeternh.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 9:04 AM

Subject: Fwd: Resigning as Exeter Planning Board Alternate

To: Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Peter Steckler** <petersteckler@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 7:24 AM

Subject: Resigning as Exeter Planning Board Alternate

To: Langdon Plumer <langplumer@gmail.com>


CC: Aaron Brown <aaron.b@atrioproperties.com>, Daniel Hoijer <dhoijer13@gmail.com>, Dave Sharples <dsharples@exeternh.gov>, Gwen English <gwenexeter@yahoo.com>, Jennifer Martel <jmartel@gmail.com>, John Grueter <grueterj2002@yahoo.com>, Kathleen Croteau <kcroteau@exeternh.gov>, Marc Dettore <mdettore@comcast.net>, Marc Dettore <mdettore@jacksonlumber.com>, Molly Cowan <mcowan@exeternh.gov>, Nancy Belanger <nbelanger411@gmail.com>, Pete Cameron <dpgc@islc.net>, Robin Tyner <rd.tyner88@gmail.com>, Barbara Mcevoy <bmcevoy@exeternh.gov>

Good morning, Chair Plumer.

Its with mixed emotions that I submit my attached resignation letter from the Exeter Planning Board. I have enjoyed working with you and the rest of the board, and thank you for the opportunity to serve over that last couple of years.

All my best,

Pete

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Town Manager's Office

JUN 30 2021

Received

June 30, 2021

Chairman Langdon Plumer, Exeter Planning Board
Town of Exeter
New Hampshire, 03833

Dear Chairman Plummer,

Please accept my resignation as an alternate on the Exeter Planning Board effective immediately. After 15 years living in Exeter, my family will be relocating to Brentwood in August.

I want to thank you and the rest of the Exeter Planning Board for welcoming me and helping me to learn planning board processes. I am very appreciative of the respectful and collegial approach of the board during my time as an alternate. My engagement with the board has offered a great opportunity for personal and professional growth and community support and engagement. I also want to thank the Exeter Planning staff for all that they do, both behind the scenes and directly with the board.

I will look forward to opportunities to continue to work with Exeter through my professional capacity going forward.

Sincerely



Peter Steckler

Cc: Exeter Planning Board
Exeter Planning Staff



Organizational Announcement

2 messages

Connor Barry <cbarry978@gmail.com>
To: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>
Cc: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Mon, Jul 5, 2021 at 9:06 AM

Good morning, Russ:

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you my wife and I are relocating to Bedford, NH, at the end of August. While we're excited for the next chapter, we reluctantly leave behind a wonderful community. Specifically, it's been a great pleasure serving on both the Communications Advisory and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committees. It says a lot about Exeter that so many thoughtful community members are willing to volunteer their time.

Because I'm only a member of the Parks and Recs Committee, I would intend to resign effective immediately. However, as chair of the Communications Committee, I would intend to schedule a meeting in either July or August to discuss our status and move to appoint a new chair. As of August 25th, I will no longer be an Exeter resident, so my resignation would either be effective on that date or on the date of our summer meeting, if we're able to schedule one.

If I don't run into either you or Pam this summer, thank you both a million for all you do!

-Connor Barry

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Connor Barry <cbarry978@gmail.com>
Cc: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 8:33 AM

Good morning Connor.

Although we're sad to see you go, we wish you and your family all the best. Thank you for your service to Exeter through the Communications Advisory Committee and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Bedford is lucky to have you.

I'll forward your resignation message in regard to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to the Select Board. Their next meeting is on 7/12, so your resignation will be acknowledged at that time.

Once the Communications Advisory Committee meeting has taken place and a new Chair is appointed, I'll return your resignation message to the Select Board.

Have a good day.

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Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office

603-773-6102

Human Services Administrator

603-773-6116

Discussion/Action Items

Swasey Parkway Trustees and Parkway Closure

Questions for the Selectboard from Swasey Parkway Trustees

As these are all important in my opinion the first one is the most to get answered:

1. How does the Selectboard view the Parkway Trustees and their role in what is done at the Parkway.
2. The Road Closure, what is the ultimate goal here for the road at the Parkway?
3. Parkway usage, the fee for use of the Parkway and Pavilion,, will the Trustees be allowed to be involved in the permitting process again, should a committee be set up to look at these areas of concern with the Parkway from the Trustees, is this to become a mini Prescott Park in Exeter with the commercialization of it. What about consideration of the neighborhoods in the area during events.
4. Renovation of the Parkway, setting a Master Plan with the knowledge that this would be a multi-year project and the Master Plan may change over the duration of the completion of this project.

Discussion/Action Items

Covid 19 Update

Weekly FD Report
Friday, July 9
Russ,

- Numerous EMS and Fire calls during the week, with nothing notable.
- **Statewide vaccination statistics released by NH DHHS the end of June, shows Exeter with the sixth highest vaccination rate based on population, and the highest among populous communities. With a population of 15,358, Exeter had 11,640 residents fully vaccinated or 75.8% and 12,733 or 82.9% with at least one dose.**
The only communities with a higher percentage of vaccinated residents were: Littleton, Waterville Valley, Jackson, Grantham and Lancaster.
- COVID numbers continue to look encouraging statewide, though a slight uptick in cases over the past few days have raised the concerns about the Delta variant and unvaccinated residents.
- Exeter had 2 residents test positive for the virus over the July 4th weekend, and an additional case on Tuesday, July 6 increasing our total since March 2020 to 931, with 4 cases considered active.
- This past week NH had 158 positive tests for a daily average of 23. There have been 2 COVID19 related deaths statewide recorded this past week, with none coming from Rockingham County.
- Currently, there are no vaccination clinics scheduled. State officials are encouraging those not yet vaccinated to contact their doctor or schedule a vaccination at a local pharmacy.

Discussion/Action Items

Emergency Operations Plan Adoption



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: RUSS DEAN, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: ERIC WILKING, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATED LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (LEOP)
DATE: JULY 7, 2021
CC SELECT BOARD

Russ, please find attached the final version of the Town of Exeter Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), dated June 2021. Jane Hubbard of Hubbard Consulting LLC was selected as the contractor to facilitate meetings and complete the plan updates. The revisions and updates to the plan have been ongoing for nearly two years due to delays related to the coronavirus pandemic. The initial Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) was approved in November 2019 for \$5,000. The grant performance period was extended in 2020, to August 31, 2021.

This update was truly a group effort. Twenty-three Town of Exeter department managers and employees, as well as other community stakeholders from SAU16, the Exeter Hospital, and Phillips Exeter Academy all contributed over 200 hours of plan review and attended meetings, both in-person and virtually.

The updated plan addresses hazard preparedness, response and recovery strategies; identifies 18 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) that align with state and federal plans, necessary for efficient operations; and provides guidelines and checklists for quick reference. This plan is a living document. It will require periodic maintenance and review by the Emergency Management Director and other stakeholders during the next 5-10 years to remain current and applicable.

After review, the next step will be to have the Select Board Chair sign and date the plan on page iv – Notice of Promulgation. This will formally adopt the plan and set in motion the process of state approval and reimbursement of our costs associated with the update.

If possible, I would recommend placing the discussion and adoption of the plan on the July 12 or July 19 select board agenda, as all necessary grant close-out paperwork and requests for reimbursement must be submitted before August 31, 2021.

I look forward to presenting the plan and answering any questions you or the select board may have.

"A Tradition of Service"

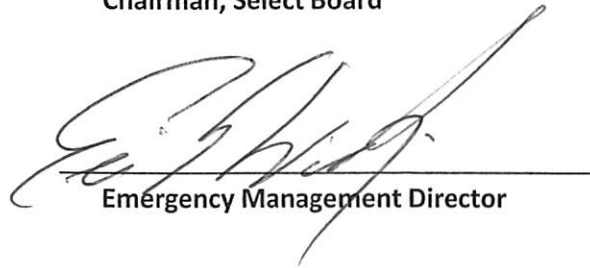
NOTICE OF PROMULGATION

The publication of the *Town of Exeter, NH Local Emergency Operations Plan* (hereinafter referred to as the EOP) represents a concerted effort on the part of Exeter to provide a mechanism for effectively responding to and recovering from the impact of natural or human-caused disasters or emergencies.

The stated purpose of this Plan and associated supporting documents is to facilitate the delivery of local government, community and mutual aid resources, and to provide needed assistance and relief to disaster victims and the community, at large. This Plan represents the Community's best intentions to manage emergencies/disasters within the framework of community-wide cooperation and coordination.

The Exeter Emergency Operations Plan is adopted effectively this day, the 12th of July, 2021.

Chairman, Select Board



Emergency Management Director

Discussion/Action Items

Drought Update



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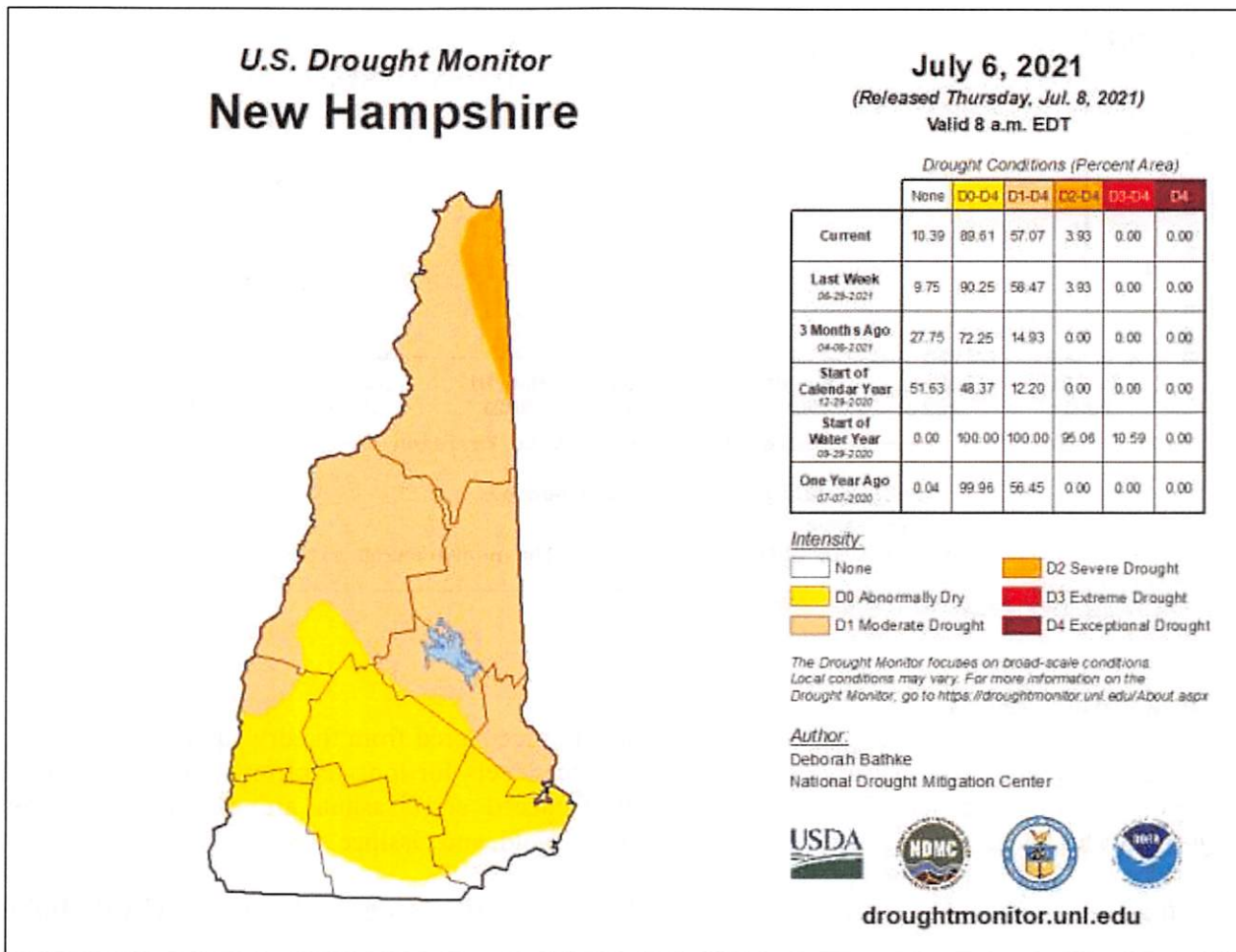
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MEMO

DATE: July 8, 2021
 TO: Russell Dean, Town Manager
 Exeter Select Board
 FROM: Jennifer R. Perry, P.E., Public Works Director
 RE: Water Resources Status Update & Recommended Water Use Restrictions

New Hampshire Drought Conditions

The U.S. Drought Monitor dated July 6, 2021, indicates 90% of the State of New Hampshire is abnormally dry (D0), in moderate (D1) or severe drought (D2) condition. The Town of Exeter and the upper reaches of the Exeter River watershed continue to be **abnormally dry** (D0); drought conditions have persisted here since May 2020.

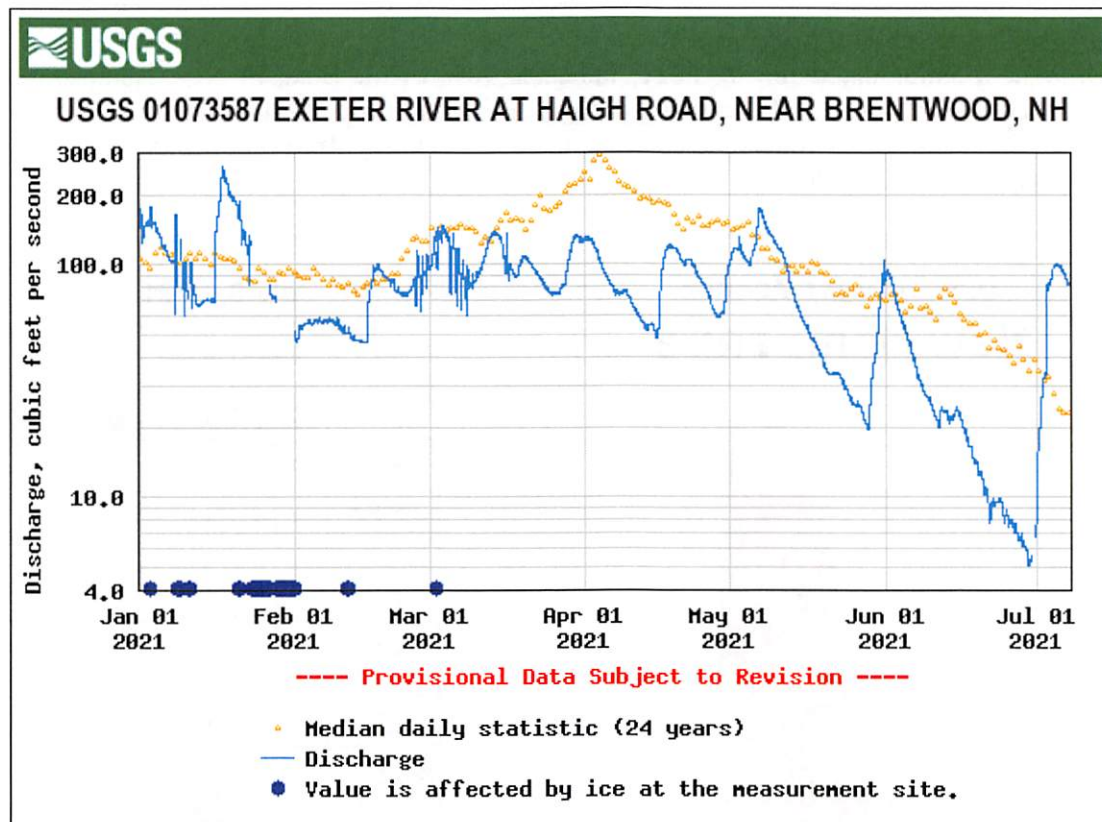


The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by National Drought Mitigation Center at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Map courtesy of NDMC.
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NH>

River Flow

The USGS stream flow gauge on the Exeter River at Haigh Road in Brentwood (drainage area 63.5 square miles) indicates current instantaneous discharge is 82.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) (at 12:15 on 7/8/2021) which is above the median. The water supply intake for the Town of Exeter is located several miles downstream of the gauging station, with a contributing watershed of 107 square miles. The flow rates at the intake location are estimated to be 1.69 times higher than at Haigh Road, or approximately 139 cfs (90 MGD). It should be noted that flows in the preceding months have been below normal, and were very low for the month of June.

The instantaneous Exeter River flow rate is **currently above average**, however flow rates in general have been **below normal** for most of the year.



<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?01073587>

Groundwater Levels

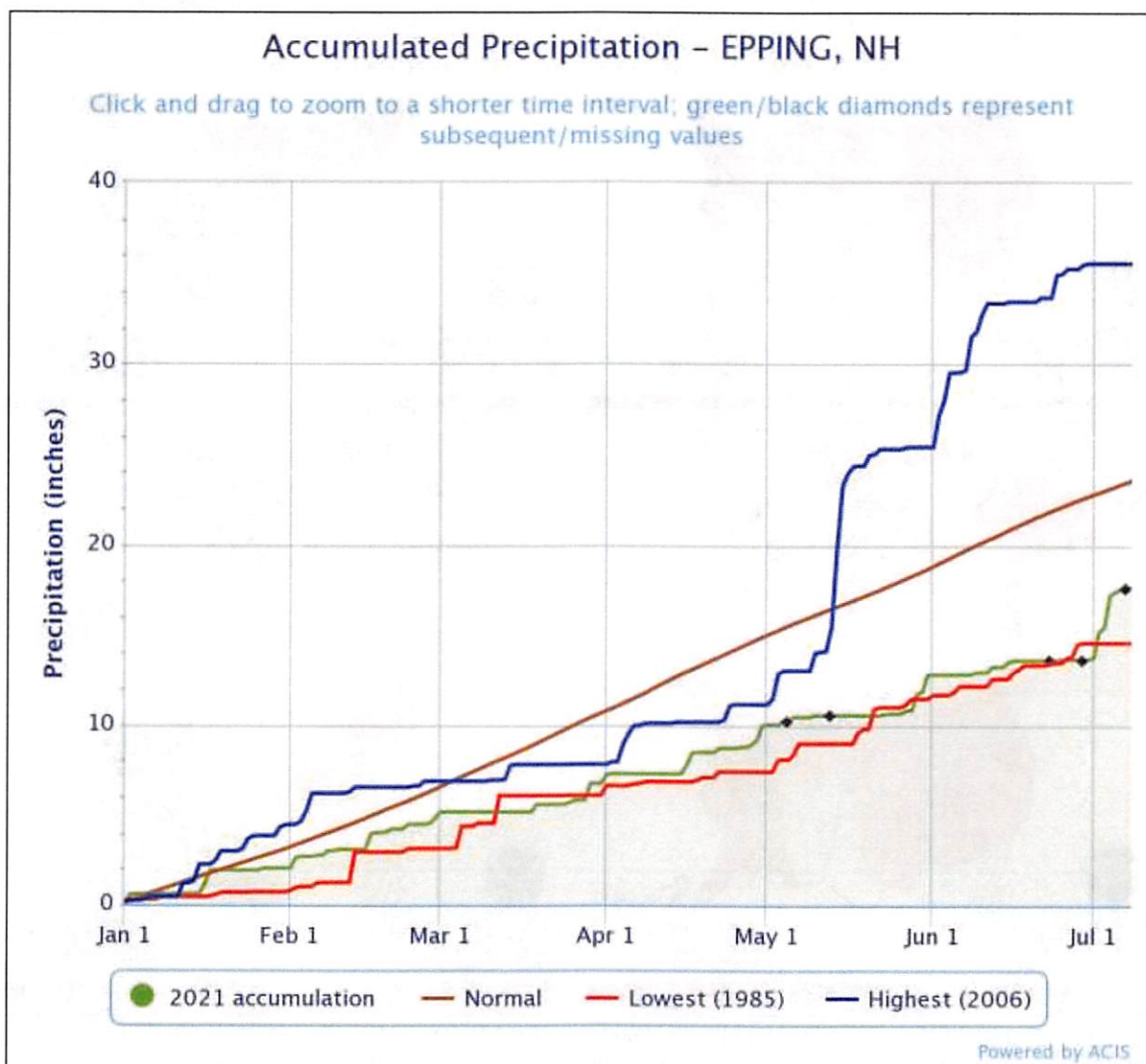
Groundwater levels in many parts of the state have not recovered from the dry conditions that began in May 2020 and are in steady decline. Groundwater levels for long-term monitoring wells in the region vary by location. The USGS wells in Concord and Nashua are experiencing normal groundwater levels; Epping Deerfield, Franklin, Greenfield, and Ossipee are below average.

Current groundwater levels are ranging from **below normal to average with the majority declining**.

Precipitation

June was drier than normal, however rainfall has significantly increased in the first week of July and is forecast to continue with 2 - 3 inches of moderate to heavy rainfall from Tropical Storm Elsa. The recent rains have provided short-term relief to some drought conditions. Total precipitation received since January 1 through July 8 is 17.65 inches which is 5.87 inches below the mean of 23.52 inches (Source: National Weather Service NOWData for Epping, NH). Total annual precipitation averages 46.95 inches for this site (57 years of record).

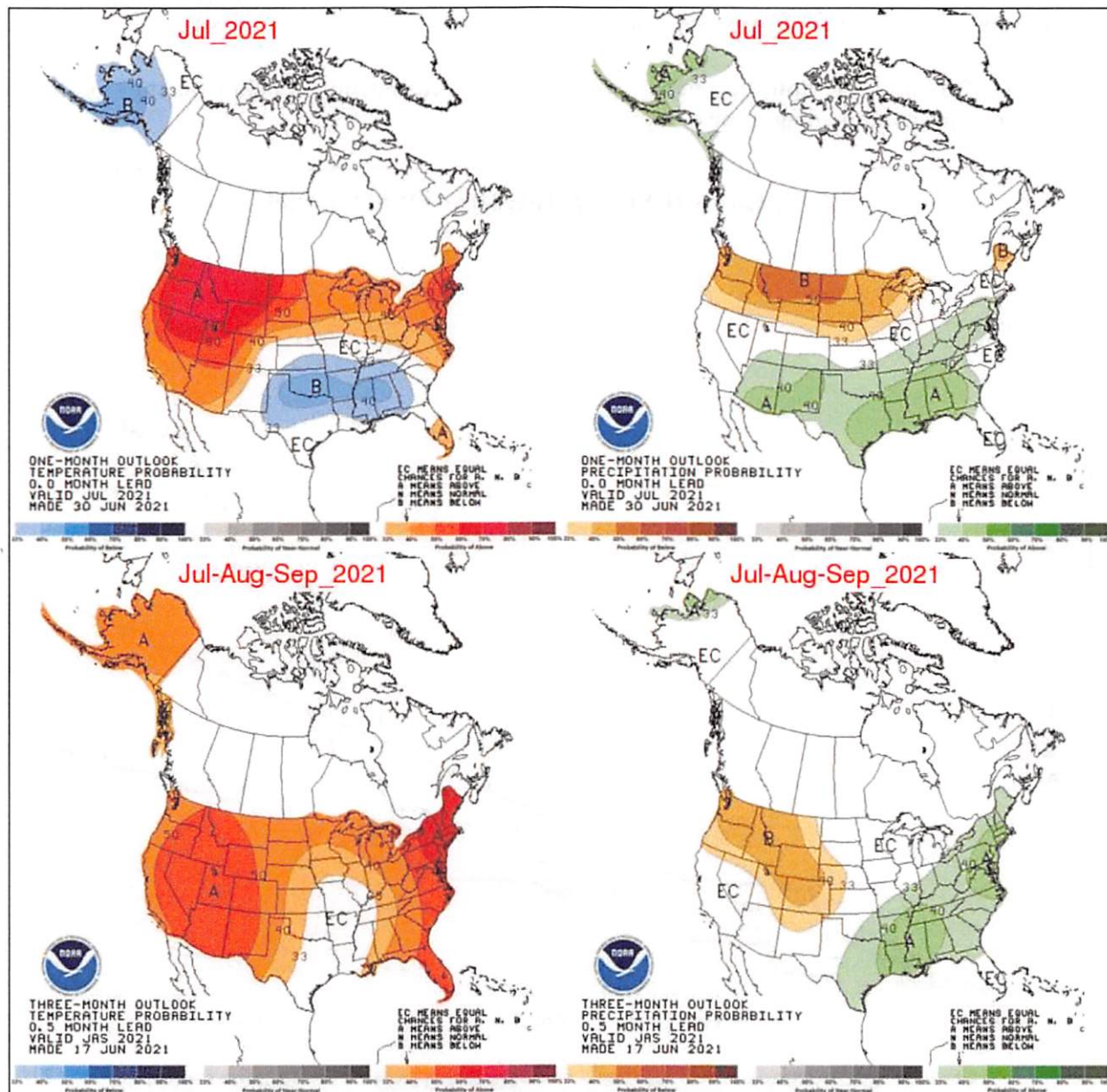
There is a **5.87 inch precipitation deficit** so far in 2021; precipitation is **below normal** for the year but recent rains are providing some drought relief.



NOAA/National Weather Service, Gray/Portland Office. NOWData for Epping, NH.

Drought Outlook

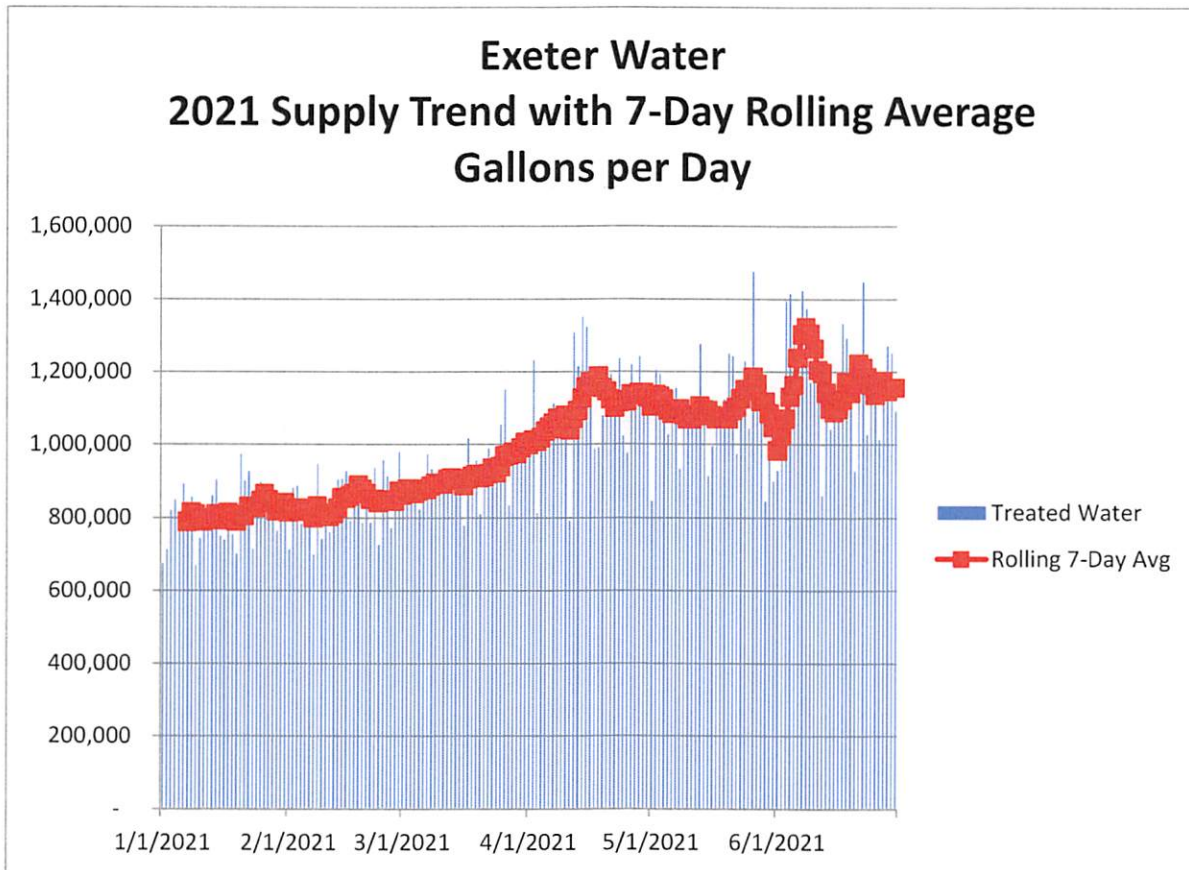
July and the 3 month outlook (July, August, September) **temperatures** are predicted to continue to be **above normal**. July precipitation is predicted equal chance for above, normal or below normal precipitation; the **three month precipitation outlook (July, August, September) is predicted to be above normal** for the New England region.



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Exeter Water Supply

Water usage or demand in the Exeter public water system is at summer, irrigated flows. The seven day average on June 30 was 1.16 MGD. To date in 2021 the surface water treatment plant (SWTP) produced 123 MG, supplying 68% of demand. The groundwater treatment plant (GWTP) produced 57 MG, supplying 32% of demand.



Summary

Exeter and the upper reaches of the Exeter River watershed have been in drought since May 2020 and remain abnormally dry (D0). Temperatures have been above average since May 2020 and are predicted to continue to be above average through September 2021. Precipitation has been below normal with a 5.87 inch rainfall deficit for the calendar year, however recent rainfall events in early July have provided some relief. Surface water flows are currently above average, but have been below average most of the year. Groundwater levels range from below average to average with the majority declining. Exeter water usage reflects summer demands. Short-term, the precipitation received during the first week in July helped to prevent drought conditions from worsening, however precipitation forecasts for July do not provide assurance that enough precipitation will be received to turn conditions around.

Recommendations

We recommend continuing the Level 2 outdoor water use restrictions which allow landscape watering every other day (even/odd watering) and do not restrict other outdoor water uses. Water users are encouraged to practice effective water conservation. For helpful tips on water use and conservation go to <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>.

Tax Abatements, Veteran Credits & Exemptions

List for Select Board meeting July 12, 2021

Abatements

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
110/2/79	79 Exeter Elms CG	47.49	2020

Jeopardy Tax

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount
87/8/C-17	C17 E&H Cooperative	320.00

Land Use Change Tax

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount
71/67	3 Sleepy Hollow Lane	770.00

**Needs to be resigned, original rejected by Registry of Deeds.
See attached memo from Registry**

Permits and Approvals



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TOWN OF EXETER MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Dean, Town Manager

CC: Doreen Chester, Finance Director

FROM: Greg Bisson, Director of Parks and Recreation

RE: Picnic Table Request

DATE: 07/12/2021

Exeter Parks and Recreation is requesting the use of the Park Improvement funds to purchase 7 picnic tables for the Gilman Park Pavilion and Townhouse Common. We are recommending purchasing Recycled Plastic Hexagon Picnic Tables (example attached). These recycled plastic hexagon picnic tables are environment-friendly for seating and eating. Made with durable Resinwood slats and a sturdy black recycled plastic base. These tables are heavy-duty and will make a great resource to add picnic areas at Gilman Park and Townhouse Common. We would be purchasing 4 standard tables and 3 ADA-accessible picnic tables. The following quotes were received:

Great American Properties: \$1899.00 per table (Total \$13,293.00)

Benson Outdoors: \$1,013.32 per table (Total \$7,093.24)

New England Recreation Group: \$1,264.28 per table (Total \$8,849.96)

Motions:

To make a motion to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to expend \$7,093.24 out of Park Improvement Fund to contract Benson Outdoors to purchase 4 standard Hexagon Picnic Tables and 3 ADA Accessible picnic tables for Townhouse Common and Gilman Park.

Respectfully Yours,

Greg Bisson

Director Exeter Parks and Recreation





TOWN OF EXETER

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POWDER HOUSE POINT MEMORIAL BENCH

INFORMATION & APPLICATION

- Exeter Parks and Recreation and Town Officials make all final decisions, including but not limited to the location and style of the memorial bench.
- All memorial bench requests must be accepted in accordance with the Town of Exeter donation policy.
- All inscriptions are subject to approval.
- The applicant is responsible for the maintenance of the memorial bench beyond the period covered by the warranty.
- The applicant assumes responsibility for maintenance that is not covered during the period of the warranty and is not a result of wear and tear.
- Exeter Parks and Recreation reserves the right to deem the bench unserviceable and remove as necessary.
- A check for the cost of the bench and associated fees must accompany your completed application. See "Pricing Information" for cost breakdown.
- Once a completed application is received by Exeter Parks and Recreation, it will be reviewed and the applicant will be notified of the Town's decision.
- Benches will be installed by Exeter Parks and Recreation.

PRICING INFORMATION

- All memorial benches are purchased from a vendor in which Exeter Parks and Recreation has an established relationship.



Memorial Benches

- The 4' benches are made of granite.
- Benches cost \$2,250 including engraving (maximum 32 characters including spaces).
- Locations available are along the Powder House Point access.

Installation Fee

- In addition to the price of the memorial bench, a one-time \$400 installation fee is required. (Fee includes installation of the proper footing to secure the products by the vendor.)
- Products arrive in 8-12 weeks.
- Installation will be seasonally/weather dependent.

TO APPLY

Applicants must read the memorial bench information and policies, fully complete the application and return the completed application to the Exeter Parks and Recreation Department. Questions and concerns regarding Powder House Point Memorial Benches should be addressed to Greg Bisson, Director of Exeter Parks and Recreation Department at 603-773-6151 or Gbisson@exeternh.gov.

APPLICATION

Date: _____

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

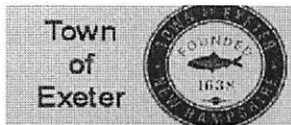
Email: _____

Ultimately the Town of Exeter will determine the location of all benches,
however we will work with the applicant on location.

Inscription desired (Limited to 32 characters including spaces):

Please make checks payable to Exeter Parks and Recreation

Correspondence



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Too Loud in the Neighborhood

1 message

Lovey Oliff <loliff@exeternh.gov>
To: Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>
Cc: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Sun, Jun 27, 2021 at 3:21 PM

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Short <dshort11@myfairpoint.net>
Subject: Re: FW: Too Loud in the Neighborhood
Date: June 25, 2021 at 8:28:58 AM EDT
To: dds1@comcast.net, darius.thompson@gmail.com, Dave Short <Dshort11@myfairpoint.net>, loliff@exeternh.gov

I can't blame her, especially for the duration of the events. I am fairly close by and it is not too bad for me but I could see where it would be a problem for people in closer proximity. I actually thought the volume last night was even louder than the past Saturday. Some consideration needs to be shown to the closer neighbors. Since the Trustees are essentially being kept out of the loop on these events it is up to the Selectboard to step in and find a middle ground. Maybe Lovey could bring this to the attention of the Board?

On Fri, 25 Jun 2021 07:57:23 -0400, "Dwane Staples" <dds1@comcast.net> wrote:

To All,

This is only one of the many complaints I have had from residents in the neighborhoods around Swasey Parkway about how loud the music has been at the last 2 team concert events.

Thanks Dwane

From:
Paula Sears [mailto:pmsears@comcast.net]
Sent:
Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:39 PM
To:
Dwayne Staples
Subject:
Too Loud in the Neighborhood

Hello Dwayne,

Sorry to bother you again, but one other issue that is causing a lot of talk and unhappiness throughout the neighborhood is the incredibly high volume of the music during TEAM Saturday events, which are quite long from 11:00a-6:00p. The music was so loud the last two events that it was honestly shaking the house. We've lived at this address for 10+ years and enjoy the live music over a 2-3 hour window, but those two events were just MUCH longer and MUCH louder than the usual Thursday night summer concerts or the chili festival music. We are hoping the board can put in a word to simply keep the volume the same as the other concerts and just remind them that they're only playing for the audience of Swasey Park, not the entire town. A little mindfulness of the neighbors would be appreciated and go a long way.

Also, let us know if you want us to forward our emails to any other board members. We weren't sure if you would share them or if we needed to contact the other trustees directly. Thanks so much.

Respectfully,

Paula and Michael Sears



Phone call

4 messages

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: mcintire2843@gmail.com

Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 11:55 AM

Good morning Ms. McIntire.

Thank you for your call. Attached is my email address should you like to send an email regarding the intersection of Winter Street and Columbus Avenue to be included in the next Select Board meeting packet on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Have a good afternoon.

Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office

603-773-6102

Human Services Administrator

603-773-6116

pmcelroy@exeternh.gov

salinamcintire <mcintire2843@gmail.com>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM

Received, thank you! I'll draft my email tonight.

Salina

[Quoted text hidden]

salinamcintire <mcintire2843@gmail.com>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 10:02 AM

Hello Pam,

Yesterday I attempted to reach 101 by way of Epping Road on my way to work. The most direct route from my home is Winter Street or Columbus Avenue. Exeter is the home of the bazar intersection and I'm well versed on how to safely navigate them as a 14 year resident of Exeter. However, as of late it has become increasingly challenging to reach Epping Road without incident.

Traveling into the Railroad Ave intersection where Columbus and Winter meet, the cars on my left have a stop sign as well as the Columbus Ave. Traffic continuing straight onto Winter to not. Yesterday a Porsche and a WRX chose to not stop. Not even a hesitation. My brakes prevented the collision, but only just. Continuing on Winter Street at what only can be described at Ludicrous speed, the two cars met others cars traveling down the road already, with cars parked on both sides of the narrow street. Both sidewalks were busy with their own pedestrian traffic inclusive of strollers. Then, to add insult to injury, a water tanker truck turned down the road. Now, reading this may sound like it was all very orderly, but in the brief amount of time this all happened right after a near miss at that intersection it was quite invigorating to say the least.

The increased traffic down this very narrow residential street has turned a manageable situation into a dangerous one. The traffic pattern change at the end of Columbus is clearly the culprit. You can't expect to push a raging river down a babbling brook and not see the edges of the banks push out.

I did attend the meeting at the Townhall last Monday and it was very evident that the traffic study that was done was completely insufficient. Given the fact that they did not do the study at our peak time and that they had no knowledge of the future development planned for Epping Road, the only way to do this properly is to start over. What's going to happen when the SST kids start back to school?

While I understand that there is grant money on the line and nothing is ever that black and white, there is a safety concern that is exponentially increased from what problem they were trying to solve. The back up at that intersection may have been slightly annoying but it slowed people down. Now the traffic pattern is speeding people up and it's pushing them down a narrow street they don't belong on.

Please, for the safety of all of us, take it out. And for now, please get an officer at the Railroad Ave intersection so I don't get killed trying to go to work.

Thank you.
Salina McIntire
15 Arbor Street
Exeter

On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov> wrote:
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To: salinamcintire <mcintire2843@gmail.com>

Thank you Ms. McIntire. I will forward your message to the Exeter Select Board.

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Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Brentwood Road Intersection disaster

1 message

Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Fri, Jul 2, 2021 at 3:43 PM

Hi Pam,

Let's include in the packet for 7/12.

Thanks - have a great weekend!!

Niko

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ring Jonathan <jonathanring9@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 2, 2021 at 11:22 AM

Subject: Brentwood Road Intersection disaster

To: <NPapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

CC: Rob Ficara <gocelt@comcast.net>, Langdon Plumer <langplumer@gmail.com>, Darren Winham <dwinham@exeternh.gov>, Dave Sharples <dsharples@exeternh.gov>, Barbara McEvoy <bmcevoy@exeternh.gov>

Niko and Select Board,

As a resident of Exeter, former owner of the home at 93 Park Street, and as a licensed Professional Civil Engineer with 36 years of experience, I am appalled at the new layout for the Brentwood Road Route 27 intersection configuration.

When one of my projects on Epping Road constructed side walk at Aroma Joe's, our design team, including Professional Traffic and Operations Engineer, Stephen G. Pernaw, PE, had suggested that improvements to the Brentwood Road / Epping Road corridor should be evaluated with an entire corridor engineering study.

How on earth was this Brentwood Road change allowed to be constructed ?

The installed work should be immediately removed, and restored to its former layout - my professional opinion. The grant funding is immaterial to the interests of the Community.

Then, sufficient Public Hearings can be held with appropriate parties to discuss possible "remedy", if that is in the best interest of the Community. I have driven through this area for 50 years, and I have never had a problem negotiating this corner.

Everyone I know has complained to me that "sight distance" is now a big problem, leading to potential safety issues. This problem must be addressed. This is outrageous.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan S. Ring, PE

Sent from my iPhone

JUL 2 2021

Received

June 30, 2021

Mr. Russ Dean, Town Manager, Exeter, N H

Town Offices Building

10 Front St.

Exeter, N H 03833

I have been paying property taxes, regeisting cars, etc., etc., at the town offices since 1975*. I have come to know many of the workers at the Town Offices. I would like to explicitly highly compliment the following current ladies for their great help and couteousness and professionalism when dealing with my town issues:

Andrea Kohler, Jen, Rachel, Marian, Lee Ann, Sonja, and Janet

I would also like to praise Carole (retired) for the same reasons.

Now, to be honest, I just met Marian and Jen, but I am sure that they will live up to the high personal standards of the others whom I have known best and for the longest time.

I want to give particular thanks to Janet Whitten who recently helped me greatly in finishing the application for a special state/town law which allows older town home owners to reduce their property taxes if they meet certain income and investment criteria. I have dealt with Janet (and the others mentioned) many times over the years and I

couldn't be happier with their help and courteousness.

I wish them all the very best and look forward to seeing and working with them many more times in the future.

Sincerely,



Andrew J Stollar

155 Court St.

Exeter, N H 03833

[More formally:

Andrew J Stollar, PhD, Economics; Professor Emeritus, Bentley University]

* I was also in Exeter as a resident from 1959 to 1965 when my parents and siblings also lived at 155 Court St. - during that period I graduated with degrees from Exeter High School, Merrimack College (BA in BS), and the University of New Hampshire (MA).

Also, thank you to those who voted to approve my RSA 72:33 V application on the Select-persons group,