## Select Board Meeting <br> Monday, October 24 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2022$, 6:50 p.m. Nowak Room, Town Office Building 10 Front Street, Exeter NH 03833

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## AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Board Interview
3. Police Department: Swearing In
4. Public Comment
5. Proclamations/Recognitions
6. Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting: October $11^{\text {th }}, 2022$
7. Appointments
8. Discussion/Action Items
a. Police Station/Fire Substation Discussion
b. Police Department Operations Update
c. 2022 Fund Balance Discussion
d. Town Office Second Floor Renovations
9. Regular Business
a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits \& Exemptions
b. Permits \& Approvals
c. Town Manager's Report
d. Select Board Committee Reports
e. Correspondence
10. Review Board Calendar
11. Non-Public Session
12. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair
Select Board
Posted: 10/21/22 Town Office, Town Website
Persons may request an accommodation for a disabling condition in order to attend this meeting. It is asked that such requests be made with 72 hours notice.

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Town of Exeter

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

# Statement of Interest <br> Boards and Committee Membership 

Committee Selection:


ReAppointment $\square$
Regular $\square$
Alternate $\square$

Name: $\qquad$ Email: $\qquad$ Address: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$ Registered Voter: Yes $\square$
 No $\square$ Statement of Interest/experience/background/qualification, etc. (resume can be attached). VISIT: CARISTOPHERZIGMONT.OCOM
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If this is re-appointment to a position, please list all training sessions you have attended relative to your appointed position.

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

After submitting this application for appointment to the Town Manager:

- The application will be reviewed and you will be scheduled for an interview with the Select Board
- Following the interview the Board will vote on your potential appointment at the next regular meeting
- If appointed, you will receive a letter from the Town Manager and will be required to complete paperwork with the Town Clerk prior to the start of your service on the committee or board.

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

Signature:


Date


To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:
$\qquad$ Term Ending: $\qquad$ Full: $\qquad$ Alternate: $\qquad$

Police Department Swearing In

Select Board Meeting<br>Tuesday October 11, 2022<br>6:45 PM<br>Nowak Room, Town Offices<br>Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Niko Papakonstantis and Nancy Belanger. Town Manager Russ Dean and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were also present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:45 PM.
2. Non Public Session - RSA 91-A:31I(a). Selectwoman Belanger moved to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3(2)a., Selectwoman Gilman seconded. By a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Board emerged from non public session.
3. Bid Award: Fire Department Ambulance

Fire Chief Eric Wilking said he recommends purchasing a Wheel Coach Ambulance from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles. We sent an RFP out to four dealers and got four bids back. Greenwood was the second lowest at $\$ 289,486$; we chose them because their offering is an ambulance that's large enough to serve the FD and town well, and the company is the same one we're buying our Fire Apparatus from. Greenwood is offering a pre-payment discount of $\$ 6,000$. We're also trading in an AEV Ambulance. The final delivered cost would be $\$ 283,946$.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the recommendation of Chief Wilking to purchase the Greenwood emergency vehicle from Wheelcoach Ambulance for the final price of $\$ 283,945.76$, and authorize the Town Manager to sign any appropriate agreements. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chief Wilking mentioned that the purchase of the Ambulance will come from the Ambulance Revolving Fund.

## 4. Public Comment

a. There was no public comment at this time.
5. Proclamations/Recognitions - Community Media Day
a. Ms. Gilman read the Community Media Day proclamation:

Whereas, The sharing of ideas and information helps to build common understanding and common values, and is critical for the healthy functioning of a diverse community;

And Whereas, community media organizations provide people with the skills, equipment and facilities necessary for the creation and sharing of stories, knowledge, and ideas through media;

And Whereas, community media is an important resource for participating in local democratic policy and processes, and keeps local government transparent and accessible;

And Whereas, people will benefit from an increased awareness of the diverse and valuable programming on public, education, and government access channels or digital platforms;

And Whereas, Exeter TV plays a vital role in the building our community by encouraging conversations about our common interests, increasing discourse around policy issues, fostering an understanding of local cultures, and sharing information to improve our lives;

Now, therefore, I, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 as Community Media Day within the Town of Exeter, NH. All people are hereby called upon to promote the importance of community media, the availability of the public access channel to be used by the public, and programming available on Exeter TV's broadcast channels 13, 22, and 98 as well as its many digital platforms.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Exeter to be affixed this 11th day of October of the year of our Lord Two Thousand and

Twenty-Two.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting: September 26, 2022

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022 as presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## 7. Appointments and Resignations

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the resignation of Kathleen McDougal from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## 8. Discussion/Action Items

## a. Fire Department Updates - Eric Wilking, Fire Chief

Chief Wilking said the FD had eight people leave, and we worked all year to hire to replace them. We're now in good shape both in personnel and morale. As of October 17, we will be fully staffed. We've been hit with supply chain issues. We ordered an engine from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles after the Town Meeting vote in March; there have been some delays, and we now anticipate getting it in July 2023. We're still hopeful that Ford will complete the build of an F250 Pickup Truck by the end of November. The Breathing Apparatus are still stuck, but the vendor believes they can get them to us by the end of November. We hadn't budgeted to maintain, service, and test the existing units, so the vendor offered to come in and service and test them free of charge. From the Ambulance budget, we had sought a new vehicle extrication tool to replace one that was 25 years old, and we took delivery of that September 29. Chief Pizon requested funds through a GOFER grant for two stretcher loading systems, and they were installed last week. We're finding that creating a relationship with a vendor that will step up when we need them is proving to be far more beneficial than going with the lowest bid. Regarding the budget, we moved money within the expense lines for turnout gear. We had budgeted for 6-7 sets of gear but had to buy 12 sets to cover the new hires, at $\$ 3,200$ a set. The 2010 Emergency 1 Engine, which is not scheduled for replacement until 2030, needed $\$ 16,000$ in engine work this year. Fire call volume is down by 300, attributable to the decommissioning of the Fire System and line-based false alarms. The EMS calls have risen by 200, many due to senior issues. We've
had 250 more transports, which generate revenue. In Emergency Management, we're seeking every dollar we can; through August 31 of this year, we've been approved for grants of almost $\$ 88,000$. The EMPG Grant for upgrades to the existing Public Safety complex was approved. We're working with the architects, town staff and committees on the new Public Safety Complex. We're considering hosting an open house at the Fire House.

Ms. Belanger said she supports the idea of an open house. Ms. Cowan said the FD should work with town committees to promote engagement.

Health Officer James Murray gave an update. Inspection services have resumed, and revenue is up this year over last year. Fewer Homestead licenses were issued this year. Some new childcare facilities are opening up in town, and he's been working with them to meet State guidelines. Some food establishments have opened as well, and there's been more interest in opening restaurants. Nuisance complaints have increased. Rats are the most common issue, but any town where a river runs through the downtown will have a rat problem. Keeping a well-maintained yard without bird feeders or trash will help keep rats out. There have been some water quality issues and noise complaints. Mosquitos were manageable this year because of the drought conditions. Our contractor, Dragon Mosquito, found no samples positive for EEE [Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus], West Nile virus, or Jamestown Canyon virus this year. Regarding Covid-19, the State isn't updating the numbers as frequently. Cases have been relatively flat through September and October. We're still recommending that residents get vaccines or boosters as appropriate.

Ms. Cowan asked if Mr. Murray could describe any lessons learned to prepare for the next pandemic, especially for those who are housing- and food-insecure. Mr . Murray said communication has been a big lesson learned from the pandemic. How and when we communicate about epidemics of any sort is vital. The CDC is still working on their after-report.

Ms. Belanger asked if we're doing a vaccine booster clinic for town employees. Mr. Murray said we no longer have the refrigeration capabilities to hold vaccines. A lot of vaccination is now through pharmacies and doctors.
b. Solar Array Update - Dave Sharples, Town Planner

Mr. Sharples said in his last update, he discussed that he was pursuing two approaches: a contract for a smaller 1.3 MW system at a price within the bonding
authority from Town Meeting, or $\$ 3.62 \mathrm{M}$, and also the exploration of a new warrant article to construct a 1.77 MW system which would fully utilize the landfill site. He worked with Revision Energy and our independent consultant to determine that the town should not pursue the contract for the smaller system, since the return on investment is tight and the connection cost and site preparation cost are very high. However, the construction of the larger system is worth pursuing. He would like to continue working with Revision on estimates and create a new warrant article for the March Town Meeting. The cost will be offset by the $30 \%$ tax credit offer. Utility costs are going up, which makes the solar array more attractive.

Mr. Papakonstantis opened the discussion for public comment.
Cliff Sinnott of the Energy Committee said the Committee thinks continuing with this project is important.

## c. ARPA Update - Melissa Roy, Assistant Town Manager

Melissa Roy gave an update on ARPA funding. We received \$1.6M, and the Board has approved projects totaling $\$ 863,626$, which leaves us with $\$ 736,374$. We have until 2024 to commit the funds and through 2026 to spend them. Various departments brought forward projects for potential funding, such as the Town Hall HVAC, the Town Offices office creation project, Town Hall Chair Replacement, a Town Hall sound and lighting update, work on the Swasey Parkway closure, purchasing a new ambulance, purchasing Police Department tasers, the Planet Playground land purchase, a re-keying of Town Hall, polling pads for elections, and intersection improvements. Tasers would be $\$ 22,000$ a year for 5 years, so ARPA would pay for $\$ 110,000$ for tasers. The new balance would be $\$ 625,000$. For the rest of the projects, we propose waiting through the budget process and get more solid numbers.

Mr. Papakonstantis said anything that could be part of the budget, such as IT needs, should be in the budget instead of coming from ARPA. He would like to see it used to buy a piece of property that will benefit the town for decades. We don't have to commit the funds until 2024, and we've had emergency projects come up before.

Ms. Belanger said she thinks it's important to work on Town Hall, but she would like to hear about other funding options for that. For tasers, she'd like to see that go into the budget. For the Town Office second floor, we need a more in-depth conversation. It's important because there are issues with the confidentiality and
privacy of HR discussions. The Planet Playground land purchase is fine, but not necessarily the renovation. We need to renovate 10 Hampton Road, but there's money set aside for that already.

Ms. Gilman said she's in favor of improving Town Hall and putting the money towards things that will improve the quality of life in town. We should have a meeting with representatives of several committees and the consultant about Town Hall. One source of revenue could be selling the benches at Town Hall. We should move Swasey Parkway to the top of the list. Ms. Roy said we had a meeting with stakeholders about Town Hall a few months ago, and determined that the HVAC was the next thing to address. Ms. Gilman said she wanted the Heritage Commission involved in future meetings. Ms. Belanger suggested using rental fees for Town Hall towards this project. Mr. Dean said there's a newly created fund with $\$ 5,000$ in it for this purpose. Mr. Papakonstantis said he'd like to see another warrant article to appropriate to that fund, possibly as an annual warrant article. Perhaps the Arts \& Culture Commission could recommend an amount.

Ms. Cowan said she would put Town Hall higher than Swasey Parkway. Is there a way to get matching funds for any projects?

Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like to hear another estimate on the Town Hall HVAC.

Ms. Belanger said she would like to hear costs on the Town Office second floor office space project, and Ms. Roy said we just got proposal drawings back and can discuss the ideas with Maintenance.

## d. Grant Acceptance: NHDES Watershed Assistance Grant, BMP Site

## Development, WISE Advanced Septic Program

Town Engineer Paul Vlasich said the town was awarded a $\$ 45,000$ Watershed Assistance Grant. With this grant, we will implement three components of our Adaptive Management nitrogen plan: to retrofit the stormwater system with nutrient removing components; look into incentivizing more advanced septic systems for greater nitrogen removal; and aid in education for healthy lawns program for fertilizer reduction. The total project cost would be $\$ 94,260$, which includes $\$ 2,860$ of his time. Mr. Papakonstantis asked about the funding for the rest, and Mr. Vlasich said it's being considered from town ARPA funds.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the $\$ 45,000$ Watershed Assistance Grant and authorize the Town Manager to sign any documents relative to this grant. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
e. Polling Pads Funding - Russ Dean, Town Manager

Mr. Papakonstantis said that previously, the Board had agreed with the Town Moderator, Town Clerk, and the Supervisor of the Checklist that Polling Pads should be purchased in time for the March 2023 elections. The Board asked the Town Manager to find money in the 2022 budget.

Mr. Dean said the cost is $\$ 19,400$. We reviewed the budget and there's an anticipated surplus in the Parks Health Insurance line due to vacancies. The budget was $\$ 46,813$ vs $\$ 13,952$ spent, so the anticipated surplus could cover the cost of the polling pads. There will be a transfer of money from this line to the Elections budget. In the future, there will be a line in the Elections budget to cover ongoing costs. Ms. Belanger asked that we keep good notes on this for transparency in the budget process.
MOTION (not voted): Ms. Gilman moved to reallocate $\$ 19,400$ from the Parks Health Insurance line to be placed in the Elections budget line to reflect the entire cost of the Polling Pads. Ms. Belanger seconded.
MOTION: Ms. Gilman amended the motion to the following: Ms. Gilman moved to reallocate $\$ 19,400$ from the Parks Health Insurance line to be placed in the Elections budget line to reflect the entire cost of the Polling Pads, and authorize the Town Manager to sign any necessary documents. Ms. Belanger seconded. The amended motion passed 5-0.

## f. Riverwoods Tax Agreements

Mr. Dean said this is an annual agreement that the town and Riverwoods enter into regarding taxation of the campuses at Riverwoods: The Ridge, The Woods, and The Boulders. There haven't been any changes to the agreement this year. The residential units will pay the full tax rate; the buildings for health care residents will not pay any tax; and the remainder of land and buildings will pay the full tax rate.
MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the PILOT [Payment in Lieu of Taxes] agreement with the Riverwoods Company of Exeter for The Woods, The Ridge, and The Boulders as of October 11, 2022. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

## g. Swasey Parkway Update

Ms. Roy said last year on the town warrant, the residents voted to support moving forward with the conversation on closing Swasey Parkway from the Pavilion north, with two conditions: approval from NH Charitable Trust, and approval from Probate Court. We have been working with Town Counsel and Tom Donovan, the former Director of the Charitable Trust, who has now retired. Diane Quinlan, the new Director, has been asked for a final decision whether the proposal that was put on the warrant will stand muster for what we are looking to do. We hope for an answer in the next week or two. After that, if they support the closing of the Parkway, we will file our petition with Probate Court.

## 9. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for 80/17/11 in the amount of $\$ 25,000$ for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for $85 / 46$ in the amount of $\$ 12,000$ for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for $71 / 82$ in the amount of $\$ 16,000$ for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Veteran's Credit for $71 / 82$ in the amount of $\$ 500$ for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
b. Permits \& Approvals

Mr. Dean said this is a retroactive approval of the Highway Safety Grant for \$10,560.22.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the Office of Highway Safety Grant agreement in the amount of $\$ 10,560.22$. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
c. Town Manager's Report
i. Mr. Dean said we received a 1.5\% decrease in Health insurance, where
we had budgeted a $7.5 \%$ increase. This represents a reduction to the General Fund budget of $\$ 237,221$. There's a $2 \%$ increase in Dental, but that's not a large amount.
ii. The Water/Sewer Rate study is underway. He's working with Bob Kelly and Corey Stevens on that.
iii. He had an interview with NH Magazine today about Exeter. It will be a profile piece in the next issue.
iv. The audit had an unqualified opinion, which is the highest you can get.
v. He attended a Health Trust meeting on October 4th.
vi. He met with the Coastal Waters Charter School along with the Fire Department and the Code Enforcement Officer. There's been some concern about the tents they've put up with their students. They will move ahead with plans to renovate the building.
vii. Mr. Papakonstantis asked that the town website post the regularly scheduled meetings for the next 12 months.
d. Select Board Committee Reports
i. Ms. Oliff had no report.
ii. Ms. Gilman had no report.
iii. Ms. Belanger attended a Master Plan subcommittee meeting where they talked about the zoning review the Town Planner is working on. The Housing Advisory Committee meeting for this week has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.
iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended a Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting. They are finalizing a proposed single-use plastic ordinance, and will request that the Board take it up for three public hearings. It would only be for town buildings and town properties, not restaurants and private businesses. They are also working on revising their charge and redefining sustainability. Any change would have to come through the Select Board. They've created subcommittees, one of which was answering concerns about the plastic ordinance and one of which is creating 3 or 4 sustainable initiatives for the town.
e. Correspondence
i. A notice about the Executive Counsel offering \$15M in State emergency fuel assistance.
ii. Several emails from the same author who interviewed Mr. Dean for NH Magazine. Mr. Papakonstantis also spoke to her for half an hour.
10. Review Board Calendar

The next meetings are October 24, November 14, November 21, December 5, and December 19.
11. Non-Public Session
a. There was no non-public session at this time.
12. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Joanna Bartell

Recording Secretary

## Police Station - Fire Substation Update

Town of Exeter
Public Safety Facility Police Station with Fire Substation



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POUCE DEPARTMENT \& FIRE SUSSTATION - CONTINENTAL DRINE


1 FRONT MASSING MODEL - 1


2 FRONT MASSING MODEL -

POLICE DEPARTMENT \& FIRE SUBSTATION - OPTION 1B
TOWN OF EXETER
POLICE DEPARTMENT \& FIRE SUBSTATION - CONTINENTAL DRINE

NEW CONSTRUCTION


POLICE DEPARTMENT \& FIRE SUBSTATION FIRST FLOOR


POLICE DEPARTMENT \& FIRE SUBSTATION SECOND FLOOR

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

| 6 CONTINENTAL DRIVE - NEW POLICE \& FIRE SUBSTATION - 2 STORIES |  | LOW |  |  | HIGH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1,200,000 |  | \$ | 1,300,000 |  |
| Police Station - 16,285 s.f. Fire Station 6.880 s.f. $\$ 325.350$ psf |  | 5,292,625 |  | \$ | 5,699,750 |  |
| Fire Station - 6,880 s.f. Design and Construction Contingey Cont |  | 2,236,000 |  | \$ | 2,408,000 |  |
| Design and Construction Contingency - 10\% Contractor General Conditions | S | 872,863 |  | S | 940,775 |  |
| Construction Management Fee - 5\% | \$ | 660,000 |  | S | 660,000 |  |
|  | \$ | 513,074 |  | \$ | 550,426 |  |
| Project Soft Costs - 20\% of Construction Costs Subtotal Construction Costs: | \$ | 10,774,562 | \$465/sf | \$ | 11,558,951 | \$499/sf |
| Architectural/engineering fees |  | 2,154,912 |  | \$ | 2,311,790 |  |
| Geotechnical engineering |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Planning and permitting fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Builders' risk insurance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owner representative/clerk of the works |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Utility connection fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Backup generator |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exterior signage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Furniture, fixtures, equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gear storage, extractors, laundry equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Security and IT equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 Continental Drive - Conceptual Level Project Costs in 2022: |  | 12,929,474 | \$558/sf | S | 13,870,742 | \$599/sf |
| Project Cost Associated with the Police Station | \$ | 9,050,632 |  | \$ |  | S599/st |
| Project Cost Associated with the Fire Substation | S | 3,878,842 |  | \$ | 4,161,222 |  |
| 6 Continental Drive - Anticipated Conceptual Level Project Costs in Q1 2024: | \$ | 14,868,895 | \$642/sf | S | 15,951,353 | \$ 689/sf |

This budget assumes mid-level construction materials including; masonry veneer, metal stud framing, with a structural steel superstructure and standard foundation systems, pending further geotechnical investigation.

## ALTERNATES:

Added cost for covered parking structure of 13 spaces $\$ 375,000$
Implementation of a Net Zero approach will add approximately 3-4\% to this budget

## Costs not included:

Land acquisition costs are not included in this budget
Any temporary accommodations, relocations, and facility rental costs during construction are not included in this budget
New or relocated communications equipment; including radio antenna, dispatch consoles, and radio systems

## Police Dèpartment Operations Update

## EXETER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum

 October 21, 2022
## To: Town Manager Russ Dean

## From: Chief Stephan Poulin

## Ref: Dept. Operations Update

Staffing- Fully staffed for Officers and Dispatch. Currently one Dispatcher in training and two Officers in training. Two officers are slated to attend the January Academy.

Body Cams- Awaiting funding from Congressional Directed Spending submitted in 2021 by Assistant town manager Melissa Roy.

Accreditation- Enrolled into the CALEA National Accreditation program and have begun the process. Three-year process but we anticipate a shorter time frame since we were once State Accredited.

Promotions- Lt. Devin West just began as our second Lieutenant. He oversees Patrol functions while Lt. Bolduc can now focus on Professional Standards and Accreditation.

Comfort Dog- Maple is training with Det. Teixeira and both are doing great with each other. Maple as already attended town events such as National Night Out and the UFO Fest as well as the first day of school at Main Street School. She has also been to a staff meeting at PEA and met many of the employees there.

2022 Fund Balance Discussion

## TOWN OF EXETER <br> MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Board

FROM:
Town Managern
RE: $\quad$ Tax Rate and Fund Balance Discussion

DATE: $\quad$ October $24^{\text {th }}, 2022$

Attached is information related to the Town's current fund balance as of 12/31/20.
The 2022 recommendation is to apply $\$ 1,000,000$ to lower the town share of the tax rate. The application of this amount will result in a town tax rate of approximately $\$ 6.02 / 1,000$ for the next tax billing cycle. This is an increase of 23 cents per 1,000 over the October 2021 rate, and would result in an increase of $\$ 69.94$ for a $\$ 300,000$ home. Keep in mind the Town share of the overall rate is approximately $24 \%$, so taxpayers may see an additional increase in their bills when the school tax rates, state education tax, and county tax is figured into the bill.

- The net taxable value of the town has increased $.85 \%$.
- The town's gross general fund appropriations exclusive of fund balance in 2021 totaled $\$ 20,917,800$ for the general fund. In 2021, these appropriations totaled \$20,153,701.
- FY22 revenues were relatively flat, and included weaker building permit revenues, and the loss of the Healthtrust surplus as well as the surplus dividend from Primex.

The Board's fund balance policy, adopted in 2013, sets a floor of $5 \%$ fund balance to be retained per recommendation of the DRA (the GFOA floor recommendation of $8 \%$ is higher than the NHDRA). There are many reasons for maintaining this level of reserve including guarding against unforeseen emergencies, maintaining cash flow, being able to present an adequate level of reserves to the Town's auditors and the New Hampshire Bond Bank, maintaining and improving upon the Town's bond rating resulting in lower interest rates, and hedging against uncollected taxes.

The tax rate is subject to final approval by the NHDRA.


| 2022 Tax Rate - DRAFT |  |  | -.. |  |
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|  | Town Portion using $\$ 800 \mathrm{~K}$ of FB | Town Portion using \$1.0M of FB |  | Net Taxable Valuation |
| Gross Town Appropriations | 40,683,335 | 40,683,335 | minus Washington St. | 2,237,288,943 |
|  |  |  | Webster Avenue, 10 Hampton Road, |  |
| Less: Bond Proceeds | 7,280,715 | 7,280,715 | Westside Drive | 0.85\% valuation inc. |
| Less: Water Fund Revenues | 4,260,431 | 4,260,431 |  |  |
| Less: Sewer Fund Revenues | 7,596,994 | 7,596,994 |  |  |
| Less: Other Revenues | 149,000 | 149,000 | LCHIP Raynes Farm | -- |
| Less: Other Revenues | 6,880,306 | 6,880,306 | includes EMS transfer |  |
| Less: Voted from Fund Balance | 478,395 | 478,395 | Sick Leave Trust, Snow/I | ce Fund, Swasey Permits, Vehicles |
| Less: Fund Balance Reduction | 800,000 | 1,000,000 |  |  |
| Net Town Tax Effort | 13,237,494 | 13,037,494 | 12,384,041 | 853,453 |
|  |  |  |  | 6.89\% |
| Add: Overlay | 150,000 | 150,000 | FB plus Gen Revs |  |
| Add: War Service Credits | 288,000 | 288,000 |  | $\cdots$ |
| Total Town Appropriation | 13,675,494 | 13,475,494 | 828,453 |  |
| Approved Town Tax Effort | 13,675,494 | 13,475,494 |  | ------ . . . - - |
| Municipal Tax Rate | 6.11 | 6.02 |  |  |
| Change from Prior Year Rate (5.79) | 0.32 | 0.23 |  |  |
| Impact on \$300K Home | 96.76 | 69.94 |  |  |


| Revenue Estimates 2022 Tax Rate Setting |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 2022 |
| Interest Penalties | 123,157 |
| LUCT Tax | 25,000 |
| Yield tax | 1,500 |
| PILOT | 44,040 |
| Excavation | 500 |
| Other Tax | 500 |
| Motor Vehicles | 3,080,000 |
| Building Permits | 275,000 |
| Other Permits | 232,410 |
| From Federal Govt (FEMA) | 74,000 |
| Revenue Sharing | - |
| Meals \& Rooms | 1,125,948 |
| Highway Block | 296,552 |
| WW Grant | --- |
| NH Charitable Foundation | - |
| Other Grants (EM, PTAP) | 118,795 |
| Income Depts | 1,001,693 |
| Sale of Property | - |
| Investment Interest | 15,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 62,830 |
| Bond Proceeds | 71,792 |
| Swasey Transfer | - |
| EMS Transfer | 180,259 |
| Capital Projects Fund Transfer | - |
| Snow Ice Transfer | 50,000 |
| Sick Leave Transfer | 101,330 |
| Total | 6,880,306 |



Fund Balance Policy - Adopted

| Town of Exeter | Policy Number: TBD | Adopted by: Board of <br> Selectmen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject: Fund Balance <br> Policy | Adoption Date: October 21, <br> 2013 <br> Effective Date: October 21, <br> 2013 | Supersedes: <br> None |

### 1.0 Purpose of the Policy:

The Town of Exeter ("Town") through its Board of Selectmen establishes and will maintain reservation of Fund Balance, as defined herein, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This policy shall only apply to the Town's governmental funds. In accordance with GASB 54, fund balance shall be composed of nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the Town by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town's general operations.

### 2.0 Definitions:

1. Nonspendable Fund Balance - includes amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses or assets held for future sale such as tax deeded properties) or are required to be maintained intact (such as principal of an endowment fund).
2. Restricted Fund Balance - includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors, creditors, contributors) or enabling legislation (Town Meeting or BOS action). Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or enabling legislation.
3. Committed Fund Balance - includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes imposed by a formal action of the Town's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The action must be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in a subsequent period.
4. Assigned Fund Balance: - includes amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose. For all governmental funds, other than the General Fund, any remaining positive amounts are to be classified as "assigned." Items that fall under this classification for the General Fund would be encumbrances properly approved by contract, purchase order, or other such action as required.
5. Unassigned Fund Balance - includes amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated for a specified use and are available for any purpose. The residual classification of any General Fund balance is to be reported here. Any deficit fund balance of another fund is also classified as unassigned.

### 3.0 Policy:

## Spending Prioritizations

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

## Minimum Level of Unassigned Fund Balance

The Town will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance in its General Fund equal to $5-17 \%$ of the total appropriations of the community (this is calculated by adding the municipality's appropriations, the statewide enhanced education amount, the local school net tax commitment, and the county appropriation). The Board of Selectmen will review this information each year in order to determine the amount, if any, of unassigned fund balance to use to balance the budget and to reduce the property tax rate.

## Annual Review

Compliance with the provisions of this policy should be reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process.

### 4.0 Severability:

To the extent that any provisions of this policy conflict with NH Law, then State law shall prevail.

Town Office Second Floor Renovations


(3) Second Floor Framing Plan at Staircase

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(7) Foundation Plan at Staircase Above
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# Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Clubs 

PO Box 24
Exeter, NH 03833
October 7, 2022
To: Town of Exeter Selectmen
I am submitting a letter of request to the Town of Exeter for the use of signs to advertise the Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Club's Yuletide Fair that will be held at the Stratham Cooperative Middle School on Saturday, November 19,2022 . This will be the $43^{\text {rd }}$ year that our organization has held this event as a fundraiser.

We would like to request the use of small, framed lawn signs, measuring $21^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime}$ that would be places along the roadsides in the Exeter Area. These would be put out on November $13^{\text {th }}$ and removed by November $20^{\text {th }}$. We would also like to place one larger sign to advertise the event to be placed at the corner of Guinea Rd. and Hampton Rd for the same dates mentioned above.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. You may contact me at 617-548-6982.

Sincerely,

Mary Ryan

## President and Fair Organizer

## Exeter Area GFWC



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October 14, 2022
Exeter Selectmen
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

## RE: SIGNS

## Dear Selectpersons:

Last year you approved the placing of the Tonry Christmas Tree signs on the end of Route 88, conditional on obtaining yearly approval. This letter is to request that you allow us to place the same sign in the same location as last year. This year we will not be placing our sign throughout the fall weekends but would like to have it up from November 24th through December 24th.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 603-770-6157.

Sincerely,


EXETER FIRE DEPARTMENT<br>20 COURT STREET • EXETER, NH • 03833-3792 • (603) 773-6131 • FAX 773-6128<br>www.exeternh.gov

Advanced Life Support / EMS - Fire Suppression - Health Department - Emergency Management

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

то: Russ Dean, Town Manager
from: Justin Pizon, Assistant Fire Chief
subject: Address Changes - Linden Street
DATE
10/19/2022


Russ,

Can you please add this to my previous agenda?

The E911 Committee has been working to correct addressing discrepancies on Linden Street, in the area of Deep Meadow Variety. Currently, some of the homes along Linden Street have a Deep Meadow Park address. This makes emergency response extremely difficult. Not only is the numbering out of order, neighbors on the same stretch of Linden Street actually have a different street name.

Attached you will find voluntary address change forms for all the affected properties. Also attached is a map that will help illustrate the addressing concerns for this area.

I anticipate being at the Select Board meeting Monday, October 24th and would be happy to answer any questions at that time.

Thank you,
Justin

## APPLICATION FOR <br> VOLUNTARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

name of owner: Thomas Burt
MAILING ADDREss 93 Linden St, Exeter, NH 03833
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 93 Linden St, Exeter, NH, 03833
APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: 93 Lindiv- $5 t$

TO: Deep Meadow Lave FOR EMERGENCY ReSponders to easily locate the

PROPERTY.

Signature of property owners):

Board of Selectmen: Approval Rejected

Explanation: $\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 $7 \quad 1121$ Jog 2

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME OF OWNER:

location of property: Deep Meadow Exeter nit 03833
Kimblarchettetalbot@gmail.com
application is For change of address number from: 1 Dap Meadow
TO: 103 Linden street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE

PROPERTY.
signature of property owners): Kipadruly Bquifette - Talbot
Board of Selectmen:

Explanation: $\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 $\longrightarrow 1212022$

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS
NAME OF OWNER: Deborah ${ }^{(\beta)} \notin$ Charles (E) Pas au
mating address \& Deep Meadows
location of property: LindenS, Powder House CoOp
APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: Deep Mes daw PL
TO:101 Linden Street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE PROPERTY.
Signature of property owners): Qulocachifasin, charles E Pasco
Select Board:

Explanation: $\qquad$
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Date recommended by E911 7/2,2082

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$ 11

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
name of owner: CRAN EAgeR
mating address 3 deep meadows
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 3 Deep Meadow PK
ApPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMbER FROM: 31) TO: 99 London Strut FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE PROPERTY.
signature of property owner(s):A Gar Gag
Board of Selectmen:
Rejected

Explanation: $\qquad$
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Date recommended by E911 7/12 /2002

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
name of owner: Julianne e Kenneth French
mating address 4 Deep Meadow Costa toes, Exeter NH 03833
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 4 Deep Madow Pork

APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: 4 Deep Moidow Pk
TO: 97 Linden Street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE PROPERTY.

Signature of property owner(s):


Board of Selectmen:
Approval

Rejected

Explanation: $\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 7/12/2022

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$

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Advanced Life Support / EMS - Fire Suppression - Health Department - Emergency Management

## interoffice memorandum

то: Russ Dean, Town Manager
from: Justin PIzon, Assistant Fire Chief
subject: Address Changes - Linden Street
DATE $\quad 10 / 18 / 2022$

Russ,

Can you please add this request to the packet for the next Select Board meeting?
The E911 Committee has been working to correct addressing discrepancies on Linden Street, in the area of Deep Meadow Variety. Currently, some of the homes along Linden Street have a Deep Meadow Park address. This makes emergency response extremely difficult. Not only is the numbering out of order, neighbors actually have a different street name.

Attached you will find three voluntary address change forms that are affected by these updates. Also attached is a map that will help illustrate the addressing concerns for this area.

The committee will continue to work with property owners and re-approach the board for final approval on the remaining addresses. I anticipate being at the Select Board meeting Monday, October 24th and would be happy to answer any questions at that time.

Thank you,

Justin

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME OF OWNER: $\qquad$ DEREK MOORE

MAILING ADDRESS $\qquad$ 97 Linden Street

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 97 Linden street

APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: 97 Linden Street
TO:105 Linden Street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE PROPERTY.


Board of Selectmen:
Rejected

Explanation: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 $\qquad$

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Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$
Dwoore661 @GMAIL.Com

MAP

## TOWN OF EXETER NH

## APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME OF OWNER: Alysia + Rashid Hance
MAILING ADDRESS _103 Linden Street
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: LO3 Linden Street

APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: 103 Linden Street
TO: 107 Linden Street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE

PROPERTY.

Signature of property owners):


Board of Selectmen:
Approval
Rejected

Explanation: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 $71 / 212022$

Date adopted by the Select Board $\qquad$

TOWN OF EXETER NH

APPLICATION FOR
VOLUNTARY
CHANGE OFADDRESS

NAME OF OWNER: $\qquad$ River Run
MAILING ADDRESS 12 Sir Lance of Drive
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: $103 A$ Linden Street
APPLICATION IS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS NUMBER FROM: 103 A Linden 5 street
TO: 109 Linden Street FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO EASILY LOCATE THE

PROPERTY.

Signature of property owners):


Select Board:
Approve
Reject

Explanation: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Date recommended by E911 7/1212022

Date adopted by the Select Board



Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov)

## Communications Advisory Committee Quorum

## Martha McEntee [memcentee2@gmail.com](mailto:memcentee2@gmail.com)

Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 2:47 PM
To: Niko Papakonstantis [NPapakonstantis@exeternh.gov](mailto:NPapakonstantis@exeternh.gov), Nancy Belanger [nbelanger@exeternh.gov](mailto:nbelanger@exeternh.gov), "jgilman@exeternh.gov" [jgilman@exeternh.gov](mailto:jgilman@exeternh.gov), "loliff@exeternh.gov" [loliff@exeternh.gov](mailto:loliff@exeternh.gov), Molly Cowan [mcowan@exeternh.gov](mailto:mcowan@exeternh.gov), Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov), Pam McElroy [pmcelroy@exeternh.gov](mailto:pmcelroy@exeternh.gov) Cc: Robert Glowacky [rglowacky@exeternh.gov](mailto:rglowacky@exeternh.gov)

Hello Everyone,
As Chair of the Communication Advisory Committee, I'm writing to let you know that the Committee needs more members who are able to commit to attend our regularly scheduled meetings. As it stands, we have had to cancel our last two regularly scheduled meetings because members reported they would not attend so that we would not reach a quorum. I expect attendance to continue to be a problem going forward. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss possible solutions to this problem.

Best regards,
Martha McEntee

Jay Myers
Exeter Heritage Commission
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH, 03833

Dear Jay,
First, allow me to thank the other members of the Exeter Heritage Commission (EHC) at last month's meeting, each of whom welcomed my presence in the Wheelwright Room at the town offices. I realize no formal meeting tcok place, but one had been formally (and legally) announced on the town website, with agenda. And ExeterTV had told me you had asked not to record the meeting because you intended for it to be a workshop-style session, which would not convey well on television. Despite the posted notice, you told me in the hallway that that the meeting had been cancelled. ${ }^{1}$

As you likely know, I have spent the last year working to ensure that there is a recording of each EHC meeting - preferably one made and broadcast by ExeterTV on behalf of the town and later made available for streaming. This is because of the EHC's multi-year project to impose New Hampshire's first Neighborhood Heritage District (NHD) in an arbitrary, EHC-selected portion of town in the vicinity of Park/Cass (and Oak/Salem/Locust/Main/etc.) Streets. Under the EHC's approach, the town would forcibly take a variety of owners' property rights and essentially impose a towncontrolled homeowners association, except that homeowners could not opt out and the rules are made up after-the-fact and homeowners (vs. Exeter) bear all of the costs.

As such, I need to address your statement to me while everyone was in the hallway which - closely paraphrased - was, "You're literally the only person in town who cares about this Neighborhood Heritage District." To be clear, I am guessing that you meant that I am the only person that various town employees now know by name and (increasingly) face to be gathering facts and public recurds related to the EHCinitiated and now-mostly-abandoned NHD project. But to your literal statement, and as I said to you at the time: I am definitely not the only person in town concerned about the NHD. And to state the obvious: even if I was, I am still entitled - like any member of the public - to attend and make recordings of the EHC's meetings.

I appreciate that you and other members of the town-appointed EHC may feel like there is no reason for members of the public to still be interested in its meetings since the EHC has announced that it won't make a recommendation to the Planning Board to try and establish this NHD now. And I appreciate that you may feel that those of us who still want to see this project end - not just end for now but to actually end for good - are like the houseguests who won't leave. But consider that, from the

[^0]perspective of many of us, it is the EHC and its members who are the houseguests who were never invited in the first place and won't stop talking about their displeasure with homeowners' choices of siding, siting, sizing, and window pane geometry.

As a reminder, EHC members repeatedly and publicly claimed that basically everyone in the NHD boundaries supported the NHD - except for a small but vocal minority that no one should listen to because they can't understand an NHD's benefits. Benefits so self-evident the EHC never bothered to articulate them. 18 months in, the town did a mail-in survey of property owners within the EHC-drawn NHD boundaries. As you know, a $70 \%$ supermajority of those respondents said they do not want this NHD. And setting aside EHC's public information sessions and hearings, my quick count is that at least half a dozen members of the public attended EHC meetings over the past 18 months, most of them at least twice. The EHC also received verbal and written feedback from other concerned parties. And all of that is despite the EHC meeting, in the midst of a global pandemic, in a room where social distancing is barely possible. My perspective: the 'disinterest' is because everyone is sick of the EHC's astroturfed NHD project, the town has been semi-reliable the past six months at recording the EHC's meetings, the EHC has been so broadly dismissive of citizen feedback and homeowner property rights for two + years now, and there is still a pandemic going on - so why coordinate childcare and then risk your family's health to attend in person?

For the record: I have no interest in attending EHC meetings - whether virtually or physically. (I realize that may come as a shock given that my attendance record the past 18 months would be the envy of many of its actual members.) It has been tiring. And it has been tiresome. But returning to the analogy above: the EHC showed up on our collective doorstep, uninvited, more than two years ago. And it has not left. And while it finally declared in May that it will leave, a reviev. of members' statements at the June and July meetings (and statements made to me in the hallway prior to the September meeting) make clear that - from your collective perspective - the EHC's pursuit of a town-imposed, non-voluntary NHD is not really 'over'. It is just postponed until fresh blood in some town group tries again.

Exeter should renounce this approach once and for all and put formal protections in place to safeguard homeowners from the overreach we have seen from the EHC the past few years. And it should collect copies of all the NHD-related public records not already in the town's possession. In the meantime, the town should make and post recordings of all EHC meetings as public records so that its citizens can reliably witness what actually happens there (or anywhere else NHDs come up). But if the town is unwilling to do so, then it seems that its citizens have the unfortunate fate to continue to exercise our rights to attend, record, and publish those meetings.

Sincerely yours,
Joel Schander
Park St., Exeter

CC:
Exeter Planning Board
Exeter Select Board

Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov)

## Letter of support for Net Zero option

## RM Allen [rmallennh@gmail.com](mailto:rmallennh@gmail.com)

To: Niko Papakonstantis [npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov](mailto:npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov), David Sharples [dsharples@exeternh.gov](mailto:dsharples@exeternh.gov), Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov), Julie Gilman [jgilman@exeternh.gov](mailto:jgilman@exeternh.gov)

Dear Niko,
Please accept this letter form the Energy Cmte in support of the Net Zero option at the proposed Public Safety Complex. This letter has also been sent to the Budget Recommendations Cmte.

Thanks,
Renay
cc. Julie, Russ, Dave S

## 10/15/22

Dear Exeter Select Board
The town Energy Committee sends this letter in clear and urgent support of the Net-Zero option to the proposed new Public Safety Complex plans, to be put to town vote this March. The approximate $4 \%$ upfront additional cost will be more than recovered over the life of the project if the building is constructed to be as energy efficient as possible from the start. The committee will aggressively research grants, rebates, and etc to go towards the project by looking into the new Inflation Reduction Act, and many other sources.

Thanks for your consideration,
Renay Allen-Hitzrot
Energy Committee Chairperson

# PROPERTY \& LIABILITY PROGRAM 

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

## JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 RENEWAL

## MEMBER: Town of Exeter

MEMBER NUMBER: 170

CY 2022

| CY 2023 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) | Yes |
| PRIME3 Program | No |
| Member Contribution | $\$ 218,835$ |

Member Contribution
\$204,519
Member Contribution

| Your 2022 Property Values | $\$ 88,180,863$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Your 2023 Property Values |  |
| (Exposures Valued as of 9/23/2022) | $\$ 91,423,441$ |
| Change in Property | $3.7 \%$ |
| Your 2022 Payroll (CY 2020 Reported) | $\$ 10,075,785$ |
| Your 2023 Payroll (CY 2021 Reported) | $\$ 10,357,996$ |
| Change in Payroll | $2.8 \%$ |
| Your 2022 Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor | 0.87 |
| Your 2023 Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor | 0.78 |
| Change in Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor | $-10.3 \%$ |
| Change from 2022 to 2023: |  |
| Contribution Amount Change | $\$ 14,316$ |
| Contribution Percent Change | $7.0 \%$ |

Please contact the Primex ${ }^{3}$ Member Services Team at Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions. Invoices will be available online around January 1, 2023.

## Trust. Excellence. Service.

Prime
NH Public Risk Management Exchange

October 15, 2022
Russell J. Dean, Town Manager
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

## RE: TY 2023 Property \& Liability Program Renewal

Dear Russ:
As you prepare your budget for the coming year, we thank you for your continued trust and partnership in our Property \& Liability Program. Our goal in ail of our programs is to provide our members with the best service, value, and coverage through our core values: Trust. Excellence. Service.

Property \& Liability rates are increasing for 2023. The Property \& Liability rates are increasing due to higher-than-expected general liability, property, auto physical damage, and cyber claim costs for members and an increase in the cost of property \& liability reinsurance.

## Renewal Highlights:

- The property reinsurance market remains hard due to US-based and worldwide catastrophic weather-related events (e.g. wildfires, hurricanes, thunderstorms), and is further aggravated by the pandemic.
- Overall, property reinsurance rates increased by $20 \%$ this year. We experienced a $30 \%$ increase in reinsurance costs for last year's renewal. Prime ${ }^{3}$ 's favorable performance with reinsures permits us to still actively quote the market and place coverage competitively.
- Actuarially determined loss estimates for property \& liability claims increased in the low single digits for 2023.

Enclosed is your CY 2023 Property \& Liability Member Contribution Summary. The intent of the Summary is to build awareness of your member contribution and how performance, payroll changes, market conditions and exposure changes, such as buildings or vehicles affect your contribution. Invoices will be available online around January 1, 2023.

Please contact me or Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions regarding your contribution and performance in the Property \& Liability Program.

Sincerely,


Carl Weber
Director of Member Services

## Trust. Excellence. Service.

# WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM MEMBER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY 

JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 RENEWAL

## MEMBER: Town of Exeter

MEMBER NUMBER: 170

CY 2022

|  | Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) | Yes |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  |  | PRIME $^{3}$ Program | No

Your 2022 Payroll (CY 2020 Reported) ..... \$10,075,785
Your 2023 Payroll (CY 2021 Reported) ..... \$10,357,996
Change in Payroll ..... 2.8\%
Your 2022 Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor ..... 1.38
Your 2023 Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor ..... 1.24
Change in Loss Ratio Adjustment Factor ..... -10.1\%
Change from 2022 to 2023:
Contribution Amount Change -\$22,445
Contribution Percent Change -7.3\%

Please contact the Primex ${ }^{3}$ Member Services Team at Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions. Invoices will be available online around January 1, 2023.

Trust. Excellence. Service.

October 15, 2022
Russell J. Dean, Town Manager
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

## RE: CY 2023 Workers' Compensation Program Renewal

## Dear Russ:

As you prepare your budget for the coming year, we thank you for your continued trust and partnership in our Workers' Compensation Program. Our goal in all of our programs is to provide our members with the best service, value, and coverage through our core values: Trust. Excellence. Service.

Workers' Compensation rates are moderately decreasing for 2023. The decrease in Workers' Compensation rates is primarily due to a decrease in actuarially determined loss estimates for medical only claims and compensable claims, offset by an increase in the cost of Workers' Compensation reinsurance.

Enclosed is your CY 2023 Workers' Compensation Member Contribution Summary. The intent of the Summary is to build awareness of your member contribution and how performance, payroll changes, and market conditions affect your contribution. Invoices will be available online around January 1. 2023.

Please contact me or Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions regarding your contribution and performance in the Workers' Compensation Program.

Sincerely.


Carl Weber
Director of Member Services

## Trust. Excellence. Service.

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTION BY PAYROLL CLASS

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

| Member: | Exeter, Town of |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Member Number 170 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Class | Description | Payroll Contribution* |  |
| 5506 | Highway Maintenance (Formerly Street Laborers) | 527,548 | 20,254 |
| 5606 | Public Works Director | 118,989 | 1,907 |
| 7520 | Waterworks | 936,927 | 15,554 |
| 7580 | Sewer Department | 301,065 | 5,172 |
| 7590 | Waste Management | 18,346 | 467 |
| 7704 | Firefighters \& Drivers | $2,379,322$ | 153,609 |
| 7704 | Volunteer Firefighters | 1,767 | 171 |
| 7720 | Police, Sheriffs \& Corrections | $1,938,044$ | 41,111 |
| 8380 | Auto Repair Shop | 109,819 | 2,975 |
| 8810 | Office Employees, Municipal | $2,165,660$ | 4,494 |
| 8810 | Office Employees, Library | 603,012 | 1,251 |
| 9015 | Buildings - Janitor | 278,099 | 8,368 |
| 9015 | Lifeguards/Swim Instructors | 24,126 | 726 |
| 9102 | Parks | 367,637 | 9,070 |
| 9402 | Highway Winter Maintenance (Formerly Mechanized Street Cleaning) | 175,849 | 5,737 |
| 9410 | Municipal Employees, Inspectors, Assessors | 411,787 | 15,286 |
| Totals | $10,357,996$ | $\mathbf{2 8 6 , 1 5 2}$ |  |

* Amounts are based on a 12 month total


## Trust. Excellence. Service.

Bow Brook Place, 46 Donovan Street - Concord, NH 03301-2624
(603) 225-2841 : (800) 698-2364 nhprimex.org

# UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM <br> MEMBER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY <br> JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 RENEWAL 

MEMBER: Town of Exeter
MEMBER NUMBER: 170

CY 2022
Member Contribution

CY 2023
Member Contribution
\$2,495

Your 2022 Taxable Wages (CY 2020)
\$2,361,726
Your 2023 Taxable Wages (CY 2021)
\$2,494,991
Change in Taxable Wages $\quad 5.64 \%$

Your 2021 Loss Ratio
0.00\%

Your 2022 Loss Ratio (through June 2022)
0.00\%
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Your } 2022 \text { Unemployment Rate } & 0.11 \%\end{array}$
Your 2023 Unemployment Rate 0.10\%

Change from 2022 to 2023:
Contribution Amount Change
-\$103
Contribution Percent Change -4.0\%

Please contact the Primex ${ }^{3}$ Member Services Team at Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions. Invoices will be available online around lanuary 1, 2023.

## Trust. Excellence. Service.

Bow Brook Place, 46 Donovan Street : Concord, NH 03301-2624
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NH Public Risk Management Exchange

October 15, 2022
Russell J. Dean, Town Manager
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833
RE: KY 2023 Unemployment Compensation Program Renewal
Dear Russ:
As you prepare your budget for the coming year, we thank you for your continued trust and partnership in our Unemployment Compensation Program. Our goal in all of our programs is to provide our members with the best service, value, and coverage through our core values: Trust. Excellence. Service.

Unemployment Compensation rates are moderately decreasing for 2023. The decrease in Unemployment Compensation contributions is due to lower-than-expected unemployment compensation claims costs due to a low unemployment rate.

Enclosed is your CY 2023 Unemployment Compensation Member Contribution Summary. The intent of the Summary is to build awareness of your member contribution and how performance, payroll changes, and market conditions affect your contribution. Invoices will be available online around January 1, 2023.

The Prime ${ }^{3}$ Membership Agreement and Public Entity Coverage Document have a 45 -day written notice requirement in the event that you elect to terminate membership in the Unemployment Compensation Program. This notice must be provided on official letterhead to the Chief Executive Officer of Prime ${ }^{3}$ by 4:30 PM on November 17, 2022 and must specify a final decision regarding your participation in the program. Please carefully review your Public Entity Coverage Document, General Conditions, Section L, regarding notice of termination.

Please contact me or Memberservices@nhprimex.org if you have any questions regarding your contribution and performance in the Unemployment Compensation Program.

Sincerely,


Carl Weber
Director of Member Services

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 

DE 22-063

## TOWN OF EXETER

## Request for Approval of Exeter Community Power Plan

## ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 22, 2022, the Town of Exeter (Exeter) filed a Community Power Plan with the Commission pursuant to RSA 53-E:7. Exeter requested that the Commission review and approve its Community Power Plan. RSA 53-E:7, II provides that

The commission shall approve any plan submitted to it unless it finds that it does not meet the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the municipalities or counties concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed plan substantially fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules.

This order of notice raises, inter alia, issues related to whether Exeter's
Community Power Plan meets the requirements of RSA chapter 53-E and applicable rules.

RSA 53-E:7, II also directs the Commission to accept public comments for 21 days after receiving any such request for approval of a community electric aggregation plan, and states that the Commission's review of the plan and comments shall not require a contested case. Accordingly, the Commission hereby provides notice that it will accept public comments on Exeter's Community Power Plan within the first 21 days from the date submission, or until October 13, 2022. Comments shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, by mail at:

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10,
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429
-or- by e-mail at: ClerksOffice@PUC.NH.gov
All comments shall readily identify Docket No. DE 22-063 in the document header and/or in the subject line of any email.

Exeter's filing, including its Community Power Plan and attachments, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-063.html.

## Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that public comments shall be accepted as set forth in this notice and pursuant to RSA 53-E:7, II, until October 13, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, a copy of this order of notice shall be posted on the Commission's website no later than September 29, 2022.

So ordered, this twenty-seventh day of September, 2022.


# Service List - Docket Related 

Docket\# : 22-063
Printed: 9/27/2022

## Email Addresses

ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov rdean@exeternh.gov<br>Energy-Litigation@energy.nh.gov ocalitigation@oca.nh.gov



October 20, 2022

Select Board
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter NH 03833
Re: Disposition of member legal files
Dear NHMA Member:
One of the services member municipalities receive from NHMA is the ability to obtain legal advice from the NHMA Legal Advisory Service. NHMA attorneys are available to answer legal inquiries and provide general legal assistance by email, letter, and telephone to elected and appointed officials from member municipalities. Engaging NHMA's Legal Advisory Service creates a confidential attorney-client relationship which is governed by the New Hampshire Rules of Professional Conduct.

NHMA maintains records of these legal inquiries, including physical files containing copies of emails and correspondence, as well as any documents submitted, and the legal advice provided. These records are confidential due to the attorney-client privilege.

Under NH Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15, attorneys are required to retain client files for at least 6 (six) years. After that period of time, an attorney can either return client files to the client, if the client so requests, or the attorney may discard those files.

In the event we have any records of our legal communications with your community it is our plan to discard all such records that are older than January 1, 2015. If instead you would like any such files that we might have, we will honor that request and make those documents available to you for pick up or by mail. You may make that request by letter, by email, legalinquiries@nhmunicipal.org, or by telephone 603-224-7447.

IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A COMMUNICATION FROM YOUR MUNICIPALITY THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE ALL CLIENT FILES OLDER THAN JANUARY 1, 2015 RETURNED TO YOU THEN THOSE FILES MAY BE DESTROYED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023.

If you have any questions about this client file retention policy please contact Stephen Buckley, Legal Services Counsel, or Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director, at the number or email above.

Very Truly Yours,


Margaret M.L. Byrnes
Executive Director
NEW HAMPSHIREMUNICIPALASSOCIATION 25 Triangle Park Drive • Concord, NH 03301 • Tel: 603.224.7447
NHMAinfo@nhmunicipal.org • governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org • legalinquiries@nhmunicipal.org

Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov)

## Fwd: D082002 Exeter Reservoir Dam - Grant Fund Update

1 message

## Paul Vlasich [pvlasich@exeternh.gov](mailto:pvlasich@exeternh.gov)

Thu, Oct 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM
To: Jennifer Perry [jperry@exeternh.gov](mailto:jperry@exeternh.gov)
Cc: Russ Dean [rdean@exeternh.gov](mailto:rdean@exeternh.gov), Melissa Roy [mroy@exeternh.gov](mailto:mroy@exeternh.gov)
Hello Folks:
It looks like the dam analysis will be fully funded by NHDES.
The $\$ 12,562$ Town match from our previous discussion will not need to be taken out of Town ARPA funds.
Thanks,
Paul
------ Forwarded message
From: Szmyt, Emily [Emily.D.Szmyt@des.nh.gov](mailto:Emily.D.Szmyt@des.nh.gov)
Date: Thu, Oct 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM
Subject: D082002 Exeter Reservoir Dam - Grant Fund Update
To: pvlasich@exeterNH.gov [pvlasich@exeternh.gov](mailto:pvlasich@exeternh.gov)
Cc: Doyon, Steve [STEVE.N.DOYON@des.nh.gov](mailto:STEVE.N.DOYON@des.nh.gov)

Paul,

As we indicated previously, the Dam Bureau was in the process of requesting a reallocation of ARPA funds to increase the total available to the Municipal Dam Rehabilitation and Removal Grantees. I'm happy to say that this was accomplished as part of the October $19^{\text {th }}$ Governor and Executive Council meeting. As such, $I$ am in the process of amending the draft grant agreement documents to reflect the award amount included in your original request.

Although the deadline is December 1, 2022, we would greatly appreciate the submittal of your final application so we may move onto the next phase as soon as possible.

Please reach out to me if you need any assistance or have questions.

Thank You,

Emily Szmyt
Dam Safety \& Inspection Section, Grant Manager
Water Division - Dam Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Phone: (603) 271-4967

## Emily.Szmyt@des.nh.gov

Wehsite Links:
https://www.des.nh.gov/water/dam-maintenance-and-management

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Paul Vlasich PE
Town Engineer
13 Newfields Rd
Exeter, NH 03833
Office: (603)773-6160
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# Announcement Regarding COVID NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program <br> 1 message 

NH Local Welfare Administrators Association [info@nhlwaa.org](mailto:info@nhlwaa.org)
Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 1:46 PM
Reply-To: pmurphy@merrimacknh.gov
To: pmcelroy@exeternh.gov

## Urgent Information Regarding NH COVID Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAUSED NH HOUSING

"(Bedford, October 21, 2022) - Given the announcement by the U.S. Treasury that New Hampshire will not receive any additional resources to continue its Emergency Rental Assistance program beyond December 29, 2022, New Hampshire Housing is announcing a pause to incoming applications under the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP). Effective Friday, October 21, 2022, new applications will not be accepted pending a review of the existing pipeline of applications, the level of federal funding available, and the status of existing State requests to U.S. Treasury for additional funding.
Support services will continue to be available through the five Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies, and all applications in the pipeline will be reviewed and funded (pending eligibility). For updates about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, go to the program page. New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance - New Hampshire Housing_(nhhfa.org)
States and localities across the country have been funding emergency rental assistance since 2021 with resources provided by the U.S. Treasury under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This COVID-19 relief program has kept people housed who have been impacted economically by the pandemic. Without additional reallocated funds or further Congressional authorization, those states and localities will no longer have resources available under this program.
NH Housing and the CAP agencies around the state have been administering NHERAP since March 2021 and provided over $\$ 230$ million in assistance to over 23,000 households in all 10 counties."
Emergency Rental Assistance Program Paused - New Hampshire Housing (nhhfa.org)

## *END*

I am confident that municipal welfare will respond to this current challenge by mastering our moment and continuing to meet our legal obligations and the humanitarian intent of those obligations, professionally, collaboratively, innovatively and to the very best of our abilities.

I hope this information is helpful.

Respectfully,

## Todd Marsh

NHLWAA, President
info@nhlwaa.org
https://nhlwaa.orgl

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[^0]:    1 You will have to forgive my skepticism at that statement. After all, the town website clearly announced there would be a meeting rather than marking it "cancelled". And you clearly had a quorum to hold a meeting. And the EHC has a habit of making its meeting announcements right before the legallymandated 24 -hour deadline to hold meetings. (And there have been occasions where it seems unlikely that adequate notice was provided and the town would not directly answer repeated questions about whether it actually had or had not.) And the EHC has even held back-to-back meetings - in the same room - where only one was announced in advance (and recorded by ExeterTV) but the unannounced one included NHD discussion.

