

Select Board Meeting
Monday, September 13th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Nowak Room, Town Offices
10 Front Street, Exeter NH 03833

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AGENDA

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2. Public Comment
3. Proclamations/Recognitions
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4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: August 16th, 2021
 - b. Regular Meeting: August 23rd, 2021
5. Appointments
6. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Bower Land Donation Public Hearing – Kristen Murphy, Natural Resources Planner
 - b. 10 Hampton Road Building/Land Purchase – Greg Bisson, Parks/Recreation Director
 - c. Andrew Elliott re: Washington Street
7. Regular Business
 - a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
 - b. Permits & Approvals
 - c. Town Manager’s Report
 - d. Select Board Committee Reports
 - e. Correspondence
8. Review Board Calendar
9. Non-Public Session
10. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair
Select Board

Posted: 9/10/21 Town Office, Town Website

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Board Interviews

Proclamations/Recognitions

Minutes

**Select Board Meeting
Monday August 16, 2021
6:30 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 at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:30 PM.

2. Non Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Ms. Oliff seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, and the meeting entered into non-public session at 6:31 PM. The Board emerged from non public session at 6:50 PM.

3. Board Interviews

- a. The interview of Richard Matthews for the Recreation Advisory Board took place in the Wheelwright Room.

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

4. Bid Award - Salem Street Utility Project

Mr. Dean said the bid award is being recommended to Jamco Excavators LLC.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for comments from the Board, but there were none.

MOTION: Ms. Oliff moved to award the contract for the Salem Street Area Improvement Project for James Excavators in the amount of \$3,415,853.69.

Ms. Gilman asked for an amendment to "Jamco" rather than "James."

MOTION: Ms. Oliff moved to amend the motion to say "Jamco." Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

5. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment at this meeting.

6. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. Mr. Papakonstantis mentioned that there will be an Exeter Public Library open house on Thursday August 19 from 1 - 7 PM.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: August 2, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2021 as presented. Ms. Oliff seconded. All were in favor.

8. Appointments and Resignations

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to appoint Conor Madison as a full member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire April 30, 2022. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to accept the resignation of Val Castonguay from the Rec Advisory Board. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

9. Discussion/Action Items

a. PEA Opening Update

Principal Bill Rawson was present to discuss the opening of Phillips Exeter Academy. They concluded the summer session of 400 students, which went smoothly. There was one case at the outset in a fully vaccinated student; that student was positive, and their sibling who was travelling with them for three weeks was negative. The family came back and stayed with the children in a hotel for a week, and then the student joined the summer session. There were no events after that. He's optimistic about the fall, but they're still in the pandemic. Cases are going up. They finished last spring very positively. There were vaccination clinics on campus, and all seniors were vaccinated two weeks before graduation. The under-16 students had their second shot the day they went home. The last case they had was in early April, in two day students from the same household. There were no positive cases after that. The school is requiring all students to be vaccinated, other than those with religious or medical exemptions. Out of 1,000 students, 50 - 75 students will arrive in the fall not fully vaccinated; about 20 of those are exemptions, and the rest the school will help get vaccinated. All employees are required to be vaccinated. The campus will be largely vaccinated, around 95%. Students from all grades will come at the same time, unlike last year, although some students will come early for pre-season athletics and leadership positions. There will be no pre-travel testing, only day-of-arrival testing for every student. If someone is positive, they will go into isolation. For the first two weeks, there will be some restrictions. Students won't go into town, and all students and adults will wear a mask indoors. All members of the PEA community will participate in pooled saliva testing twice a week. After the first two weeks, he expects students to go into town wearing a mask. Unvaccinated students will wear masks. They're trying to protect the student experience, in having athletics, music, arts, etc. It will be an open campus and trails, and parents will be able to come and visit. All visitors will wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status. They anticipate prospective students visiting campus, without evidence of vaccination. They still have quarantine units, outdoor tents, and are encouraging outdoor dining. They will continue to maintain a public Covid dashboard.

Ms. Cowan said the plan sounds well thought out and in compliance with what they know at this point. Mr. Rawson said they continue to consult with their outside specialist and the PEA Medical Director, and plans may tighten or relax. Ms. Gilman said she appreciates their thoroughness. Mr. Browne asked about HIPAA compliance and contact tracing. Mr. Rawson said if they have a case,

they will interview the person to identify close contacts. If it's an unvaccinated student, they will go into quarantine. If the student is vaccinated, they will wear a mask for 2 weeks and participate in pooled testing, but there's a lower risk with a vaccinated person. They will protect medical information. Regarding the status of being vaccinated or unvaccinated, some people need to know, but it won't be widely advertised. Some on campus are underage, for example the families of staff living on campus.

Mr. Papakonstantis said it sounds like they've put a lot of thought into this plan and they're following all the guidelines. He appreciates their communication and thoughtfulness for the community. If there were a giant outbreak, how would they react? Mr. Rawson said they currently have no closure and dispersal plan; last year they had "family choice" and students could elect to stay home and learn remotely, but they're not making that available this year. Given the vaccination rate, the probability of a big outbreak seems low. If cases go up dramatically, they might decide not to send students home for the two weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, for example. If something changed to the point where it was as if the students were unvaccinated, they'd have to rethink the mask policy and other measures. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if there were any restrictions on the trails, and Mr. Rawson said no. It's outdoors and the risks are low. Students will go into town as well. They want to be good citizens to the town.

b. COVID 19 Updates

James Murray, the Town Health Officer, said that according to the State dashboard, NH had 85 new cases this weekend. Exeter has 21 active cases, up from 18 on Friday. Hospitalizations are doing very well; that will be the major point they're looking at going forward, with the vaccination rate so high. Positive cases will increase, but as long as hospitalizations stay low, that's success. 79.7% of Exeter's total population has been vaccinated. That percentage is calculated including those not eligible for the vaccine, so that's really good. The Delta variant can spread to vaccinated people. They're hearing that Moderna might be higher above Pfizer in protection from the Delta variant.

Ms. Gilman asked if the State dashboard count is residents of NH, not non-residents in NH. Chief Wilking said yes, it only counts residents. Mr. Browne asked whether any further vaccinations have been done beyond the 5,000 shots administered in Exeter. Chief Wilking said since May the FD hasn't conducted a lot of vaccinations, so that number hasn't increased much. They pushed all people 12+ to get vaccinated through pharmacies, the hospital, or their PCP. Vaccinations are continuing to be tracked through the State.

Chief Wilking said they're re-engaging with the Public Health Network. Current funding mechanisms for public health vaccinations don't exist; State funds have been used or earmarked. Now the Delta variant is showing itself in Exeter, so they must decide whether it's prudent for agencies like the Fire Department to set up vaccination clinics again. They don't want to spend town taxpayer dollars for State and Federal programs. However, they will provide one

vaccination clinic for the HS in the fall. Where we are today is vastly different than a year ago, in knowledge, testing capabilities, and vaccinations. Back then, there were 20 - 30 cases a week in Exeter, with several of those requiring treatment/hospitalization. There were 18 cases last week, and the hospital is treating one patient. Patients are not as sick. They are managed at home and quarantined, and are not overwhelming the hospitals. Starting around August 1st, they began to see many more cases. Where should they go on Public Safety? They should get a message out re social distancing and masks. Some in public health believe we will burn the variant out because we're so well vaccinated, but we should stay on top of it.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked about PPE, and Chief Wilking said they're well stocked. They were given tens of thousands of surgical masks, and anyone in town can use them. They're still using the three disinfectant sprayers in the ambulances regularly. They're not seeing a spike in Covid patients, since most patients have symptoms that aren't severe enough to warrant calling an ambulance.

c. **Second Quarter Financial Report**

Doreen Chester, the town Finance Director, gave an update on the second quarter finances. The town received the first tranche of ARPA funds of \$801,559 on August 4th. The Treasury regulations are not finalized; they could have until 12/31/24 to expend the funds. They have set the money aside in a separate bank account. They received \$7.7M in bond proceeds in August 11. They borrowed money for sludge removal and the Salem Street utilities project, which was \$5.9M. They received the draft 2020 financials, and got the highest audit opinion. They hope to finalize those soon.

In the General Fund, revenue is down from last year, at \$238,000. This is partly because they received State Aid reimbursement last year for First Responder stipends. There will be no State Municipal Aid or revenue sharing this year, which was \$147.7K last year. It was suspended because of the economy. They will receive FEMA funds for reimbursements for pandemic items. They are \$76,000 down in income from Depts, including \$32,900 in Fire revenue because they are not doing monitoring, but Chief Wilking has worked hard to offset that in his draft budget. The town is getting a very low interest rate this year, so they lost \$41,300 in interest income from last year. Building permits are up \$108,000 from last year. They're seeing some delayed building going forward, including a PEA dorm and the Exeter Hospital Cancer Center. The town billed \$27.86M in property tax in May, \$6.6M of which is for the town, with the rest going to schools and county. They should know in late Oct or early Nov what the new tax rate will be when it's set by the State.

Mr. Dean said they're expecting a larger distribution in Meals and Rooms tax from the State, which should cover the General Revenue sharing loss, plus or minus about \$100,000. The Health Trust surplus revenue is also coming. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Primex was going to issue a dividend, and Mr. Dean

said they got the checks from that last week, for Property Liability and Worker's Comp. Ms. Chester said that will be reflected in the next report, at the end of the third quarter.

Expenditures are down on the lower side, at \$8.4M or 42% spent through June 30. Almost every Department is under 50%. Some Maintenance projects are coming in. There are some vacancies that they can't fill. IT is at \$78,000, only 28% spent; with high prices on equipment, they don't want to overpay, so they will postpone purchases and reallocate those funds. In the Police Department, there were 4 vacancies in the 2nd quarter, but they just had a new Officer sworn in. They were 39% spent in Police Patrol. The Fire Department is 45% spent, at \$1.74M; there was turnover at the beginning of the year, but they're now full. The town saved \$17,000 in mosquito control due to a new vendor. In Public Works, there's a vacancy for an Engineering Tech, but this position has been open so long there's no variance YOY. There were two vacancies in the Highway Department, but one was filled in early June. Solid waste is low, but that's due to the timing of invoices from Waste Management. They're starting to see more Maintenance projects go forward, such as the sewer project in the Finance office. They are missing an HVAC Tech and Second Mechanic in DPW, which have been vacant for over a year. Debt service is the same as last quarter, since they only made the half interest payment in February. General Fund income was \$1.04M vs \$1.37M last year, mostly due to grants from last year. They should see a big difference in the third and fourth quarters.

Mr. Browne said in IT, should they be concerned about equipment costs going up due to the pandemic? It's imperative for the BRC to consider what were previously fixed costs as variable costs. He asked if there were a reason for taking a check from Primex rather than a credit. Mr. Dean said if they took a premium holiday, the budget for this payment has already been set, so they won't see it roll over YOY.

Ms. Chester said the Water Fund is 43% collected out of a budget of \$4M. The new rates for Water & Sewer were addressed in July 2021, when the rates went up. The fund isn't looking good right now related to expenses. In Water Fund Receivables, there was \$13,000 over 90 days overdue. Delinquency notices were sent out in April and July, and they're setting up more payment plans, double the amount from last year. There were \$412,000 in Receivables with \$399,000 of that current year Receivables.

Water Expenses is at 37%, or \$1.5M expended. There are two vacancies that have not yet been filled. 50% of that job is in Sewer collection. Water Debt Service is the same, with the half payment of interest in February and the rest in July. They raised the rates, because the fund needs to be self-supporting.

The Sewer Fund budget is at \$3.17M, or 45% collected. Sewer user charges are \$76,000 lower, and service charges are flat YOY. New revenue was added for Sewer Septage, at \$84,800 for the first half. Sewer Receivables are at \$815,000. They're seeing more here than the Water Fund because you can't shut off sewers, but there are liens placed on homes and businesses not paying

sewer bills. Payment plans have doubled here as well. They're 19% spent year to date, with the biggest expenditure coming in December for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and they don't have offsetting grant revenue this year. There are two vacancies in Sewer Collection, the other side of the Water Distribution positions. The debt service payment of \$4.1M will be due in December.

In the Revolving funds, CATV has been running at a deficit. They have a small fund balance of \$64,000 as of June 30th. The Rec Revolving Fund is at \$306,000 in revenue, vs \$55,000 last year. The Rec Director said things are not back to 2019 levels yet, but they had a good season. They had to close down the pool on Friday due to lack of staff. The EMS accounts were billed at \$357,000. There was a decrease overall to revenue, reflecting the \$25,000 grant to help with Covid last year. This fund had a net income of \$121,000. There seems to be more call volume this year than last.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked re CATV, why is there a net deficit annually? Ms. Chester said they split the revenue from Comcast 50/50 between the General Fund and CATV. Maybe expenses from the fund need to be decreased.

d. Third Reading: Swasey Parkway One Way Street

Ms. Gilman read the amendment:

Amend Chapter Three of the Exeter Town Ordinances, One-Way Streets and Traffic Circles, as follows: Add to 301 One-way streets, add "Swasey Parkway northerly from Water Street entrance to exit on Water Street."

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

Dwane Staples of 33 Ashbrook Road, the Chair of the Swasey Park Trustees, spoke in favor of making Swasey Parkway one-way, saying this is the right thing to do down there.

Mr. Papakonstantis said currently the Parkway is closed to vehicular traffic through Sept 6, so this would be effective Sept 7. Mr. Browne said as the numbers of Delta variant rise, they may be in a situation shortly of needing to provide outdoor movement. Any change without a much longer phase time is dangerous. Mr. Papakonstantis said barring an emergency order, the Board is reaching the end of its authority to keep the Parkway completely closed. This allows the public to use it and return vehicles in a safe manner. Ms. Cowan said she's happy they're taking this step, but she's in favor of closing it permanently.

MOTION [not voted]: Ms. Gilman moved to adopt the amendment to Chapter 3 Section 301 One Way Streets to include "Swasey Parkway northerly from Water Street entrance to exit on Water Street," effective September 7, 2021. Ms. Cowan seconded. Mr. Browne asked if they can pursue legal opinions about whether the road is ADA compliant. Mr. Papakonstantis said yes, but the Parkway is the way it is due to the language in the Trust, it's more than just a regular street. Mr. Browne said he'd like them to speak to counsel before they vote. When they did the work on the Brentwood Road sidewalks, there was a lot of language that went into how wide the sidewalk had to be, for example. He'd like them to look at Department of Transportation rules about a road like that. There have been at least two examples of a vehicle going off that road

into the water in the last 20 - 30 years. Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean if the DOT has any jurisdiction over the Parkway. Mr. Dean said he's not aware of any difference with classification. This is a class 6 road, and legal counsel said that to discontinue would take a town vote. That's the extent of legal counsel so far. Ms. Cowan said she supports looking for a reason to keep it closed, that would not be opening them up to a lawsuit. Lacking the emergency order to do this, they can't keep it closed. Mr. Papakonstantis said they can talk to Attorney Mitchell prior to the next meeting. Ms. Gilman withdrew her motion and Ms. Cowan withdrew her second.

Dwane Staples said if they go back to when the Parkway was built, there was no sidewalk. The town added it later, and it would have been done according to the rules and regulations of sidewalk at the time. There have been two accidents at the Parkway; one was in the winter and the road was icy. If they're going to talk safety, he's in favor of closing that road off, but he's come to realize that in having that Parkway closed, they're closing it to a section of people, and that's not fair. They should give those people a chance to enjoy the Parkway in the fall.

e. Third Reading: Mobile Vending Ordinance

Ms. Gilman said that they are having the third reading of the change and implementation as previously discussed.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adopt the changes to Chapter 8, mobile vendors, effective August 16, 2021. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

It was pointed out that they had not asked for public comment.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman made a motion for reconsideration. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Papakonstantis opened for public comment, but there was none.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adopt the changes to Chapter 8 of Town Ordinance for mobile vendors, effective August 16, 2021. Ms. Cowan seconded. All were in favor.

10. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a tax abatement for 104/79/1004 in the amount of \$455 for 2016. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

b. Permits & Approvals

Assistant Fire Chief Justin Pizon submitted an address change request, to change 14 Rear Tan Lane to 77 Front Street. The E911 Committee previously approved. The building is accessed from Front Street, not Tan Lane.

MOTION: Ms. Oliff moved to approve the address change from 14 Rear Tan Lane to 77 Front Street. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Nicholas Patterson is a new Police Officer. Mr. Dean attended the swearing in Aug 9.
 - ii. Mr. Dean attended the CIP meeting of the Planning Board last Thursday.
- d. Select Board Committee Reports
- i. Ms. Cowan said at the Planning Board CIP meeting, the Dept Heads came and presented their long-term plans. There were a lot of requests, mostly from the Fire Department and DPW. There were a few from Parks & Rec that were interesting. There's also an exciting Westside Drive project. She encouraged everyone to look at the packet from that meeting.
 - ii. Chief Wilking spoke about decommissioning the Fire Alarm system. Of 162 accounts, 96 have come off the system, and 55 are in the works. All town buildings are on a new vendor. There are 11 customers they don't know the status of, but they are working on it. They finished the installation of the radio system today, which was a warrant article from 2019, and they will be doing a check of it this week.
 - iii. Ms. Oliff said at last Tuesday's Arts & Culture Committee meeting, they discussed a website that would host information about local artist events. It was an animated discussion, which is still continuing. The biggest concerns were budgeting and maintenance. On Friday she attended the Housing Advisory Committee, where they discussed workforce housing in similar towns, and heard a proposal to request that builders set aside a portion for affordable housing. They are considering how to maintain that commitment long-term. There is a Swasey Parkway meeting on Wednesday.
 - iv. Ms. Gilman attended the Conservation Commission meeting, where they had a dredge and fill review for sewer Siphons project. The group had no problem with that.
 - v. Mr. Browne had no report.
 - vi. Mr. Papakonstantis had no report.
- e. Correspondence
- i. A letter from NH DOT regarding the Highway Block Grant Aid that is available to the town of Exeter.
 - ii. A letter to the EPA from Public Works director Jennifer Perry, stating that Exeter is voluntarily submitting to the Great Bay Nitrogen Permit.
 - iii. A thank you letter from St. Vincent de Paul for a donation.
 - iv. A memo from Kristin Murphy re Drinkwater Road. Mr. Dean said he intends on having initial contact with the property owner this week. Mr. Papakonstantis asked for an update on this issue at the September 13th meeting.
 - v. A letter from Senator Jeanne Shaheen stating she has no conflict of interest with projects she's championing with the State of NH. Ms. Gilman said they're looking for a grant for body cameras, but they should check

the status of combining State and Federal funds for that. Mr. Dean said they've applied to multiple funding sources, but the intention is not to accept both funds, they'll say yes to only one.

11. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are August 23, September 13th, and September 27.

12. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved into non-public session RSA 91-A:3II (a) and (c). Mr. Browne seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, and the meeting entered into non-public session at 8:32 PM. The Board emerged from non public session. Selectwoman Cowan moved to seal the minutes. Selectman Browne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment. Selectwoman Cowan moved to adjourn. Selectman Browne seconded. The Board stood adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

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7 PM
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Draft Minutes**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Daryl Browne, Niko Papakonstantis, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present at this meeting. Lovey Roundtree Oliff was not present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 7 PM.

2. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment at this meeting.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. Mr. Papakonstantis said that on Wednesday he, Ms. Gilman, Mr. Dean, Ms. Roy, and Ms. Perry met with Congressman Chris Pappas to discuss the siphons project, and the meeting went well. Mr. Papakonstantis recognized Ms. Perry who gave an excellent presentation and Ms. Roy who started this process in Mr. Dean's absence. Ms. Cowan asked when they will know the status of this request, and Mr. Papakonstantis said likely in September.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: August 16, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to table the meeting minutes. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

5. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Resignation

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept with regret the resignation of Anne Kenny from the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

- b. Appointment

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to appoint Dick Matthews as a full member of the Rec Advisory Board, term to expire 4/30/23. Mr. Browne seconded. Mr. Papakonstantis and Ms. Cowan abstained, and the motion failed 2-0-2.

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to table the appointment of Dick Matthews to the Rec Advisory Board. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. SAU 16 Opening

School Superintendent David Ryan was present to discuss the school district's opening plans. They will be opening on time, on Aug 30, with all students in school every day, for what they hope will be the duration of the

academic year. Given the resurgence of the virus and the rise of the Delta variant, they proposed masking guidelines based on the level of community vaccination and transmission. The COOP Board approved these guidelines August 3rd, and Exeter is discussing them tonight.

They will start the year with everyone back in school every day. They will follow all mitigation strategies recommended by DHHS. They didn't receive much guidance from the State regarding masking, so the District created a masking matrix, which was copied by DPHS in their recommendations to NH schools. If the schools were opening tomorrow, all students and staff would be wearing masks indoors, and will be for as long as there is substantial transmission. As they move to moderate or minimal, they will have different guidelines. They will follow the levels of the Seacoast Public Health Region, not just Exeter.

They will also follow physical distancing guidelines, and field trips and school events will be considered on a case-by-case basis. There will be frequent handwashing, improved ventilation, and all the standard mitigation. School buildings will be open for outside groups to use, and they've worked with Greg Bisson of Parks and Rec on resuming activities; there will be no additional surcharge for cleaning this year. Public meetings such as School Board meetings must now be held in person. IEP and 504 team meetings will mostly be in person, but if parents are more comfortable having them online they can accommodate that.

Regarding transportation, they're running into issues with staffing; they're down six drivers, who are in training now. They've had to compress four routes and may push some pickup times earlier. Masking on busses is a federal mandate. 80% of students have chosen to use school bus transportation.

Music, drama, clubs, and activities will all be in person. Coach Ball is looking forward to getting the teams out on the field, which has nice new turf. All sports programs will go forward.

Regarding contact tracing, quarantine and exclusion, DHHS says if there were a case, they no longer need to exclude any close contact, just the person identified as the Covid case.

Most Boards have accepted the guidelines, but the Stratham School Board wanted to develop their own masking matrix. Overall the plan had a positive reception.

The CMS renewal project is just about complete. The HS had a renovation of the commons areas, to give additional office and learning space. A house on Blue Hawk Drive was purchased by the COOP when the land was purchased for the construction of the new HS, and it was a rental unit until 2 years ago. Administration worked with the Department of Education to use IDEA Federal funding for special education to turn the house into a working laboratory classroom for special needs students 18 - 21; they will use this space to teach them life skills, such as how to cook a meal, clean a house, etc. The students previously had to go elsewhere for this instruction. This house is the first one of its kind in NH.

There are new employees at the SAU office, including Heather Murray, the new Director of Human Resources, and Andres Meija, the new DEIJ Coordinator. Regarding DEIJ, they had a public meeting where they heard support and concerns, which was facilitated by NH Listens from UNH. There's a new staff orientation tomorrow, and Thursday there will be an Academic Convocation, where students and staff will assemble to celebrate the beginning of the year.

Ms. Gilman congratulated Dr. Ryan for getting all this done. She asked if they'd taken all the lockers out at the High School, and Dr. Ryan said they took about half of them out. Ms. Gilman said her daughters never used their lockers. Dr. Ryan said they recognized a lack of use for lockers and an increased need for meeting and learning space. Even after this project, they will still return \$4.2M in unassigned funds to taxpayers.

Mr. Browne asked if they are offering any resources to the kids and staff for whom "safer at home" was not the case. Dr. Ryan said they understand the gap for students may have widened over the past year. They had a summer learning academy and tutoring for those identified as not having as successful a learning year. They will be working on reconnecting with students and families. With competency-based education, they can identify where students are and progress that they did or didn't make over the year. This year, the first few weeks of school will be focused on welcoming students back into the routine, creating relationships, and breaking some bad habits. They will spend more time with students in a tier 2 or 3 situation. At the HS, they have a Mental Health Counselor and School Social Workers. At the Elementary level, the Social Workers, Para Educators, and Counselors are devoted to Social Emotional Learning.

Mr. Browne asked about food security during the past year, and Dr. Ryan said Jeanne Pierce, the District Food Director, set up meal distribution points 2x/week to ensure all families had food. There have been free meals for all families, using Federal funding, which will continue through December. Counselors and Para-educators are looking into student homes and ensuring conditions are conducive for learning, for example with food security and connectivity.

Ms. Cowan thanked Dr. Ryan and the staff for all the work to get kids back in school. She asked if there is any extra funding through Federal Grants to supplement the wage for jobs such as bus drivers or Paras, people who are hard to find. Dr. Ryan said they have three different funding sources, and were just given green light on a FEMA reimbursement. They're getting into a wage war with area businesses, and staff is finding that they can make more money elsewhere. Creating a wage scale that can compete using public money is nearly impossible, so they have to be creative with how they retain employees, including treating them with care and compassion, publicly valuing their work, and creating a family atmosphere. They're not having a mass exodus of employees, and people are still clamoring to come work for the district.

Mr. Papakonstantis said during the pandemic it was good to know that every weekend they would get a communication from Dr. Ryan. SAU 16 took the ball and ran with remote learning, they didn't miss a beat. Dr. Ryan has an open invitation to come and talk about anything regarding the schools.

Ms. Gilman asked whether parents are going to be integrated into the classrooms through volunteering. Dr. Ryan said that was one topic of conversation at the Exeter School Board meeting. It's not going to be permitted at the beginning of the year, but once they move into moderate or minimal transmission they would invite those volunteers back in. For everyday issues, parents don't have to wait outside school this year, they can go inside with a mask.

Ms. Gilman asked about band. Dr. Ryan said they're doing a lot outside. The State has music guidelines for voice and instruments, such as using appropriate distancing and putting special masks on the instruments. They're coming up with ways to ensure that kids are enjoying the arts.

b. Communications Advisory Committee Report

Martha McEntee and Bob Glowacky were present to discuss the work of the Communications Advisory Committee. Ms. McEntee said the Select Board established the committee in 2018 to look into issues that have arisen with all of the new communication channels. They've spent the last three years looking at this, and are not done yet. They're losing Chairman Conor Barry, who was an effective leader and will be missed. The remaining members are Lindsay Sonnett, Nina Braun, Exeter TV rep Bob Glowacky, and Select Board designee Daryl Browne. Andy Swanson has also advised. Molly Cowan and Kathy Corson were former reps of the Select Board, and Debbie Kane and Bevin Kennedy were former members. They also had help from Town Manager Russ Dean and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy in creating the report.

The committee was founded to have seven members, but they would like the Board to consider reducing that to five, as they've never had the full number. They were charged with evaluating the way the town communicates with the public and finding ways to maximize citizen engagement. They analyzed existing communications channels and usage, conducted a communications survey in 2020, and have written plain English summaries of town warrant articles for the last three years.

The basic question is, how do we want to present our town to the public? The Select Board needs to establish communications guidelines, policies, and best practices. They recommend designating a Communications Coordinator to oversee this process for the town. Each department should still be responsible for providing content about its own activities, and each department should designate a staff member to be responsible for its communications. They're not recommending that this new person or role would micromanage or preapprove all communications. They should establish staff training once they have guidelines in place.

Regarding the channels of communications, the priorities should be the town website, "push notifications" such as alerts and subscriptions, and a social media presence.

The committee did some research on the website platform, and it doesn't need to be replaced, but they should look at how to use it more effectively. There's no webmaster coordinating the website, which has led to some confusion and inconsistent presentation. Information can be unreliable or out of date. The search functionality doesn't work well, but this can be tweaked by designating top results for certain search terms. For about \$1,000, they can redesign the website to more prominently feature upcoming meetings/events and news.

Regarding texting and push notifications, people want to receive information, rather than have to look for it. Push notifications are already being used by some Departments, and they should expand this practice to other Departments. They need to replace the MyExeterNH App, which has not been well-used by residents or town staff. The town already has a mobile notification service through the EMS/PD/FD (Rave Mobile), which could also be used by the non-emergency uses in town. They should also create a handbook for new residents, perhaps in partnership with real estate agents or the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Papakonstantis said he and Ms. Oliff are in the process of looking at all committees and their functions, but he agrees that they have too many members and can't fill the committee. Five is a reasonable number. The Board will also try to recruit more members. Is the MyExeterNH App obsolete? Mr. Glowacky said the app itself had only minor issues, such as not working well with the town website. The main reason they got it was the "report an issue" feature, but the town didn't really adopt it. Department information would be better sent out to the public, rather than getting into a back and forth about it.

Mr. Papakonstantis said the website improvement they're already paying for should be the first point they address. Staff is one of the hardest things to review when going through a budget; there may be room for a new position down the road, but for now they should look at resources they have in place. Mr. Dean said they're always interested in improving the website. The website is decentralized at the Department level, and the closest to a webmaster they have is the IT department. They will look to start making incremental improvements.

Mr. Browne said the committee has done high-level strategic work on communications efforts and given best practices. The Assistant Town Manager is doing a lot of this work de facto by managing communication between the Town Manager and Department Heads. Technology expenses won't solve anything, it's got to be part of a greater initiative. The Communications Committee should stay strategic rather than being dragged into tactical details.

Ms. Gilman said she's impatient to have push notifications and accurate information on the website. They should use the report's information to get improvements started.

Ms. Cowan said there's the makings here of a strategic plan for communications going forward, including things that are free and low-lift. The Communications Coordinator would be a new position, which would be a BRC discussion, but they need to have the strategic plan in place so that it gets easier to bring someone on. They need to consider who's in charge of making Department pages look the same and ensuring that Departments are using the website to the fullest potential. She asked Ms. McEntee what skills they're looking for on the committee so that the Select Board can better help with recruitment. Ms. McEntee said it's important to have someone that loves technology and is comfortable with different channels of information.

Mr. Papakonstantis said for next steps, they should look at the website and extra things they could be doing they're already paying for. The website could be an agenda item for the next Department meeting, and Mr. Dean could ask the Departments how they want to communicate. Mr. Dean said they have a Department head meeting on Wednesday, and he will share this information with them and report back in September.

Ms. McEntee said the committee would like more guidance on what to look at next.

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to change the size of the Communications Advisory Committee from seven members to five. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. McEntee asked if they could change the original charge they gave the committee to remove point 3, "ensure that events, especially large ones, provide options for food and childcare." Ms. Gilman said that they'd heard that younger people would join more meetings if their children had a place to play. Ms. McEntee said they felt it's beyond the scope of the committee. Ms. Cowan said people are more adept at online options now, and there are more ways to participate not in person.

MOTION [not voted]: Mr. Browne moved to strike number 3 from the Communications Advisory Committee charge. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if the Board would allow him and Ms. Oliff to finish their review of all Committee mission statements. Ms. Cowan said she doesn't want the Communications Advisory Committee to get hung up on that point, but it's worth having a broader discussion about it. Mr. Browne rescinded his motion and Ms. Gilman rescinded her second.

c. **Town Ordinance Update: Swasey Parkway One Way Street**

Mr. Papakonstantis said they had the third reading of this ordinance change last week, but prior to making a motion, Mr. Browne had asked to reach out to Town Counsel re ADA requirements. They heard from Attorney Mitchell, who said there were no ADA requirements or DOT prohibitions that would keep the town from reopening Swasey Parkway. To keep it discontinued, even for public safety, would be opening them to legal challenges. Mr. Papakonstantis said if the Board moves to include Swasey Parkway as a one-way street, he

would encourage continued conversation about the Parkway, including changes that would require a town meeting vote. They will get input on these options from the Trustees and the public.

Ms. Gilman said regarding ADA compliance, there's only one crosswalk. Perhaps there should be more crosswalks with curb cuts, or they should restrict the size of the street to reduce speeds. It's not clear to pedestrians where to cross the road. They should talk to the Trustees about it. Mr. Papakonstantis said they've reached a point where after September 6th, the Board does not have the authority to restrict vehicular traffic. If they vote to make it one way, there will be some measure of safety; otherwise, on September 7th, it will be open to two-way traffic. He encouraged the public to read the Trust in its entirety to understand what the Board has the authority to do and not do.

Mr. Browne asked if a petition on the town warrant would be enough to close the Parkway. Mr. Papakonstantis said they could craft a warrant article, which would seem more binding than a citizen's petition. After that, they would still have to go before the State to handle the Trust part of it. Mr. Dean said it's a class 5 road, not a class 6 road as mentioned last week. They would have to work with the Attorney General's office to end the road in perpetuity

MOTION [not voted]: Mr. Browne moved to open Swasey Parkway for one-way traffic only, but to begin DPW work on crosswalks to make the road safer for pedestrians. Ms. Gilman said those things should be separate. Mr. Browne rescinded his motion.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to adopt an amendment to Chapter Three of the Exeter Town Ordinances, One-Way Streets and Traffic Circles, as follows: to 301 One-way streets, add "Swasey Parkway northerly from Water Street entrance to exit on Water Street," effective September 7, 2021. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to look into the possibility of crosswalks. Ms. Cowan said she'd like for the barriers to still be there blocking half the road, to make it clear that it's a one-way road.

Jennifer Perry, the Public Works Director, said she needs to confer with Jay Perkins, who's been giving this some serious thought. There needs to be a suite of improvements, messages, and barriers.

Ms. Perry added that the exit street is Newfields Road, not Water Street. Ms. Gilman asked if they would have to re-read it three times, and Mr. Dean suggested just amending the motion to say Newfields Road.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to reconsider the vote on amending Chapter 3 of the town ordinances. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor.

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Mr. Papakonstantis asked if the DPW could post the information about upcoming changes to the road on the website and share them back with the Board.

d. Bower Land Donation

Kristen Murphy, the Natural Resources Planner, was present remotely via Zoom to discuss a land donation. Ms. Murphy said the town was approached by the estate of the Bower family with interest in donating land to the town for Conservation purposes. The town is required to obtain recommendations from Conservation Commission and Planning Board, and have two public meetings before taking a vote to accept the land. This parcel is 5 acres, landlocked and undeveloped, and partly wetland. It would contribute to a large connected corridor of conservation land. She went to the Conservation Commission on August 10 and the Planning Board on August 12, and received a unanimous recommendation for acquiring the property.

Mr. Papakonstantis opened the discussion for public comment, but there was none. He brought the discussion back to the Board.

Ms. Gilman said the opportunity makes sense. It fits in with existing easements. Ms. Cowan said she voted to accept this land in the Planning Board. It's an interesting opportunity to get more wetland property into the town's use.

Mr. Dean said this process takes multiple hearings, so they will bring it back in September.

e. Water Resources Update

Jennifer Perry, the DPW Director, said the last time she gave an update, in July, they were at the beginning of a major change in precipitation. July 2021 was the rainiest July on record, with over 13 inches of rain; the July average is only 2 inches. The precipitation deficit was erased, and they town is no longer in drought. Groundwater levels are recovering at different rates across the states, but there is significant recovery in this area. They recommend removing the level 2 water restrictions.

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to remove the level 2 water restrictions, effective immediately. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor.

f. Great Bay Permit

Paul Vlasich, the Town Engineer, was present to discuss the Great Bay Nitrogen Permit and the town strategic plan.

Ms. Perry said that when they received the final permit in Dec 2020, they were offered the opportunity to submit a voluntary plan, which they did. This plan will ensure they are reducing nitrogen, in both wastewater and stormwater. Exeter has been under an administrative order for several years and has been making significant efforts in total nitrogen reduction. There's developmental pressure and continued expansion of land use, so they have to be ready to offset

those increases in impervious surface if they want to make substantial reductions in total nitrogen. They have been addressing nitrogen with enhanced street sweeping and cleaning catch basins; there are 19 Pet waste stations to encourage the public to deposit pet waste. There's tracking and accounting of nitrogen with NH DES and the UNH Stormwater Center. They're involved in regional efforts, including the Watershed Integration for Swamscott Exeter (WISE), an integrated plan for reducing nitrogen. They're incorporating reductions in the capital projects, such as tree filters in the downtown sidewalk project and infiltration galleries in the Lincoln Street area. To get where they need to be at the end of the 5 year permit cycle, they need to identify ways to increase their efforts and make substantial improvements. Exeter has joined the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management (MAAM), which includes surrounding towns, to make contributions to water quality monitoring, track steel grass and other recoveries in Great Bay, and do further research, and there is a UNH grant to focus on this. MAAM submitted to the EPA at the end of July, but they want to accentuate some of the uniqueness of the Exeter approach.

Paul Vlasich presented the adaptive management plan, aspects of which will be in the CIP and budgeting process. They are looking to make improvements in water quality and monitoring, nitrogen tracking, and source reduction. Mr. Browne asked where the sediments from the catch basins are taken when they are cleaned out. Mr. Vlasich said to the transfer station.

g. Epping Road/Brentwood Road Intersection

Mr. Papakonstantis said they asked Public Works and the Town Engineer to take a look at this project and give suggestions, and asked Dave Sharples to create a survey of folks that live in that area.

Mr. Vlasich said per his memo from Aug 18, he went out there several times, and met with the consultant from Hoyle Tanner Associates. At that intersection, everyone he saw was making the correct movements. He focused on the drivers: it used to be an unconventional intersection and those not familiar with it had trouble, but now, out-of-staters managed it well and local traffic seemed confused. He presented a plan for additional striping and signage changes that may lessen the confusion. They can move forward for \$10,300, with a change order approved by DOT.

Mr. Papakonstantis said he heard positive feedback just from the stop sign installation. He likes all the new suggestions. Mr. Browne said he's comfortable with this, since Public Works are the experts. Ms. Cowan said it makes sense, but she will still recuse herself. Mr. Vlasich said they can come back with the change order and that can be approved by the Town Manager. Typically minor changes don't need the vote of the Board.

Mr. Sharples said they're underbudget on the TAP project, so he's hopeful that they don't have to spend any new funds for these changes.

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to authorize the Town Manager to approve the change order as recommended by the Public Works Department with respect to the Epping Road Winter/Spring TAP project. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms. Cowan abstained, and the motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Vlasich said he talked to HTA and VHB regarding the proposed three-way stop at Washington Street at Spruce. During a recent police speed study, it was found that the average speed on Washington Street was 23 MPH, and the 85th percentile was 28 MPH, so generally people are obeying the speed limit sign. There have been few accidents at that intersection. An all-ways stop at that intersection is not recommended.

Ms. Gilman asked about sidewalks on Washington Street. Mr. Vlasich said there's a mix of sidewalk and no sidewalk. Ms. Gilman said she thinks lack of sidewalks is driving this concern.

Mr. Sharples said he sent a draft survey to the Town Manager. He talked to the RPC Planning Director, and they can use the Public Input software to do the survey. Ms. Gilman said this will be a good test run for looking at the other intersections. Mr. Sharples said he will work with Mr. Dean on putting out the survey.

7. Regular Business

- a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions
 - i. There were no abatements or credits considered at this meeting.
- b. Permits & Approvals
 - i. There were no permits or approvals considered at this meeting.
- c. Town Manager's Report
 - i. The Departments are continuing to work on budgets, which will be due this Friday.
 - ii. The 2nd public hearing on the CIP is at the Planning Board this week.
 - iii. He attended a meeting on voting accessibility, which went well.
 - iv. The tax deeding list is coming out soon.
 - v. The Town Electrician, Ron Wheeler, put in additional work on the electrical outlets at Swasey Parkway.
- d. Select Board Committee Reports
 - i. Ms. Cowan had no report. She won't be at the Planning Board meeting this week, and asked Mr. Browne to attend if possible. Mr. Papakonstantis said he can attend if not.
 - ii. Ms. Gilman said the Heritage Commission had a public demolition hearing which wasn't well attended. She would like to work on communications.
 - iii. Mr. Browne had no report.
 - iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended the meeting with Congressman Pappas, and met with Mr. Dean and the Town Moderator re building accessibility.
- e. Correspondence
 - i. There was no correspondence considered at this meeting.

8. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are September 13 and 27

9. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) and (d). Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, and the meeting entered non-public session at 9:53 PM. The Board emerged from non public session. Selectwoman Cowan moved to seal the minutes of the non public session until the matter was concluded. Selectman Browne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment. Selectwoman Gilman moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Cowan seconded. The Board stood adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

Appointments

Board and Committee Appointments
September 13th, 2021

Recreation Advisory Board

Dick Matthews, full member, term to expire 4/30/23

Appointment continued from tabling on 8/23/21



Fwd: Re: Subcommittee assignments

1 message

Bob Kelly <kellyes@comcast.net>

Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 9:35 AM

To: "pmcelroy@exeternh.gov" <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

FOUND IT

On 08/10/2021 9:40 AM dclement43@comcast.net <dclement43@comcast.net> wrote:

good morning

it is with sadness and regret to inform you that I will no longer serve on the BRC.

Personal situations coupled with continued risk with the pandemic make it difficult to move about in public venues.

Time and work on the BRC has always been enjoyable and in my opinion important to the operation of the town. I will miss the research and discussions.

Good luck as the Committee moves forward

Don Clement
resignation
from BRC.

Bower Land Donation

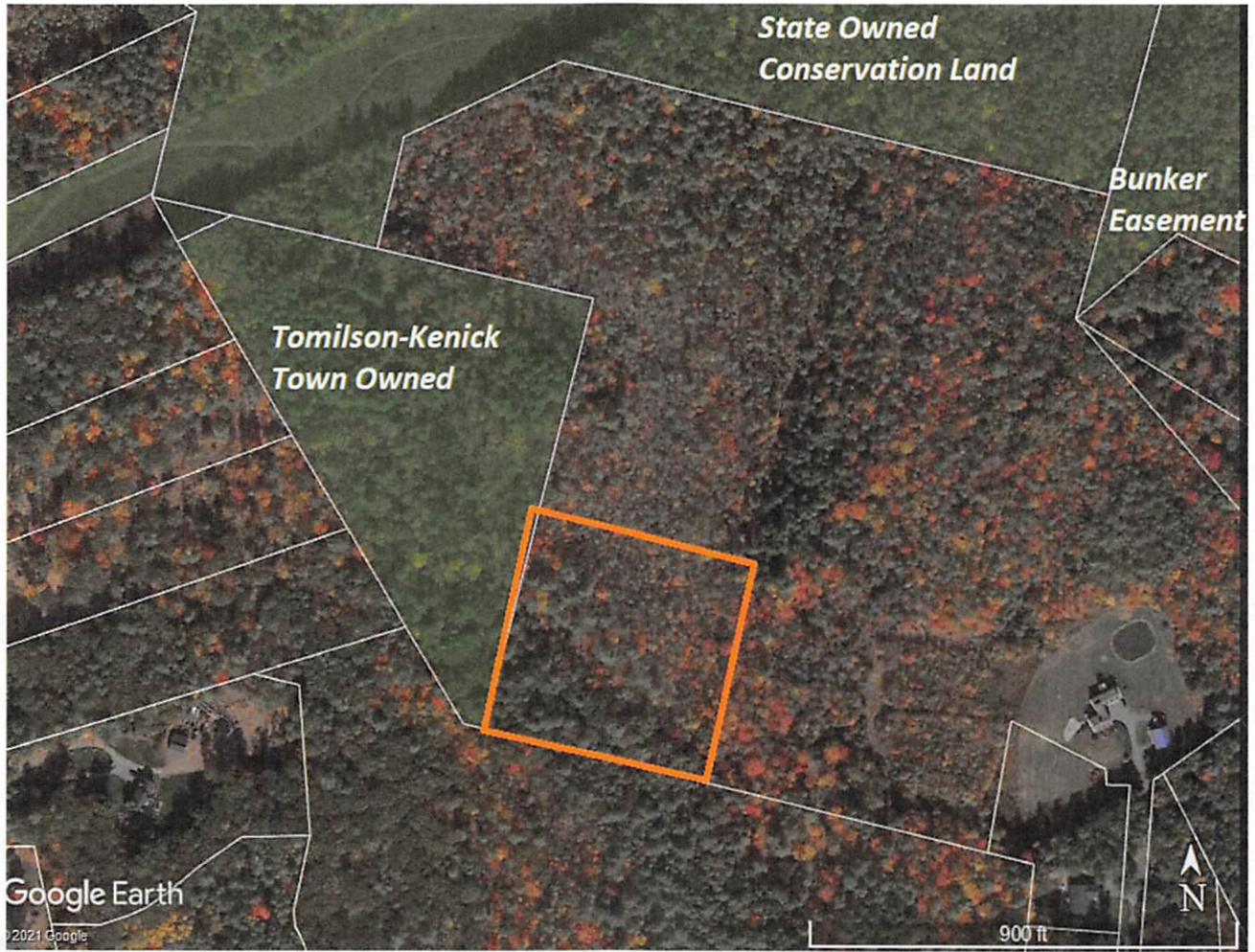
**TOWN OF EXETER
PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 16, 2021
To: Russ Dean, Town Manager
Exeter Select Board
From: Kristen Murphy, Natural Resource Planner
cc: Drew Koff, Chair, Exeter Conservation Commission
Lang Plumer, Chair, Exeter Planning Board
Subject: Mary Bower Land, Beech Hill Road, Map 28, Lot 16

The estate of Mary Bower wishes to donate a 5 acre parcel of undeveloped land to the Town for conservation purposes. The parcel (indicated in yellow below) is a land-locked wooded parcel that contains a mix of upland and wetland. It abuts the existing town-owned conservation parcel Tomilson Kenick Land and would add to a regional corridor of protected lands (indicated in purple below) between Old Town Farm Road and Beech Hill Road.

In accordance with RSA 41:14-a, the proposal was presented to the Conservation Commission on August 10th and the Planning Board on August 12th. Both committees voted unanimously in support of the Town acquiring this land for conservation purposes. The Conservation Committee and Planning Board would like to express their appreciation for this generous gift from the Bower family.





10 Hampton Road Building/Land Purchase

**TOWN OF EXETER
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Select Board

FROM: Town Manager *RM*

RE: 10 Hampton Road

DATE: September 13, 2021

Pursuant to the board's vote, the Town signed a purchase and sale agreement for property located at 10 Hampton Road. The P&S is contingent upon voter approval in March of 2022. The cost for the property is 1.15 million dollars negotiated down from an original asking price of 1.35 million. A fair price was sought, using property value estimates ranging from \$800,000 to \$1.395 million obtained from local realtors.

WHY IS THIS PROPERTY IMPORTANT?

This property would become the new home of the Exeter Parks and Recreation Department. The 1.64-acre parcel sits adjacent to the Recreation Park on Hampton Road and includes a 6,000 sq foot building and a small detached garage with office space. The larger structure houses 15 offices, a renovated kitchen, four bathrooms, two large multi-purpose rooms, a lobby/sitting area, a copy room, and a new outdoor deck.

The Parks and Recreation Department would move from 32 Court Street to 10 Hampton Road. Moving the staff and programs into the new building would require minimal renovations in FY22. Immediate updates include creating an ADA-accessible entrance, removing two office walls to expand program spaces for youth and seniors, installing ADA-compliant bathroom fixtures in 2 of the four bathrooms, installing Town internet, and updating the parking lot. We would work with DPW's highway & maintenance departments to achieve most of these renovations as a part of the annual maintenance and paving budgets.

Moving the Parks and Recreation Department to this new building would allow the Department to expand programming for seniors and youth as to meet the growing needs of our consistently changing community. The popular summer camp program would have access to the building during weather emergencies, thus providing safe shelter.

Ownership of the 10 Hampton Road property would also give residents access to an additional parking lot that could support approx. 60-80 cars. The new parking lot would provide safe access to the Recreation Park, allowing shorter walking distances to get to the athletic fields, an outdoor picnic pavilion, and a small playground. Parking capacity at the Recreation Park's main lot frequently cannot support demand during most activities & events. Often families and residents are forced to park at Access Sports and cross Hampton Road (Routes 111/27) on foot which can be very dangerous. If the Town purchased 10 Hampton Road, parents, children, and seniors would have two safe access points to the Park. Parks and Recreation could work with DPW to expand the current parking area at 10 Hampton Road in-house, using environmentally friendly permeable pavement to allow rainwater to infiltrate the ground and minimize stormwater runoff.

The 10 Hampton Road property is an ideal location to house a multi-generational community center as it is located between two commercial properties (as seen on the attached map), thus drastically minimizing any impact to local residential abutters.

COST SAVINGS CURRENT AND FUTURE

Purchase of this property in 2022 would support the current and future needs of the Parks and Recreation Department. The property size allows for the potential of future expansion to the building and garage. The goal would be for Parks and Recreation to improve the structures and property a little each year so that the cost to the taxpayers is fiscally responsible and doesn't negatively impact the tax rate.

We expect the FY22 renovations to cost no more than \$100,000, however, we are currently working to finalize that number which we will have as we start presentations to the various boards.

Parks and Recreation could immediately reduce their Capital Improvement Plan requests by eliminating or modifying several current project proposals, which would save the town millions of dollars over the next 2-8 years.

Eliminate from the current Capital Improvement Plan:

- \$4.5 million - Athletic field/ Parking expansion at Recreation Park.
- \$75,000 - Accessibility Assessment of 30/32 Court Street

Modify for future Capital Improvement Plan:

- \$6.5 million *change to* \$2-3 million - Multi-generational Community Center
 - In 6-8 years: Building improvement & expansion to include building a gymnasium, additional programming & meeting spaces, department storage, and outdoor access to bathrooms.

Although the Recreation Department will request to improve the building and property each year through the CIP and budget processes, those requests will be broken into smaller pieces that benefit the town by stretching the timeline to support better fiscal planning.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COURT STREET PROPERTY?

The relocation of the Parks and Recreation Department to Hampton Road would enable the town to consider future uses of the 30/32 Court St property.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Parks and Recreation will present the project to the Budget Recommendations Committee, the Facilities Advisory Committee, Conservation Committee, the Planning Board, and the community for feedback and support.



WHY IS NOW THE TIME?

This property only recently became available for purchase. If the Town is unable to secure the property now, the chance to own a property that abuts the park and can support a community center will be lost. The current property market in the seacoast makes this property very attractive to local developers and we are fortunate the property owner was willing to negotiate with the Town potentially allowing future expansion of the Parks and Recreation Department.



Location of Acadia Lane Condominiums

Legend

-  10 Hampton Road Parcel
-  Recreation Park Parcel

AGREEMENT OF SALE

AGREEMENT, made this 30th day of August, 2021, by and between QMMR Realty, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire with a place of business at 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833 (hereinafter called "Seller") and the Town of Exeter, a municipal corporation having an office at 10 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833 (hereinafter called "Buyer").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Seller is the owner of a certain parcel of real property (consisting of not less than 1.64 acres) and the improvements thereon, if any, located in the Town of Exeter, Rockingham County, State of New Hampshire, as more particularly described on Exhibit A annexed hereto (the "Premises");

WHEREAS, the Buyer desires to purchase the Premises upon and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth and the Seller is willing to sell the Premises upon such terms and conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Purchase and Sale.**

1.01. The Seller shall sell and convey to the Buyer and the Buyer shall purchase the Premises from the Seller, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. **Purchase Price, Deposit, and Mode of Payment.**

2.01. The purchase price for the premises shall be One Million, One-Hundred and Fifty-Thousand (\$1,150,000.00) Dollars.

2.02. Upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Buyer shall deposit the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in cash or current funds (the "Deposit") to be held in an interest-bearing escrow account by the Buyer's attorneys, Mitchell Municipal Group, PA, to secure the Buyer's obligations hereunder. All interest accruing in respect of such Deposit shall accrue for the benefit of and be payable to the Buyer hereunder. In the event of the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event hereunder which requires the return of such deposit to the Buyer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement,

then, in such event, such Deposit shall be returned to the Buyer together with all such accrued interest thereon.

2.03 The purchase price hereunder shall be payable to the Seller at the Closing (as hereinafter defined), as follows:

(a) The Deposit shall be released by the Escrow Agent and paid to the Seller;

(b) The Buyer shall pay the balance of the purchase price to the Seller in cash or certified or bank check or wire transfer payable to the order of the Seller.

3. Closing.

3.01 The Closing (the "Closing") hereunder shall take place at the Premises on or before July 1, 2022. The terms "Closing" and "Closing Date" shall include any permitted extensions thereof. Time is of the essence in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

3.02 At the Closing, the Seller shall:

(a) convey the Premises to the Buyer by Warranty Deed, conveying good, clear record and marketable title to the Premises, insurable for the benefit of Buyer by a title insurer licensed in the State of New Hampshire and acceptable to the Buyer pursuant to an ALTA standard form title insurance policy in an amount equal to the purchase price insuring that the Buyer holds marketable fee simple title to the Premises, free from all liens, municipal betterments, assessments, easements, restrictions, encumbrances, title and interest of others, and title insurance exceptions of any nature or description whatsoever, except as follows:

(i) provisions of existing building and zoning laws;

(ii) such real estate taxes for the then current tax year as are not yet due or payable on the day of the delivery of the deed, but for which the parties will prorate their payment;

(iii) any lien for municipal betterments assessed after the day of delivery of the deed; and,

(iv) easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record which do not materially interfere with the use or development of the Premises and which have been accepted by the

Buyer, in its sole discretion, exercised by notice in writing to the Seller prior to the Closing.

(b) deliver to the Buyer:

(i) a Seller's Affidavit, dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Buyer;

(ii) possession of the Premises, free from all tenants and other encumbrances, except for those encumbrances permitted hereby;

(iii) such other documents as the Buyer's title insurance company may reasonably require in order to issue a title insurance policy in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and,

(iv) such other documents and instruments as are reasonably necessary in order to effectuate the intent of this Agreement.

3.03 At the Closing, the Buyer shall pay the purchase price as required by Article 2 above.

3.04 At the Closing, the Seller shall pay for the cost of recording any instruments required to clear title to the Premises. This transfer to the Buyer is exempt from the obligation to pay transfer taxes under RSA 78-B:2, I. The Buyer and the Seller shall each execute and file with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration an appropriate Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration of Consideration with respect to the transfer stamp tax payable hereunder.

4 Review Period; Conditions Precedent.

4.01 The Buyer shall have a review period (the "Review Period") commencing on the date of this Agreement and terminating sixty (60)) days thereafter; provided, however, that if weather or ground conditions impede the Buyer's ability to conduct such tests, evaluations and investigations as Buyer deems reasonably necessary ("Site Tests"), then the Review Period may be extended by the Buyer, upon written notice to the Seller hereunder, to a date that is thirty (30) days after the date on which such weather or ground conditions improve sufficiently to permit the Buyer to perform the Site Tests. During such Review Period, the Buyer shall review such documents and other information and make any and all physical inspections of the Premises which Buyer may desire to make or have made. In the event that any of the documents or information so provided or received by the Buyer, or the results of any such inspections made or caused to be made by the Buyer, or any other

aspects of the Premises, are, for any reason, in the Buyer's sole discretion, unsatisfactory to the Buyer, the Buyer may terminate this Agreement by delivery of written notice so indicating (in general terms without having to specify which aspects, if any, are unsatisfactory) to the Seller within the Review Period. Upon delivery of such written notice by the Buyer, this Agreement will automatically terminate, the Deposit will be immediately refunded to the Buyer and thereafter the parties hereto will have no further rights or duties to each other under this Agreement. In the event such termination notice is not delivered within the Review Period, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect except for Buyer's right of termination as provided for herein, which shall cease.

4.02 The obligations of the Buyer to consummate the transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

(a) The Buyer's Legislative Body acting at a properly noticed Annual Meeting in March 2022, shall have duly approved via a three-fifths majority vote a Warrant Article that allows the Buyer to purchase the Premises; and,

(b) The representations and warranties of the Seller contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the Closing Date.

5. Representations and Warranties.

5.01. The Seller represents, covenants and warrants to and agrees with Buyer as follows:

(a) The Seller has the legal right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of its obligations hereunder, and the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance by Seller of its obligations hereunder will not conflict with, or result in a breach of, any of the terms, covenants or provisions of any law or any regulation, order, judgment, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority or any agreement or instrument to which the Seller is a party or by which it is bound. The Seller executing this Agreement has all necessary power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement. Execution and delivery of the Agreement by the Buyer is binding upon the Seller.

(b) To the best of Seller's knowledge, there are no violations of any restrictive covenants affecting the Premises.

(c) The Seller has delivered to the Buyer true and complete copies of real estate tax bills for the Premises. No abatement proceedings

are pending with reference to any real estate tax assessed against the Premises. There are no betterment assessments or other special assessments presently pending with respect to any portion of the Premises and the Seller has not received any notice (and is not aware) of any such special assessment being considered.

(d) There are no suits, actions or proceedings pending or, to the best of the Seller's knowledge, threatened against or affecting the Premises before any court or administrative agency or officer which, if adversely determined, would have a materially adverse effect upon the operation or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Premises, including, without limitation, any eminent domain proceedings, and to the best of the Seller's knowledge, Seller is not in default with respect to, nor has notice of any violation of, any judgment, order, writ, injunction, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or officer to which the Seller is subject in any way affecting the Premises or the transaction provided for herein.

(e) To the best of Seller's knowledge, there are no hazardous substances, wastes, or materials on, under, in or about the Premises. The Seller hereby further warrants and represents that the Seller has not at any time (and shall not at any time from the date of this Agreement have) caused or permitted the presence, use, generation, release, discharge, storage, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances, wastes, or materials on, under, in, about, near, or to or from the Premises, or is Seller aware of any such presence, use, generation, discharge, storage, disposal, or transportation of any hazardous substance, wastes or materials by any other person.

For the purposes of this Agreement, "hazardous substances, wastes, or materials" shall mean and include, but shall not be limited to, any element, substance, compound or mixture, including disease-causing agents, which after release into the environment or work place and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, either directly or indirectly, will or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutation, psychological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring, and all hazardous and toxic substances, wastes or materials, any pollutants or contaminants (including, without limitation, asbestos and raw materials which include hazardous constituents), or any other similar substances, wastes, or materials which are included under or regulated by any local, state or federal law, rule or regulation pertaining to environmental regulation, contamination, clean-up or disclosure, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section

9601, et seq., as amended ("CERCLA"), and New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 147-A and 147-B, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant to such Acts, the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as heretofore or currently in effect ("TSCA") and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as heretofore or currently in effect ("RCRA").

5.02. All of the Seller's warranties, covenants and representations made in this Agreement shall survive the delivery of the deed for a period of one (1) year and it shall be a condition of the Buyer's obligation to close under this Agreement that all warranties and representations made by the Seller hereunder are true, both as of the date hereof and as of the Closing. The Seller acknowledges that it has an affirmative obligation to disclose any material facts pertaining to this transaction in order to correct any misleading or false facts or statements, which the Buyer may have known or relied on in reference to this transaction. Without limiting the foregoing, in the event of any such breach of warranty, covenant or representation, Buyer may, in addition to any other remedy therefor, cancel this Agreement by written notice to Seller, in which event all Deposits hereunder shall be returned promptly to Buyer, with all interest earned thereon, and all obligations hereunder thereupon shall cease, and this Agreement thereupon shall be void without recourse to any party.

6. Possession.

6.01. Possession of the Premises, free of all tenants and encumbrances, shall be delivered to the Buyer at the time of the Closing. At the time of the Closing, the Premises shall be (a) in the same condition as they are now in, reasonable wear and tear excepted., (b) free of all property not being acquired by the Buyer hereunder, and (c) in compliance with the provisions of each instrument of conveyance referred to herein.

7. Seller's Inability to Deliver Title; Buyer's Election.

7.01. In the event that (i) Seller shall be unable to convey good, clear record and marketable title to the Premises or to deliver possession of the Premises to the Buyer, all as herein provided, or (ii) at the time of the Closing, the Premises do not conform with the provisions hereof, then at the option of the Buyer, or the Seller, exercised on each occasion by notice in writing to the other, the Closing Date under this Agreement may be extended for a single period up to thirty (30) days, during which time period the Seller shall use reasonable efforts to remove any defect in title or to deliver possession as provided herein, or to make the Premises conform to the provisions hereof, as the case may be. If at the end of any such extension period, the Seller shall have failed to remove any such defect in title, deliver possession, or make the Premises conform, as the case may be, all as herein provided, then, at the

Buyer's option, the Deposit shall be forthwith refunded to the Buyer with interest earned thereon in accordance with the provisions hereof, and all other obligations of the parties hereunder shall cease and this Agreement shall be void without any further recourse to the parties hereto.

7.02. The Buyer shall have the election, at either the original or any extended time for performance, to accept such title as the Seller can deliver to the Premises in its then condition and to pay the purchase price therefor as it may be adjusted by the parties in accordance with this Agreement or otherwise, in which case the Seller shall convey such title, provided, however, that in the event of such conveyance in accordance with the provisions of this Section, and in the event that the Premises shall have been damaged by fire or other casualty insured against, then the Seller shall either (i) pay over or assign to the Buyer, on delivery of the deed, all amounts recovered or recoverable on account of such insurance, or (ii) if a holder of a mortgage on the Premises shall not permit the insurance proceeds or part thereof to be used to restore the Premises to its former condition, or to be so paid or assigned, give the Buyer a credit against the Purchase Price on delivery of the deed, equal to such amount recovered or recoverable and retained by the holder of the mortgage.

7.03. In order to enable the Seller to convey the Premises as herein required, the Seller may, and if necessary, shall, at the Closing, use the Purchase Price or any portion thereof to clear the title of any or all encumbrances or interests which are to be removed or eliminated by the terms hereof, provided that all instruments so procured are recorded at Seller's sole cost and expense, prior to or simultaneously with the delivery of the deed.

8. Actions Pending the Closing. During the period from the date hereof until the Closing, the following provisions shall govern the Seller's activities with relation to the Premises.

8.01. Access to Information and Property. The Seller will give the Buyer and its counsel, inspectors, engineers, accountants, and other representatives reasonable access, during normal business hours, to the Premises and will furnish the Buyer and such representatives during such period with all such information and data in Seller's possession concerning the construction, development and operation of the Premises as the Buyer or such representatives reasonably may request. Buyer agrees to use its best efforts not to disrupt or disturb Seller or Seller's tenants during any Inspection of the Property. The Buyer, at its expense, with reasonable advance notice to Seller, enter the Property to take measurements, show the Premises to contractors, architects, insurers, banks and other lenders or investors, and prospective tenants, and conduct environmental tests, soil tests, borings, percolation tests, surveys, site, analysis, structural tests, and such other tests, inspections or investigations with respect to the Property as the Buyer may desire. The Seller agrees to cooperate with the Buyer and assist the Buyer, provided that all

inspections shall be conducted during normal business hours (or such other time as is reasonably necessary to conduct such inspections or tests) and shall not unreasonably interfere with the conduct of normal business of the Seller. The Seller agrees that the Buyer may discuss the Premises with and make inquiries of any state or local officials or authorities and may seek such variances, permits, certificates, consents and approvals as the Buyer deems appropriate. The Buyer agrees to repair any damage to the Premises resulting from such inspections and to hold in confidence any information gathered from its inspection of Seller's books and records. The Buyer shall, at its sole cost and expense, restore the Premises as nearly as possible to its original condition after conducting such studies and examinations. The Buyer shall indemnify and hold the Seller harmless from and against all loss, cost, claims, liability or expenses arising out of the performance of such engineering studies and surveys as are conducted under this Agreement.

9. Brokerage.

9.01. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that no Broker was involved in bringing about this transaction.

10. Damage by Fire of Casualty; Eminent Domain.

10.01. In the event that the Premises shall be damaged by fire or other casualty, or shall be subject to an eminent domain proceeding, prior to the Closing hereunder, the Buyer at any time after the occurrence of such damage or other casualty or such taking up to the time of the Closing may elect to terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Seller, in which event the Deposit made by the Buyer hereunder together with all interest earned thereon shall be refunded promptly to the Buyer and all other obligations of the parties hereunder shall cease and this Agreement shall thereupon be void and of no further force or effect.

11. Liquidated Damages.

11.01. In the event that the Buyer shall default in the performance of its obligations hereunder, all Deposits hereunder made by the Buyer and the interest thereon shall be paid to the Seller as liquidated and inclusive damages and not as a penalty. Payment of such sum to the Seller shall be Seller's sole and inclusive remedy at law and in equity.

12. Miscellaneous.

12.01. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, assigns and successors in interest.

12.02. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto. All prior understandings, oral or written, are merged herein. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a writing executed by the parties hereto.

12.03. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

12.04. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts each of which shall constitute an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one in the same instrument.

12.05. All notices required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and sent by certified, registered or express mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or hand delivered, addressed as follows:

If to the Seller: QMMR Realty, LLC
Attention: Philip Dean
10 Hampton Road
Exeter, NH 03833

With a copy to: Bosen & Associates, PLLC
Attention: John K. Bosen, Esq.
266 Middle Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

If to the Buyer: Town of Exeter
Attention: Russ Dean
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

With a copy to: Mitchell Municipal Group
Attention: Walter Mitchell, Esq.
25 Beacon Street, East #2
Laconia, NH 03246

Any party hereto may change the person or address to whom or which notices are to be given hereunder by notice duly given hereunder. Any notice hereunder shall be effective upon receipt thereof by the party to whom the notice is directed.

12.06. No delay or emission by any party hereto to exercise any right or power occurring upon any non-compliance or failure of performance by the other party under the provisions of this Agreement shall impair any such right or power or be construed to be a waiver thereof. A waiver by any party hereto of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or agreements to be

performed by the other party shall not be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach thereof or of any other term, covenant, condition or agreement contained herein.

12.07. The parties hereto agree that up to and after the date of the Closing, they shall do such things and execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all additional agreements, instruments and documents as either party may reasonably request in order to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.

12.08. After the vote at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 2022, approving this proposed sale, the Seller shall allow the Buyer to utilize the rear of the Premises for public parking, Recreational Park access and other uses as determined by the Buyer, from that time until the Closing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

Town of Exeter

Pamela A. McElroy
Witness

Pamela A. McElroy
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires 11/6/2024

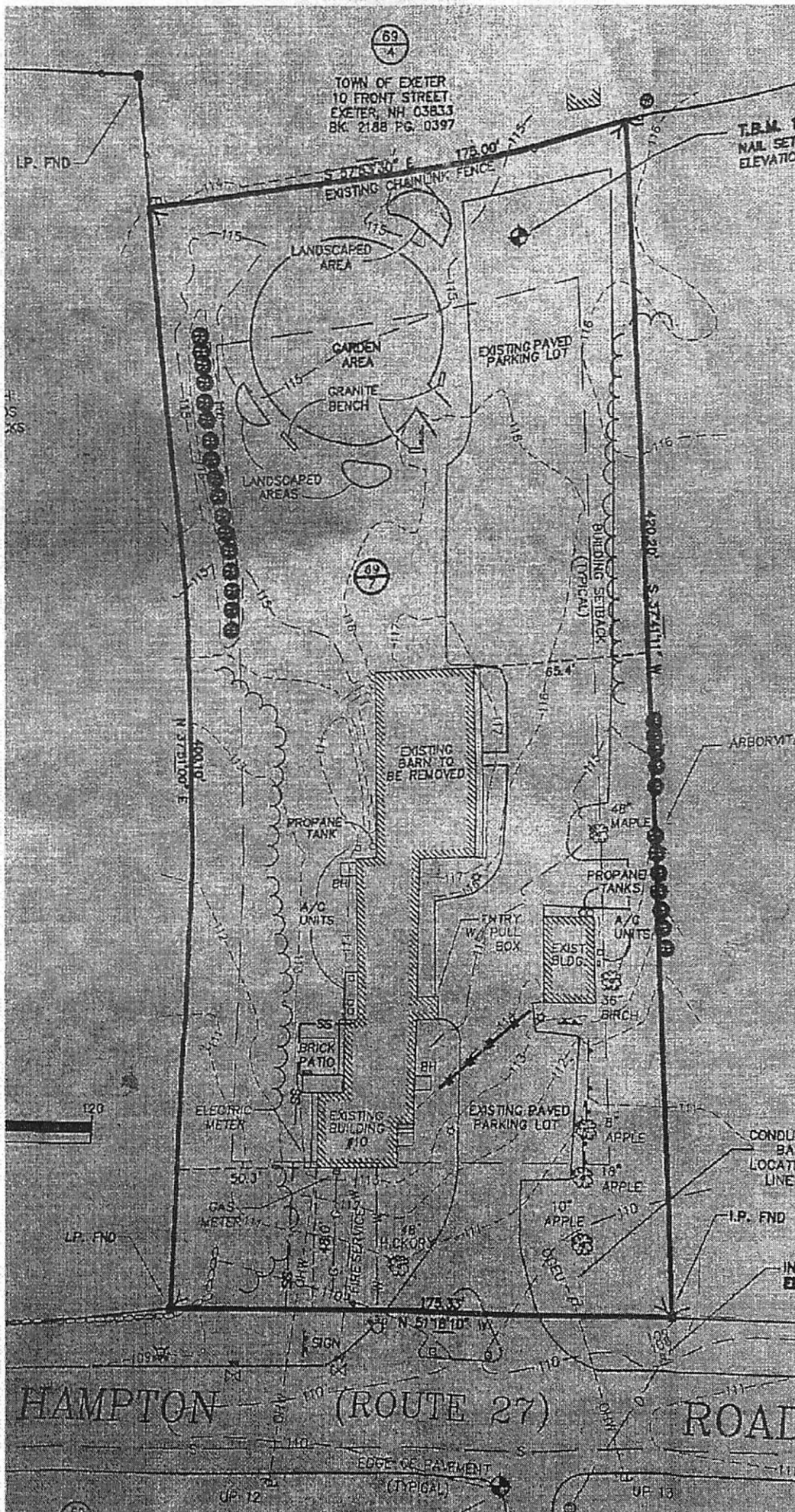
By: [Signature]
Russell Dean, Town Manager

QMMR Realty, LLC

Pamela A. McElroy
Witness

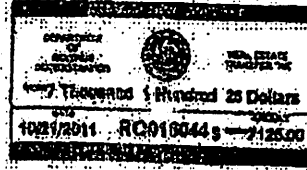
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NOTARY PUBLIC
State of New Hampshire
My Commission Expires 11/8/2024

By: [Signature]
Philip D. Dean, Member



TO
Upon recording, please return to:

Sandy Parker
Hinsley, Allen & Snyder LLP
11 South Main Street, Ste. 400
Concord, NH 03301



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WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that SEACOAST HOSPICE, a New Hampshire voluntary corporation, with a place of business at 9 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH for consideration paid, grants to QMMR REALTY, LLC, a New Hampshire limited liability company, with a place of business at 24 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833 with WARRANTY COVENANTS the following described premises:

A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situate in Exeter, County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe, at or near a stone wall on the Northerly side of Hampton Road, at the Southwesterly corner of the within described premises; thence running N 37° 51' E, a distance of four hundred and ten one hundredths feet (400.10), more or less, to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of the Town of Exeter; thence turning and running S 57° 53' 30" E by said Town of Exeter land, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five and no hundredths feet (175.00) to land now or formerly of Fred James Churchill; thence turning and running S 37° 43' 55" W by said Churchill land a total distance of four hundred twenty and twenty one hundredths feet (420.20) to an iron pipe at the Northerly sideline of said Hampton Road, and at the Southeast corner of the within described premises; thence turning and running N 51° 18' 10" W by said Hampton Road, a distance of one hundred seventy-five and no hundredths feet (175.00) to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.64 acres is shown on a plan of land entitled "Lot Line Revision, Exeter, New Hampshire for Charles C. Knibbs" scale 1" = 40 ft., dated May, 1977, as prepared by John W. Durgin Civil Engineers Professional Associates, Portsmouth and Rochester, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan #D-8923.

MEANING AND INTENDING TO CONVEY the same premises conveyed to the Seacoast Hospice by deed of Desiree E. Knibbs f/k/a/ Desiree E. Arakelian f/k/a/ Desiree Edythe Keller, dated February 26, 1992 and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at Book 2912, Page 0158.

This is not homestead property of Seacoast Hospice.

2011 OCT 21 PM 3:01

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS

BK 5254 PG 1420

SIGNED this 21st day of October 2011.

SEACOAST HOSPICE

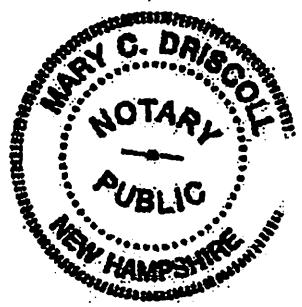
By John Hopkins
As: Board Chair

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF Rockingham

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of October, 2011, by John Hopkins, Board Chair of Seacoast Hospice, a New Hampshire voluntary corporation, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument.

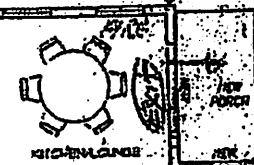
Mary Driscoll
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My commission expires: 12/12/2011

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Fire - Location of 1st Pull down fire alarm

FIRE EXTINGUISHER



RESTROOM

KITCHEN

OFFICE

OFFICE

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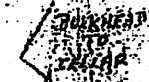
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BULKHEAD TO CELLAR

MAIN FIRE ALARM Pull Down Box

First Floor

REMOVE ALL COATS OR BAGS AND STAY IN ROOMS AT ALL TIMES

DO NOT USE ELEVATOR

DO NOT USE STAIRS

DO NOT USE ELEVATOR

DESIGN/BUILD: ALL AND GRADE HAS BEEN FOR NATIONAL FIRE ALARM. SEE SPEC. 1:11. TRY TO AVOID RETURNING BILLS AND COINS

STEPS AS NOTED

EMERGENCY EXIT LIGHT

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

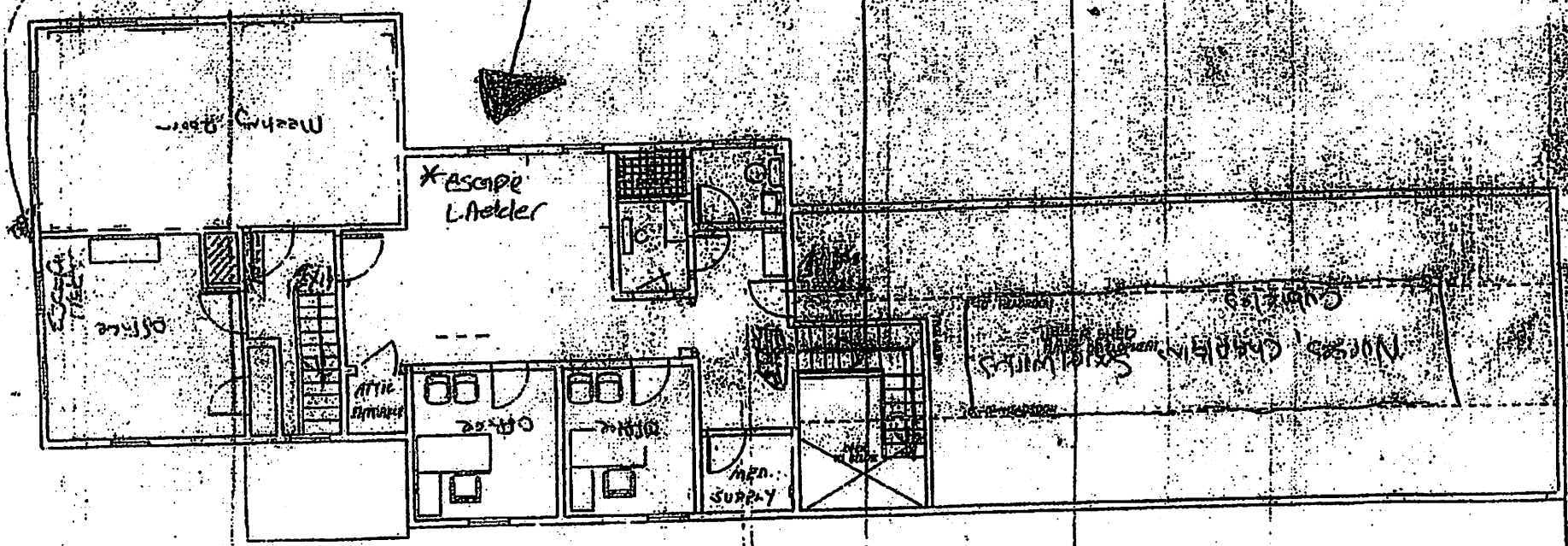
SEACOAST HOSPICE
HAMPTON ROAD, EXETER, NH

7/11/92



Fire = location of a pull-down fire alarm

* equipped with 2 escape ladders



2nd Floor

EMERGENCY EXIT PLAN
 SECOND FLOOR PLAN
 2/11/92
 SEACOAST HOSPICE
 HAMPTON ROAD, EXETER NH

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Andrew Elliott re: Washington Street

Washington Street

Capital Improvements for Safety and Speed Reduction

Andrew Elliott

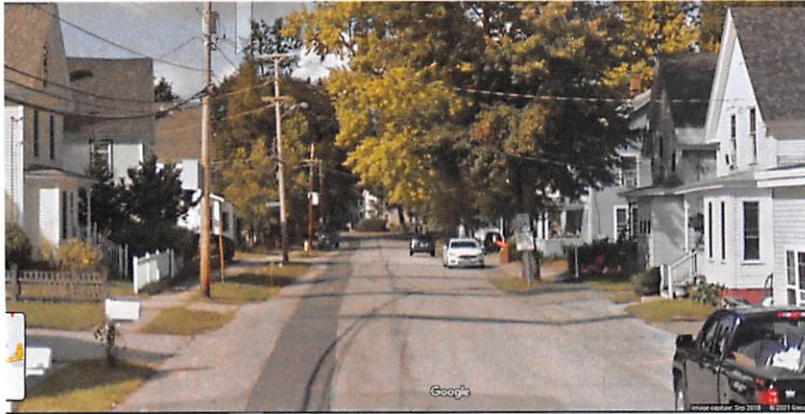
42 Washington Street

Public

Background

- Research shows a person hit by a car going 40 miles per hour (mph) has an 85% chance of being killed. Reducing the speed to 30 mph cuts the odds of death in half; reducing speed to 20 mph drops the fatality rate by an astounding 94%.¹
- Speeding factors include: personal attitudes and skills, vehicle capabilities, police presence, level of congestion, and the weather.
- Higher manufacturing standards used for cars these days make going faster feel more comfortable (lead foot), so motorists are likely to go even faster in a wider variety of road conditions.
- In general **motorists tend to drive as fast as the road comfortably allows.**

Washington Street is Straight and Wide



Front St.



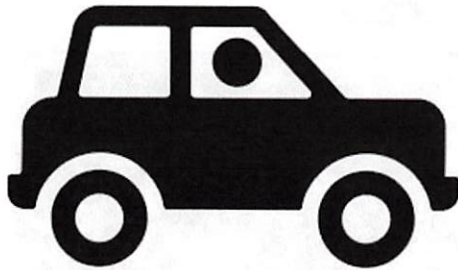
Brentwood Rd.

Public

The limit is 30
(posted 25)
MPH but...
**How fast do
you think you
can go here?**

The Facts: Stealth Speed Survey Results - June-2021

4 Day Survey Completed June 21- June 24, 2021



Total Cars = 9622

2405 Cars Per Day



Maximum Speed = **49 MPG**

Average Speed = 23.07 MPH

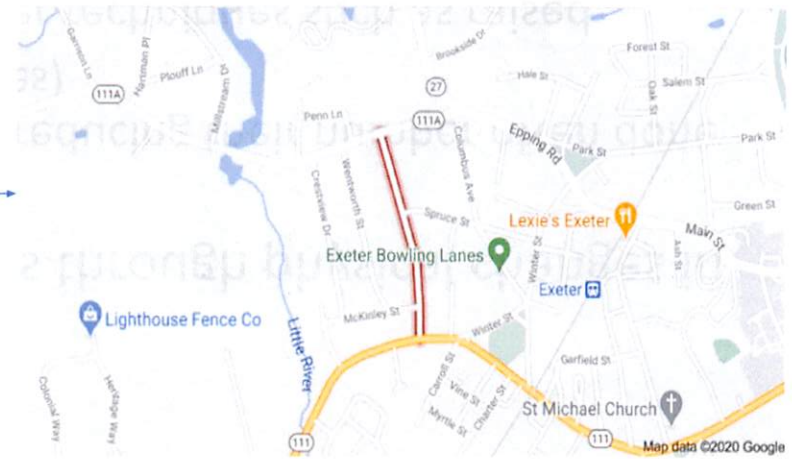
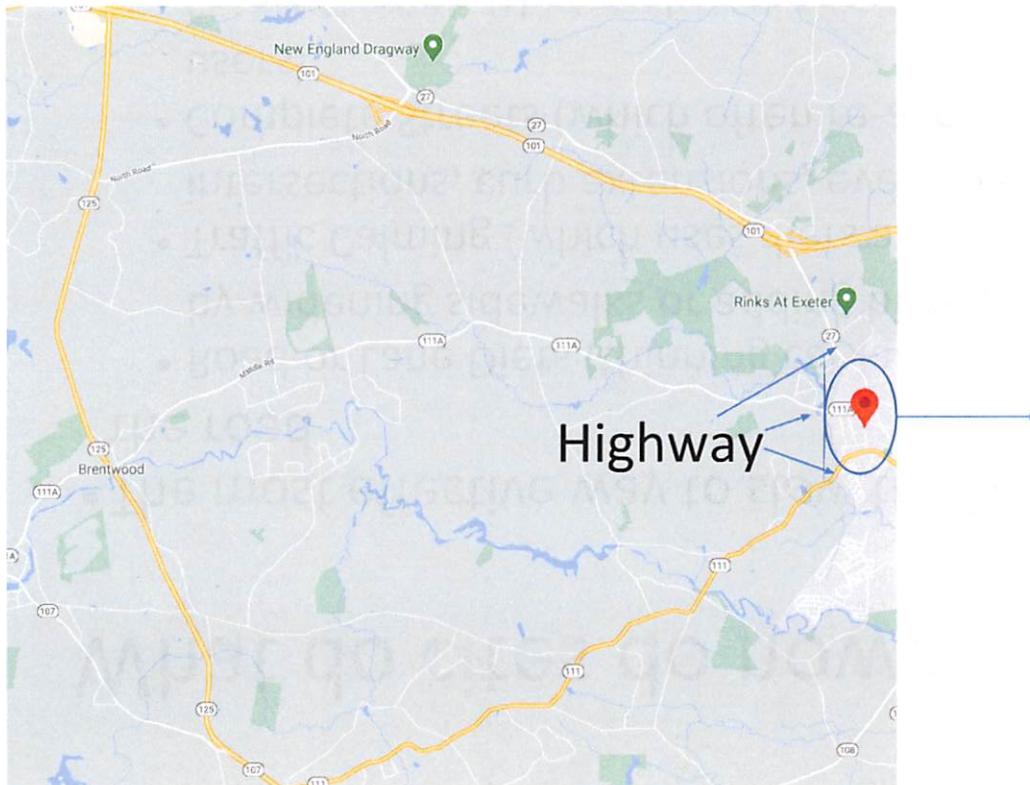
50th Percentile = 24 MPH

85th Percentile = 28 MPH

A 50th percentile of 24 MPH means only half the people are going below 24. This leave 1202 people per day going higher than 24 MPH!

Why Washington Street?

- A lot of people live on Washington street. There are many multifamily houses with new houses being built and old houses being converted into duplexes.
- It is a cut through between two highways 111 & 111A (Motorists forget to slow down)
- The north side gives access to a 3rd highway Rt. 27 meaning there is a lot of traffic on this road.



Washington St
Exeter, NH 03833, USA

What do cities do now?

- The most effective way to slow traffic is through physical changes in the road
 - Road or Lane Diets (thinning car lanes or reducing their number often done by widening sidewalks or adding bike lanes)
 - Traffic Calming (which uses diets and other techniques such as raised intersections, curb extensions, even speed humps)
 - Complete Streets (which often re-allocates some road space for non-car users)
 - Smart Growth (that makes roads visually seem more constrained through the addition of adjacent activity such as sidewalk cafes, cross-walk zebra markings, etc.)

Proposal: Traffic Calming

Traffic Calming Measures Included:

A **horizontal deflection** hinders the ability of a motorist to drive in a straight path by creating a horizontal shift in the roadway. This shift reduces the ability of a motorist to maintain speed while comfortably navigating the measure.

- Lateral shift
- Chicane
- Realigned Intersection
- Traffic Circle
- Small Modern Roundabout/Mini-Roundabout
- Roundabout

A **vertical deflection** creates a change in the height of the roadway that typically forces a motorist to slow down to maintain an acceptable level of comfort.

- Speed Hump
- Speed Cushion
- Speed Table
- Raised Crosswalk
- Raised Intersection

A **street width reduction** narrows the width of a vehicle travel lane or roadway, so a motorist likely needs to slow the vehicle to maintain an acceptable level of comfort and safety. The measure can also reduce the distance required for pedestrian crossings, reducing exposure to vehicular conflicts.

- Corner Extension/Bulb-Out
- Choker
- Median Island
- On-Street Parking
- Road Diet

A **routing restriction** prevents particular vehicle movements at an intersection and is intended to eliminate some portions of cut-through traffic.

- Diagonal Diverter
- Closure
- Median Barrier/Forced Turn Island

Use a Horizontal Deflection with street reduction to reduce the ability of the motorist to comfortably maintain speed.



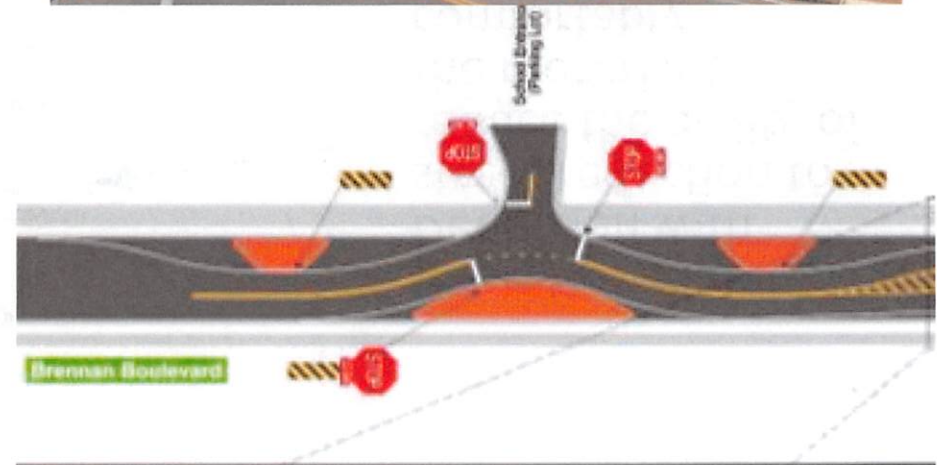
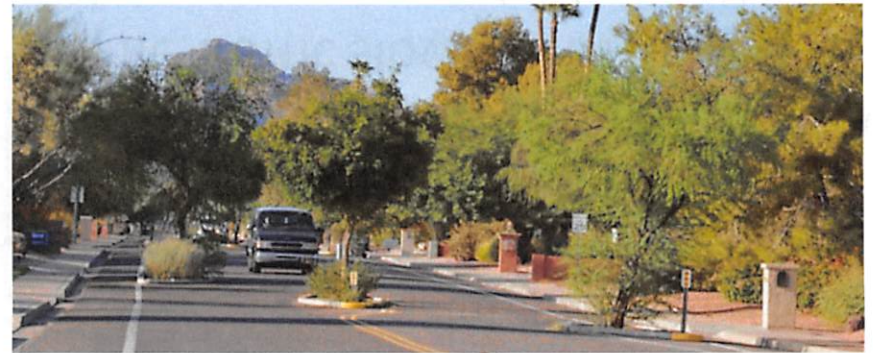
Why: Living on the street the only time traffic slows down is when there are cars parked on either side of the street causing people to slow down and negotiate with oncoming traffic.

Horizontal Deflection Proposal # 1: Chicane



Adds more landscape to the street.

The cost of installing a landscaped chicane can range from approximately \$2,500 to \$16,000 each. Estimated service life is 20 years. Drainage requirement and utility relocation are often the most significant cost consideration. Depending on placement, this may not be an issue.



Add this 3-way stop to McKinley and Spruce

Added benefits of Chicanes



Tree-lined medians and small chicanes reduce drivers' perceived speeds on Elm Street.



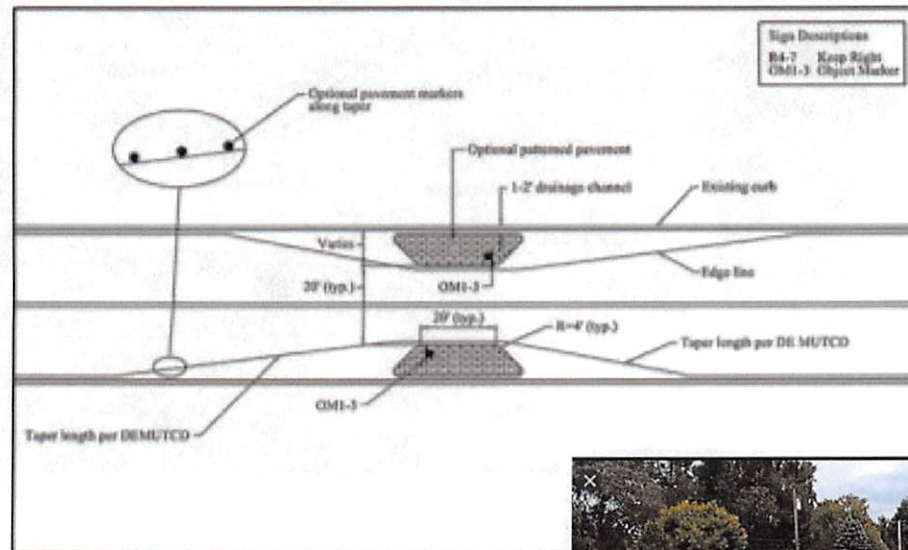
These islands could accommodate new trees providing natural shade and replace the aging city trees on Washington Street. Work with public works dep. Jay Perkins.

Public

Horizontal Deflection Proposal # 2: Choker



(Source: City of An Arbor, Michigan)



(Source: Delaware DOT)



Make drivers behave as if there are parked cars they need to navigate around. Known to slow traffic.

*Between \$1,500 and \$20,000, depending on length and width of barriers

Proposal # 3: Road Narrowing with “Complete Streets”.



Počernická street in Prague used to be four lanes wide. In 2010s, it got two parking lanes and bicycle lanes on each side of the road

Finish the sidewalk to the end of Washington

Adding or widening of footpaths/sidewalks.

Adding or widening of boulevards (landscaping strips).

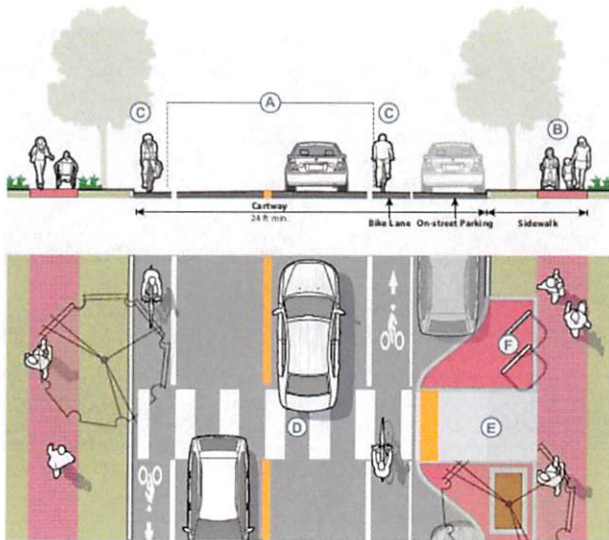
Adding cycle lanes on one or both sides of the road.



A Complete Streets policy is just part of what makes it possible for a community to create safer streets, but political leadership is key. To help prepare more of our elected officials to effectively advocate for and support Complete Streets, Smart Growth America has launched the [Champions Institute](#). We are accepting applications from local officials through September 17, 2020.

Town Plan? Complete Streets Portsmouth NH

City Core Connector: Typical Street Features



Critical Design Features

- (A) A maximum of two travel lanes.
- (B) Pedestrians walk on a separated sidewalk.
- (C) Striped bicycle lanes are a high priority.
 - On-street parking is a high priority.

Additional Potential Design Features

- (D) Mid-block crosswalks allow pedestrians to reach destinations on both sides of the street.
- (E) Curb extensions may enhance pedestrian crossings.
- (F) Bike racks are beneficial in front of businesses.

City Core Connector: Street Features Overview

permits

	Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancements	Traffic Calming	Curbside Management	Traffic Management
Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center line striping (double yellow)
High Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike lanes 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-street parking • Planting strip • Street lighting • Street trees 	N/A
Appropriate in Limited Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared lane markings • Bicycle boulevard • Buffered bike lane • Separated bike lane • Bike racks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-block crosswalk • Bus shelter • Pedestrian refuge island • Curb extension / bulb out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoulder • Furnishing zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading zones • Priority emergency route • Truck route
Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidepath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus pull-off 	N/A	N/A
Not Appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed bicycle route • Bike corral • Shared street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised speed reducer • Chicanes • Yield street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Median planting strip 	N/A

How to help

- Get in touch – Andrew.William.Elliott@gmail.com
- Sign the citizen's petition – Put it to a vote
- Working with Exeter DPW – Owner of this type of project
 - Jennifer Perry - jperry@exeternh.gov
- Work with you local police department
 - Chief Stephan Poulin- spoulin@exeternh.gov
- Contact your selectman – Ask for their support
 - Niko Papakonstantis - npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov
 - Molly Cowan - mcowan@exeternh.gov
 - Daryl Browne - DBrowne@exeternh.gov
 - Jgilman - jgilman@exeternh.gov
 - Lovey Oliff - loliff@exeternh.gov

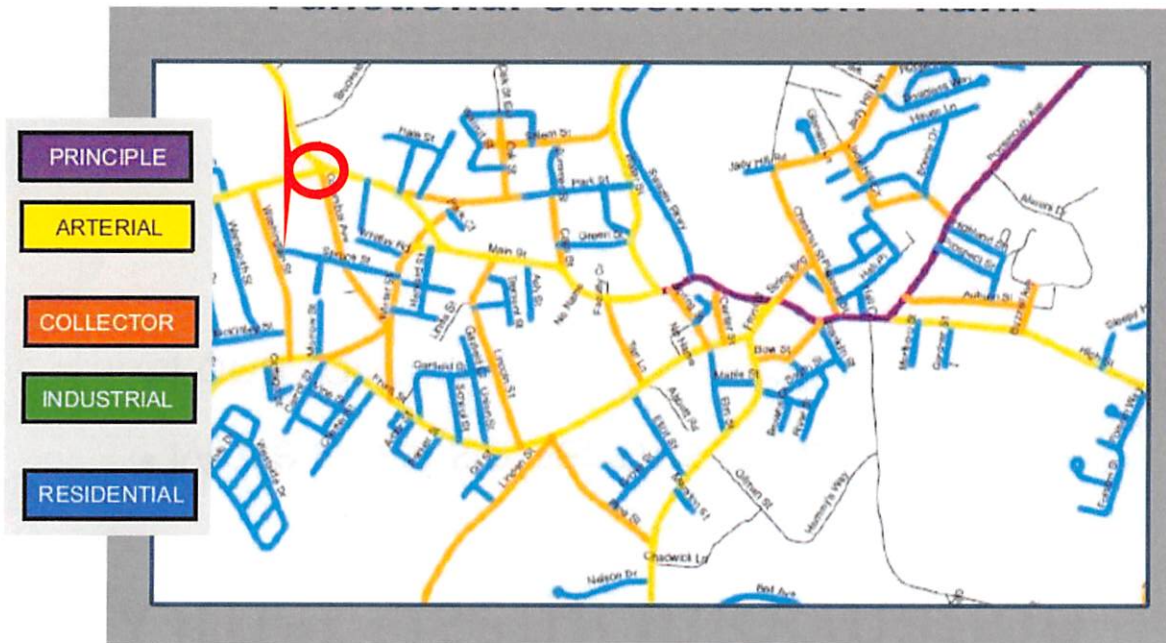
The Petition

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand and zero dollars (\$260,000.00) for the design and construction of road improvements (sidewalks, tree work, and traffic calming) on Washington Street. This sum to come from General taxation (Estimated Tax Impact: .046/1,000, \$4.55/100,000 assessed property value).
- Based on pricing to update sidewalks in 2014 adjusted for changes in the cost of asphalt.
- No proposal has been given from DPW at this time.

Other Useful Information

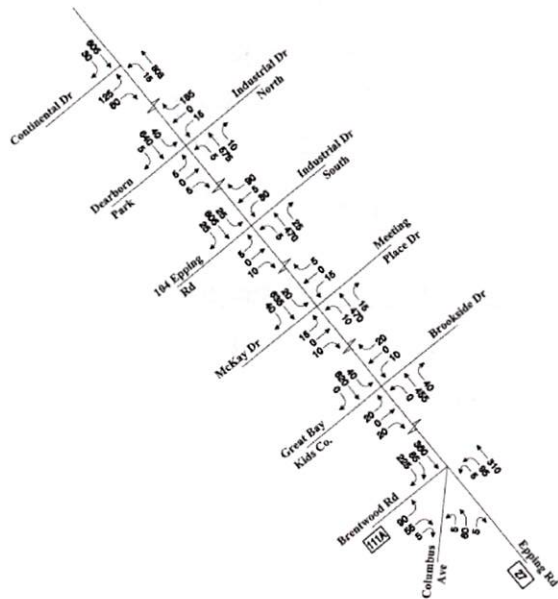
- More details after this slide
- Food for thought

Intersection change at 27 & Brentwood Rd



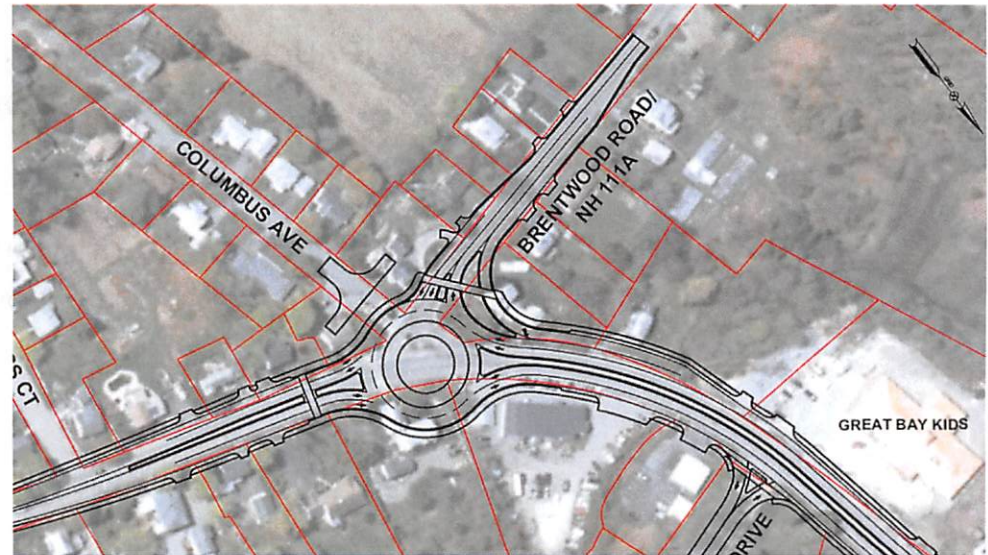
- According to the 2017 paving management plan Columbus street was a collector street. This is expected to be high traffic street.
- Changing the intersection and closing the street to much of the traffic moved all the traffic to Washington Street and Winter Street which already had high traffic.

Rt. 27 Corridor Study Review



vhb 2020 Base Weekday Evening Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

Figure 3



Chapter 2 – Speed limits town of Exeter.

203 25 – miles per hour

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in excess of 25 miles per hour on any of the following streets, highways and/or public ways.

Crestview Drive

Court Street from Front Street to Bell Avenue

Front Street from Water Street to Westside Drive

Garfield Street

Main Street

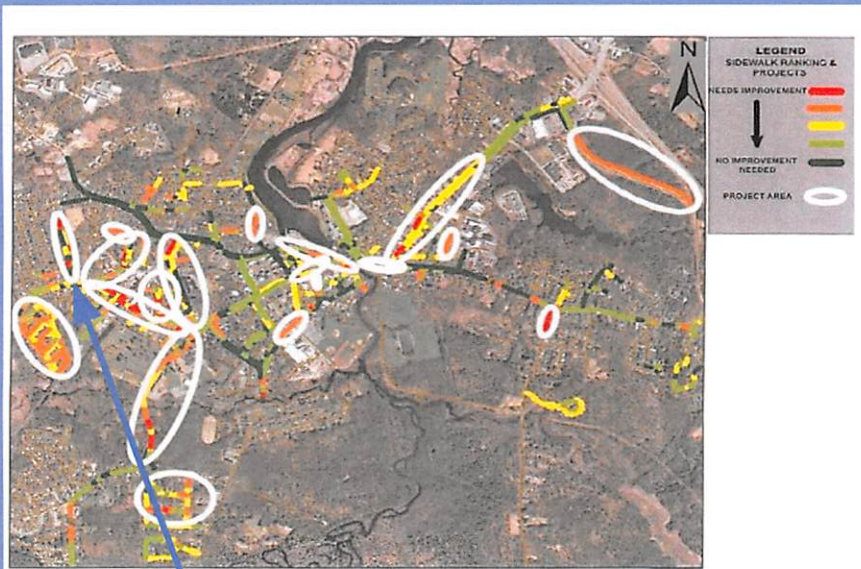
Riverbend Circle

Water Street

We will need to update the town ordinances to include Washington Street.

June 30, 2014 Sidewalk Management Program

Suggested Projects



Sidewalk Projects

(Based on Sidewalk Management Program)

• Court St. (Front to Maple)	\$ 70,000	• Linden St.	\$290,000
• Court St. (Parcel 169)	\$ 35,000	• Portsmouth Ave. (High St to Water Treatment Plant)	\$365,000
• Drinkwater Rd.	\$ 30,000	• Prospect Ave.	\$ 5,000
• Front St. (Water to Spring)	\$185,000	• School/Garfield/ Union	\$ 120,000
• Front St. (Lincoln to Winter)	\$295,000	• Washington St.	\$130,000
• High St.	\$130,000	• Water St. (Great Bridge to Swasey)	\$305,000
• Holland Way	\$ 25,000	• Water St. (Senior Housing)	\$ 50,000
• Kathleen Dr. & Marilyn Ave	\$ 16,000	• Westside Neighborhood	\$250,000
• Lincoln St.	\$340,000	• Whitley Ave.	\$ 30,000
		• Winter St.	\$150,000

Washington Street has been waiting for sidewalk improvements since 2014 (or longer). It would cost more than the entire 120K yearly budget and so may never get done.



EXETER POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Russell Dean; Town Manager

From: Chief Stephan R. Poulin

Ref: Speed Survey Washington Street

Date: Sept 10, 2021

The enforceable speed limit on Washington Street is 30 mph under both State RSA 265:60 and Section 201 of the Exeter Town Ordinances regarding roads within the urban compact. RSA 265:60 Basic Rule and Maximum Limits:

– Establishes the “reasonable and prudent” standard:

“No person shall drive a vehicle on a way at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.”

-30 mph for business or urban residence district

Speed zone engineering and traffic investigations follow the 85th percentile speed:

- Based on research by David Solomon, US Bureau of Public Roads (now FHWA)
- Compares the relationship between average speed and collision rates of automobiles
- Generally regarded as the “reasonable and prudent” standard with regard to speed limits

The stealth speed survey conducted by Det. Bruce Page on Washington Street from 6/21/21 to 6/24/21 breaks down as follows with regards to vehicles and speed:

Vehicles travelling at or below 25 mph- 6,312

Vehicles travelling between 26 and 30 mph- 2,811

Vehicles travelling between 31 and 35 mph- 451

Vehicles travelling between 36-40 mph- 41

Vehicles travelling over 41 mph- 7

Max speed was one vehicle at 49 mph at 00:15 minutes (a quarter past midnight).
85th percentile speed is 28 mph.



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Washington Street

Paul Vlasich <pvlasic@exeternh.gov>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 11:22 AM

To: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Cc: Jennifer Perry <jperry@exeternh.gov>, Jay Perkins <jperkins@exeternh.gov>, Matt Berube <mberube@exeternh.gov>

Hello Russ:

I'll offer a couple of comments from a high perspective after briefly looking at the presentation.

1. The latest CIP has a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan proposed for FY22 and a Complete Streets Study proposed in FY23. Both of these future studies can help educate and guide improvements for Washington St.
2. There are sewer problems on Washington Street and the mains will need to be replaced. The watermain replacement project was necessary because of the number of breaks that were occurring. We should probably finish the utility upgrades before installing or reconfiguring other improvements like curb, walkways and new pavement. This street would now be a candidate for a combined utility and roadway improvement project.
3. For planning purposes the current proposed CIP shows the following years for design and construction of other street projects.

Westside Dr - FY22 & 23

School St area - FY23 & 24

Portsmouth Ave - FY25 & 26

Washington St may have a CIP window between FY24 & 25.

4. Traffic calming measures can work but need to be balanced with maintainability. The appropriate treatment can be figured out during the potential FY24 design phase.

Thanks,

Paul

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Paul Vlasich PE

Town Engineer

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Exeter, NH 03833

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Tax Abatements, Credits & Exemptions

List for Select Board meeting September 13, 2021

Solar Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
91-25	1 Ashbrook Rd	10,500	2022

Permits and Approvals



Financial Report of the Budget

Exeter

For the period ending December 31, 2020

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Niko Papakonstantis	Chairman	
Molly Cowan	Vice-Chairwoman	
Julie D. Gilman	Clerk	
Lovey Roundtree Oliff	Selectwoman	
Daryl Browne	Selectman	

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<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



Expenditures

Account	Purpose	Voted Appropriations	Actual Expenditures
General Government			
4130-4139	Executive	\$268,323	\$262,052
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$385,658	\$375,067
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$963,748	\$918,286
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$1	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	\$80,000	\$102,959
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$528,599	\$568,266
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$292,916	\$246,342
4194	General Government Buildings	\$1,190,139	\$977,297
4195	Cemeteries	\$1	\$0
4196	Insurance	\$63,379	\$63,378
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal		\$3,772,764	\$3,513,647
Public Safety			
4210-4214	Police	\$3,322,994	\$3,137,265
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	\$3,798,226	\$3,634,320
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$265,855	\$238,910
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$53,685	\$35,371
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$417,082	\$360,064
Public Safety Subtotal		\$7,857,842	\$7,405,930
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Administration	\$472,348	\$415,363
4312	Highways and Streets	\$2,112,946	\$1,817,974
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$170,340	\$165,172
4319	Other	\$334,555	\$243,489
Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$3,090,189	\$2,641,998
Sanitation			
4321	Administration	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,304,764	\$1,354,828
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal		\$1,304,764	\$1,354,828



Expenditures

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Administration	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0

Electric

4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal		\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Administration	\$135,010	\$131,694
4414	Pest Control	\$2,951	\$750
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal		\$137,961	\$132,444

Welfare

4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$73,052	\$75,261
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$103,805	\$103,430
Welfare Subtotal		\$176,857	\$178,691

Culture and Recreation

4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$562,592	\$545,343
4550-4559	Library	\$1,032,885	\$1,012,365
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$15,000	\$3,627
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$18,500	\$16,859
Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$1,628,977	\$1,578,194

Conservation and Development

4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$10,039	\$5,552
4619	Other Conservation	\$50,000	\$50,000
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$151,341	\$140,952
Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$211,380	\$196,504



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Expenditures

Debt Service

4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$749,586	\$749,586
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$246,453	\$241,928
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$59,100	\$59,100
Debt Service Subtotal		\$1,055,140	\$1,050,614

Capital Outlay

4901	Land	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$647,827	\$482,254
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$2,572,827	\$2,407,254

Operating Transfers Out

4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$350,000	\$230,872
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$7,686,605	\$7,361,513
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$3,552,795	\$3,345,888
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$160,000	\$160,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$150,000	\$150,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal		\$11,899,400	\$11,248,273

Payments to Other Governments

4931	Taxes Assessed for County	\$0	\$2,020,366
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village District	\$0	\$0
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Education	\$0	\$34,420,766
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Education	\$0	\$4,280,919
4939	Payments to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
Payments to Other Governments Subtotal			\$40,722,051

Total Before Payments to Other Governments	\$33,708,101	\$31,708,377
Plus Payments to Other Governments		\$40,722,051
Plus Commitments to Other Governments from Tax Rate	\$40,722,051	
Less Proprietary/Special Funds	\$11,899,400	\$11,275,076
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$62,530,752	\$61,155,352



Revenues

Account	Source of Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues
Taxes			
3110	Property Taxes	\$0	\$53,404,715
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$7,500	\$7,500
3121	Land Use Change Taxes (Conservation)	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$2,350	\$2,341
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$43,435	\$44,039
3187	Excavation Tax	\$500	\$442
3189	Other Taxes	\$1,500	\$1,102,418
<i>Explanation: Includes Utility RE Tax</i>			
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$140,000	\$108,031
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal		\$195,285	\$54,669,486
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$3,080,000	\$3,090,723
3230	Building Permits	\$205,000	\$241,143
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$210,000	\$215,187
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$16,505	\$16,505
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$3,511,505	\$3,563,558
State Sources			
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$144,707	\$144,707
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$778,371	\$778,371
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$304,624	\$304,590
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$26,548	\$26,376
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$25,000	\$21,776
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal		\$1,279,250	\$1,275,820
Charges for Services			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$1,000,000	\$1,063,166
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$1,000,000	\$1,063,166
Miscellaneous Revenues			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$50,000	\$50,000
3502	Interest on Investments	\$55,000	\$54,500
3503-3509	Other	\$145,000	\$123,781
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$250,000	\$228,281



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Interfund Operating Transfers In

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$204,669	\$204,381
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$100,916	\$100,917
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$7,782,909	\$6,292,461
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$3,752,795	\$3,816,695
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$39,441
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$11,841,289	\$10,453,895

Other Financing Sources

3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000

Less Proprietary/Special Funds		\$13,541,289	\$10,453,895
Plus Property Tax Commitment from Tax Rate		\$53,687,715	
Total General Fund Revenues		\$59,923,755	\$62,500,311



Balance Sheet

Account	Description	Starting Balance	Ending Balance
Current Assets			
1010	Cash and Equivalents	\$29,976,935	\$29,725,355
1030	Investments	\$7,795	\$7,844
1080	Tax Receivable	\$1,225,642	\$1,921,216
1110	Tax Liens Receivable	\$671,093	\$749,786
1150	Accounts Receivable	\$211,748	\$99,606
1260	Due from Other Governments	\$0	\$0
1310	Due from Other Funds	\$985,537	\$506,159
1400	Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale)	\$0	\$0
Current Assets Subtotal		\$33,078,750	\$33,009,966
Current Liabilities			
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable	\$1,011,680	\$497,895
2030	Compensated Absences Payable	\$0	\$0
2050	Contracts Payable	\$0	\$0
2070	Due to Other Governments	\$0	\$0
2075	Due to School Districts	\$16,984,760	\$17,971,974
2080	Due to Other Funds	\$9,080,366	\$7,176,598
2220	Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$0
2230	Notes Payable - Current	\$0	\$0
2270	Other Payable	\$65,137	\$81,733
Current Liabilities Subtotal		\$27,141,943	\$25,728,200
Fund Equity			
2440	Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$400,838	\$70,545
2450	Restricted Fund Balance	\$161,170	\$0
2460	Committed Fund Balance	\$0	\$710,786
2490	Assigned Fund Balance	\$229,554	\$370,525
2530	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$5,145,245	\$6,129,910
Fund Equity Subtotal		\$5,936,807	\$7,281,766



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Tax Commitment

Source	County	Village	Local Education	State Education	Other	Property Tax
MS-535	\$2,020,366	\$0	\$34,420,766	\$4,280,919	\$0	\$53,404,715
Commitment	\$2,020,366	\$0	\$34,420,766	\$4,280,919		\$53,687,715
Difference	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		(\$283,000)

General Fund Balance Sheet Reconciliation

Total Revenues	\$62,500,311
Total Expenditures	\$61,155,352
Change	\$1,344,959
Ending Fund Equity	\$7,281,766
Beginning Fund Equity	\$5,936,807
Change	\$1,344,959



Long Term Debt

Description (Purpose)	Original Obligation	Annual Installment	Rate	Final Payment	Start of Year	Issued	Retired	End of Year
2010 Sewerline Project (Sewer)	\$1,013,670	\$101,500	3.550	2021	\$201,250	\$0	\$101,500	\$99,750
2010 Waterline Project (Water)	\$1,534,986	\$153,050	3.550	2021	\$304,750	\$0	\$153,050	\$151,700
Court Street Culvert (Water)	\$511,875	\$33,207	2.5382	2027	\$310,585	\$0	\$33,207	\$277,378
Court Street Culvert (General)	\$1,138,550	\$116,090	2.5382	2027	\$904,532	\$0	\$116,090	\$788,442
Downtown Sidewalks (General)	\$562,700	\$55,000	2.54	2025	\$329,700	\$0	\$55,000	\$274,700
Drinking Water System (Water)	\$882,413	\$88,241	1.085	2029	\$882,413	\$0	\$88,241	\$794,172
Epping Road TIF (TIF District)	\$4,185,000	\$420,000	2.55	2028	\$3,765,000	\$0	\$420,000	\$3,345,000
Exeter Public Library Addition (General)	\$3,816,425	\$251,600	1.32	2035	\$0	\$3,816,425	\$0	\$3,816,425
Great Dam Removal (General)	\$347,544	\$34,800	3.550	2021	\$69,000	\$0	\$34,800	\$34,200
Great Dam Removal (General)	\$1,564,000	\$155,000	2.30	2024	\$775,000	\$0	\$155,000	\$620,000
Groundwater Sources (Water)	\$529,000	\$109,000	1.32	2025	\$0	\$529,000	\$0	\$529,000
Groundwater Treatment Plant (Water)	\$5,040,866	\$224,045	1.96	2036	\$4,468,732	\$0	\$224,045	\$4,244,687
Jady Hill Ph II (Sewer)	\$2,577,000	\$130,000	3.193	2032	\$1,665,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$1,535,000
Library Addition(BAN) (General)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	2.16	2020	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0
Lincoln Street PH II (Water)	\$144,062	\$9,593	2.3422	2032	\$124,711	\$0	\$9,593	\$115,118
Lincoln Street PH II (Sewer)	\$799,202	\$53,219	2.3422	2032	\$691,849	\$0	\$53,219	\$638,630
Lincoln Street PH II (General)	\$1,459,486	\$97,188	2.3422	2032	\$1,263,440	\$0	\$97,188	\$1,166,252
Linden St. Culvert (General)	\$689,700	\$70,000	2.54	2025	\$409,700	\$0	\$70,000	\$339,700
Main & Lincoln Sewerlines (Sewer)	\$176,000	\$20,000	2.30	2024	\$80,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$60,000
Main & Lincoln Waterlines (Water)	\$1,225,000	\$120,000	2.30	2024	\$600,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$480,000
Portsmouth Ave. Sewerline (Sewer)	\$823,088	\$79,732	2.538	2023	\$318,927	\$0	\$79,732	\$239,195
Portsmouth Ave. Waterline (Water)	\$157,612	\$15,268	2.538	2023	\$61,074	\$0	\$15,268	\$45,806



Long Term Debt

Recreation Park Design (General)	\$225,600	\$45,600	2.1062	2024	\$225,600	\$0	\$45,600	\$180,000
Salem St. Utility Design & Engineering (General)	\$27,138	\$5,908	2.1062	2024	\$27,138	\$0	\$5,908	\$21,230
Salem St. Utility Design & Engineering (Water)	\$135,692	\$29,538	2.1062	2024	\$135,692	\$0	\$29,538	\$106,154
Salem St. Utility Design & Engineering (Sewer)	\$131,169	\$28,554	2.1062	2024	\$131,169	\$0	\$28,554	\$102,615
String Bridge (General)	\$313,050	\$65,000	2.55	2028	\$250,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$185,000
Washington St. Waterline (Water)	\$536,000	\$55,000	2.55	2028	\$480,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$425,000
Wastewater Treatment Facility (Sewer)	\$52,054,737	\$4,450,371	2.00	2038	\$52,054,737	\$0	\$4,450,371	\$47,604,366
Water Tank (General)	\$2,138,600	\$105,000	3.97	2029	\$1,050,000	\$0	\$105,000	\$945,000
Water Tank Distribution (Water)	\$3,900,000	\$201,558	1.352	2028	\$2,064,094	\$0	\$201,558	\$1,862,536
	\$91,140,165				\$76,144,093	\$4,345,425	\$9,462,462	\$71,027,056

Correspondence

Weekly FD Report
Friday, September 10
Russ,

- Numerous EMS and Fire calls during the week, with nothing notable.
- COVID numbers continue to climb steadily fueling more concerns about the Delta variant, especially in unvaccinated residents.
- Exeter had 8 residents test positive for the virus over the past week, with 4 of those over the Labor Day weekend, and an additional 4 during the week. These have increased our total since March 2020 to 1,018, with 10 cases considered active.
- This past week NH had 2,235 positive tests for a daily average of 319. There have been 10 COVID19 related death statewide recorded this past week, with 2 coming from Rockingham County.
- We are becoming a bit more active with the Seacoast Region Public Health Network. More vaccine has been ordered and regional vaccination sites have been identified at Pease ANGB during the Blue Angels air show, schools, and other large gatherings.

2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, October 16 8 AM - 1 PM Exeter Public Works Garage, Newfields Road(RT 85)

COLLECTING FOR EXETER, STRATHAM, NEWFIELDS, EAST KINGSTON, EPPING, SEABROOK & SOUTH HAMPTON RESIDENTS ONLY

We can take waste from your:



House

Rechargeable batteries, metal polish, photo chemicals, drain & oven cleaners, furniture polish, mercury thermometers and compact fluorescent light bulbs



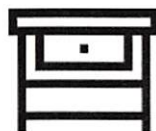
Garage

Motor oil, auto batteries, antifreeze, wax & polish, brake fluid, engine degreasers, asbestos (wetted and double bagged), and carburetor cleaner



Shed

Pesticides, insect sprays, rodent killers, pool chemicals, muriatic acid, no-pest strips, lead sinkers, flashing, and creosote



Workbench

Rust remover, wood preservatives, mercury, paint thinners, oil-based paints, solvents, degreasers



-Sponsored by the Towns of Exeter (778-0591), Stratham (772-4741), Newfields (772-5070), East Kingston, Epping (642-8406), Seabrook (474-9771), & South Hampton



-Organized by Rockingham Planning Commission (778-0885)



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2021 HHW COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Online registration is required to participate
- Select a 30 minute drop off window
- A flat user fee of \$15 will be charged to offset the costs of collection
- Please continue to social distance from volunteers
- You do not need to leave your car

Register for the HHW at:

<https://publicinput.com/Exeter2021HHW>

HOW MUCH WASTE CAN I BRING?

Due to high demand we must limit the amount of waste for each household. A general guideline of 10 gallons of liquid waste or up to 20 pounds of non liquid materials may be disposed of by each household. In general your waste should fit in two 5 gallon buckets or a 2 foot by 3 foot box.

NOT ALLOWED

The following wastes cannot be accepted:

- Latex paint (not hazardous)
- Alkaline batteries (not hazardous)
- Electronics
- Gas cylinders
- Explosive materials
- Ammunition
- Radioactive materials
- Infectious and biological wastes
- Prescription medicines/syringes
- Esters
- Unknown materials



A Purple Heart Community

Meeting with a Community

Thank you for inviting me here today/tonight. My name is Marie Grella from Amherst. I am here today/tonight to request that the Board of Selectmen approve a Proclamation to make your town/city a Purple Heart Community.

Please read the attached information about what it means to be a Purple Heart Community. Any questions can be directed to me at (603) 673-4905 or email: marietgrella@gmail.com

Marie Grella
Purple Heart Community Project Advocate
(603) 673-4905
marietgrella@gmail.com



Military Order of the Purple Heart

PROCLAMATION PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

Town of _____, New Hampshire

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of _____ have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the citizens of our community who have selfishly served in the Armed Forces, which has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been wounded in action or killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces, and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifices; and,

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington; and,



WHEREAS, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and,

WHEREAS, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of _____, New Hampshire will recognize August 7th, annually, as Purple Heart Day, and urge the people and organizations of _____ to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart recipients.

PROCLAIMED this _____ day of _____, 2021 by the _____ Board of Selectmen.



What is the Purple Heart?

The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration and it is our nation's oldest military medal. It was created by General George Washington in 1782 and was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was first awarded to three soldiers in Newburgh, New York. The Badge of Military Merit was made of cloth and it is the predecessor of the Purple Heart medal.

The current Purple Heart medal was developed by General Douglas MacArthur in 1932. The new design was created by Miss Elisabeth Will, an Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. The heritage it represents is sacred to those who understand the price paid to wear it.

Purpose of the Purple Heart Community

The purpose of the Purple Heart Community is to create a tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. With the presence of the signs designated in your town as a Purple Heart Community, the public will have a visual reminder of the sacrifices paid by the Purple Heart recipients and a notice that your town supports the military heroes who have made sacrifices for the way of life all of our residents enjoy.



Becoming a Purple Heart Community

The Town/City Clerk will be able to verify if there is a least one Purple Heart recipient in the town/city. A name is not necessary, but verification of residency within the town/city is important.

A meeting with the Town Council, the Board of Selectmen or Aldermen to request their approval for the process is necessary to inform them of the process and significance. A Zoom meeting can also be set up if that is more convenient for all participants. If becoming a Purple Heart Community is approved, then a Proclamation is written by the governing board. There should be no cost to the community as typically there is a Veteran's group that will pay for the cost of the signs that are placed at the entrance to the town/city on all major routes.

A Purple Heart trail sign is different than the community sign as the trail sign has a Veteran's name on it. The community sign has the Purple Heart emblem and the town or city name to denote it as a Purple Heart Community.

Once a proclamation is signed by the governing board, the signed documents need to be sent to marietgrella@gmail.com. There should be an event to include local Veterans, the local newspapers and other dignitaries. The Proclamation can be framed and hung at Town/City Hall.

After receipt of your paperwork by Marie Grella, the signs can be purchased as per the attached instructions.

Current New Hampshire Purple Heart Communities are:

Amherst, Boscowen, Brentwood, Greenville, Harrisville, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, New Ipswich, Swanzey, Temple & Wilton.



Purple Heart Community

Contact Information

Signs for your town/city can be purchased by contacting:

Nathan Gauntt

(603) 271-1874

Nathan.d.gauntt@doc.nh.gov

Signs are made at the State of New Hampshire prison.

Price List:*

\$52.70 after 15% discount per sign - 24"x30" - (SCR2430)

\$35.00 per green pole (12-0100-02)

\$555.00 for (6) signs

**Price is subject to change. Prices will be discounted for Veterans.*

Your Town/City Department of Public Works will install these signs in the locations of your choice. If it is a State Road, you are required to contact the New Hampshire Department of Transportation at (603) 271-2291. Locations of the signs will be marked and Dig Safe will be contacted.

There is a cost for shipping the signs. It is recommended that the cost of the signs be covered by a Veteran Group and not your Town/City.

Marie Grella

Purple Heart Community Project Advocate

(603) 673-4905



Swasey Parkway

3 messages

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 8:35 AM

To: Jacqueline.Haker@gmail.com

Good morning Jacqueline.

Thank you for your inquiry about Swasey Parkway.

If you'd like to send an email to be forwarded to the Select Board, you can send it to me at pmcelroy@exeternh.gov. If you have a petition with signatures, you may bring it to my office or directly to a Select Board meeting. Meeting dates and time are available on the Town website.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Have a good day.

Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office

603-773-6102

Human Services Administrator

603-773-6116

Jacqueline Haker <Jacqueline.haker@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 9:57 AM

To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Hi Pam,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. Below is my message to the Select Board:

Dear Select Board,

I'm writing to express my gratitude to you for the maintenance of Swasey Parkway and to share my thoughts on the past road closure. My husband and I moved to Exeter in June 2017 with our then 6 month old son and quickly realized this was where we wanted to raise our children and purchased our home on Lincoln street just a few months later. We are avid runners, walkers, and playground visitors. We just love to be outside. Our older son is now 4.5 years and we have a younger son who will be 2 in October. They love to run around along Swasey Parkway and we visit a few times a week as a family. We have picnics on the lawn and run around at the gazebo. My husband and I also run all around the area and regularly include "out and back on the river" at the end of a run. What I'm trying to say is we are Swasey regulars!

Since the road has been closed we've observed a solid increase in walkers, runners, children on bicycles, and families playing. What better way to enjoy this open space! I'm quite saddened to see the roadway reopened as I think this presents a safety hazard for children as well as severely limiting available space for all our outdoor enthusiast residents of Exeter.

I see that the terms of the Swasey Trust require a roadway to be open to "pleasure vehicles", and one-way traffic out of town is certainly a way to limit that. Perhaps it could be limited further by narrowing the roadway or making it "not a thruway" with a turn around? Of course in my view the best option would simply be permanent closure to vehicles. Would there be a mechanism to make that happen? Should I attempt to put together a petition?

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Jackie Bonci, 8 Lincoln St, Exeter

jacqueline.haker@gmail.com

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Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 10:01 AM

To: Jacqueline Haker <Jacqueline.haker@gmail.com>

Thank you. I'll forward your message to the Select Board.

Have a good day.

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August 19, 2021

Town of Exeter
Board of Selectmen
10 Front St
Exeter, NH 03833-2754

Dear Members of the Board,

Your kindness gives hope to families with children who are experiencing homelessness and served by Seacoast Family Promise. We thank you for your recent gift of \$375 on 8/1/21 to benefit our programs. We deeply appreciate your caring commitment to those who are most in need.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have, visit our web site at seacoastfamilypromise.org to learn more about our program, and be sure to like us on Facebook so you can stay updated on what your generous donation is providing in the community.

Sincerely,



Pati Frew-Waters, Executive Director

*Thank you
so much*



Seacoast Family Promise is a NH 501c (3) charitable organization.

No goods or services were provided by the organization.

Town Manager's Office

AUG 30 2021

Received



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: HB 154 and SB 102

1 message

Darren Winham <dwinham@exeternh.gov>

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 10:07 AM

To: Nancy Belanger <nbelanger411@gmail.com>, Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>, David Sharples <dsharples@exeternh.gov>, Sarah Wrightsman <Sarah@redc.com>, Lindsay Sonnett <lssonnett@gmail.com>

FYI. Goodbye HB 154 and hello SB 102. Please see below.

Cheers,

Darren Winham
Economic Development Director
Exeter, NH
603.773.6122 cell
dwinham@exeternh.gov

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

From: **Cordell Johnston** <cjohnston@nhmunicipal.org>
Date: Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 8:59 AM
Subject: HB 154 and SB 102
To: Darren Winham <dwinham@exeternh.gov>

Good morning, Darren—

This is to let you know about a late technical change involving HB 154, in case you're not already aware of it. It does not really affect anything other than how you may want to refer to the new law.

You may know that there was a separate bill this year, SB 102, that also expanded RSA 79-E with respect to housing. That bill passed and was signed by the governor last week as chapter 200 of the 2021 laws.

Unlike HB 154, the focus of SB 102 as passed by the legislature was on rehabilitation of older housing (over 40 years old). If the municipality adopts it, the governing body will designate a "residential property revitalization zone," and structures within that zone that are at least 40 years old with not more than four units may qualify for tax relief if the owner significantly improves their quality, condition, or use. As passed by the legislature, SB 102 did not apply to new development.

Because HB 154 and SB 102 both amended RSA 79-E, and in fact amended the same sections of 79-E, the changes made by the two bills had to be harmonized. This was done through an "enrolled bill amendment" to SB 102. This is a process that occurs after a bill has passed the legislature and before it goes to the governor, to clean up any technical problems. The result of the enrolled bill amendment is that the relevant sections of HB 154 (sections 1 and 2) were inserted into SB 102, and the following statement was included in SB 102:

200:6 Nullification of Prior Legislation; Effective 2022. If this act becomes law, 2021, 81:1 and 81:2 shall not take effect and sections 4 and 5 of Part I of this act shall take effect April 1, 2022.

The reference to "2021, 81:1 and 81:2" is to sections 1 and 2 of HB 154. Thus, sections 1 and 2 of HB 154 do not take effect because the identical language is included in SB 102.

As I said, this is not a substantive change. The result is exactly the same as if HB 154 were fully in effect. It's just that, as a technical matter, the changes to RSA 79-E that were originally in HB 154 were ultimately codified by SB 102, not HB 154. Thus, when you're referring to the new law, you should be referring to SB 102, not HB 154.

I hope this makes sense—I realize it's a little convoluted for something that ultimately makes no substantive difference. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cordell

Cordell Johnston

Government Affairs Counsel

New Hampshire Municipal Association

25 Triangle Park Drive

Concord, NH 03301

603-230-3323