

Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 22nd, 2023, 6:50 p.m.
Nowak Room, Town Offices
10 Front Street, Exeter NH 03833

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AGENDA

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2. Board Interviews: Budget Recommendations Committee
3. Public Comment
4. Proclamations/Recognitions
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5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: May 15th, 2023
6. Appointments
7. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Squamscott River Siphons Project Financing Plan
 - b. Town Hall Chairs
 - c. Accept Grant: Parks/Recreation Micro Grant
 - d. Tax Deeds
8. Regular Business
 - a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
 - b. Permits & Approvals
 - c. Town Manager's Report
 - d. Select Board Committee Reports
 - e. Correspondence
9. Review Board Calendar
10. Non-Public Session

11. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair
Select Board

Posted: 5/19/23 Town Office, Town Website

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Board Interviews



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

Interview 5/22/23
6:50 pm

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: Budget Recommendations Committes

New

Re-Appointment

Regular

Alternate

Name: James Darden Rives **Email:** drives3@comcast.net

Address: 18 Grove Street, Exeter **Phone:** 603.498.2417

Registered Voter: Yes No

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

I have resided in Exeter for 35 years and have always had an interest in this town's governance.
Years ago I volunteered for the 1990 Master Plan Update and served a partial term on the Planning Board but found that I didn't have the time to devote to committee work. I am a retired CPA now and do have the time.
The recent rise in water and sewer rates lead me to revisit town issues. If I can use my financial knowledge for the good of the town I would be happy to meet with the appropriate person (s) at a mutually convenient time.

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: James Darden Rives Date: 16 May 2023

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

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

Proclamations/Recognitions

Minutes

Select Board Meeting
Monday May 15, 2023
7 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, Nancy Belanger, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 7 PM.

2. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Gilman gave an update on legislative issues at the State level.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

Mr. Papakonstantis congratulated Don Clement who received the Longard Volunteer award. Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to invite Mr. Clement to a future meeting for formal recognition. Mr. Chartrand said we celebrated the Alewife Festival last Saturday; Don was a leader in removing the dam which has made the river more vital and active.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: May 1, 2023

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Appointments

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Stevens from the Energy Committee. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. AARP Age Friendly Community Network Application

David Tovey of Parks and Rec was present to discuss the application.

Mr. Papakonstantis thanked Mr. Tovey because when one of the members of our community was unable to attend a Rec field trip that included a meal, Mr. Tovey delivered the meal to them himself.

Mr. Tovey said the Department has continued to improve its efforts on age-friendly resources. At the last Rec Advisory meeting, the Board voted that Exeter join the AARP network of age-friendly communities. This would serve as an organizing structure for community improvements, provide resources for identifying community needs, gain access to webinars from professionals, and leverage the Department for grant opportunities. Membership is free. We need a letter of commitment from the highest elected official, so we're asking for the

Select Board's support in moving forward and a letter from Mr. Papakonstantis. We're also looking for members to join our resident Senior Council.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize Parks and Rec to proceed with the application process to join AARP's Age Friendly Community Network and further authorize the Select Board Chair to write and sign the corresponding documentation. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Special Town Meeting Discussion

Mr. Papakonstantis said there is a memo in the packet from Paul Vlasich giving an update on the Sewer Siphons project. Mr. Dean said there is an administrative, drilling, and site improvements piece to this. In administrative, this locks in the price for future drilling. The consultant discussed SRF funding with NH DES, and we could amend our loan for continued funding. In drilling, the work began last Tuesday, and they set up the gyro location device and pressure gauge. They completed 190 feet and began rock drilling today. They hired a mud engineer and added a pressure monitor to the drill. We're optimistic that they will succeed. In site improvements, they condensed their construction site for access to farmer's market and gazebo.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if there are any recommendations on amending the current loan. Mr. Dean said Finance Director Corey Stevens and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy are putting together a plan for the Board for next week.

Mr. Chartrand said it's great that they could condense the site so the town can use Swasey Parkway as it gets to spring and summer.

Mr. Dean said additional funding will be required for phase 2. We're in the midst of putting together the plan, so specifics will wait until the 22nd. A special Town Meeting would be held, with the Deliberative Session on July 11th and the second session with voting on August 15th. We need to post for a bond as part of the project. It would require a vote of the Board to petition the Superior Court for permission to hold a special Town Meeting.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if it would take two months to get permission, and Mr. Dean said we're hoping that it will go more quickly than that. It shouldn't take longer. Usually they give this kind of filing priority.

Ms. Belanger asked if the Deliberative Session would be at night, and Mr. Dean said yes.

Mr. Papakonstantis said time is of the essence because the contractor and subcontractor need to know if we can complete this work. We're hoping they can finish the project in the fall.

Mr. Chartrand described the process: at the July 11 Deliberative Session, the town would debate the warrant, which should just have one article. It could be amended. August 15 is the day where people would vote for this article. The reason we can't wait until after Labor Day is because the contractor needs to know sooner rather than later or we may incur additional charges for tearing

down and setting up again. Mr. Dean said there's a remobilization charge baked into what we already have, but we need to get the vote done by September 1st because there's a guarantee of the price through that date. After that, it could change. It would be a similar lump-sum agreement.

Ms. Belanger asked if Town Counsel is aware, and Mr. Dean said yes, Counsel put together this schedule and they're ready to file with Superior Court.

MOTION [not voted]: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Town Manager to authorize Town Counsel to petition Superior Court for permission to hold a special Town Meeting for the Town of Exeter as outlined in our statutory timeline, with July 11 as the first session and August 15 as the second session, 2023. Mr. Chartrand seconded. Ms. Gilman asked if it should include the purpose in the motion. Ms. Belanger rescinded her motion and Mr. Chartrand rescinded his second.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Town Manager to authorize Town Counsel to petition Superior Court for permission to hold a special Town Meeting in the Town of Exeter to address the supplemental phase of the Squamscott Siphon project as outlined, with July 11 as the first session and August 15 as the second session, 2023, under RSA 40:13-26. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. FY23 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant

Mr. Dean said we get a grant from NH DES that helps offset the cost of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. This year it's up to \$7,150.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the State grant of up to \$7,150 for the purposes of offsetting costs related to the Hazardous Waste Collection, to be held in October 2023. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Dean said regarding the certificate of authority by vote, we have been getting pushback on these documents. He asks that the Board vote on the certificate of authority.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the certificate of authority by vote in regards to the grant agreement with the State of NH DES. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

d. Economic Development Update: Darren Winham

Economic Development Director Darren Winham was present to give an update. CA Design, which makes military aircraft, purchased Osram's building B and is making a 40,000 square foot addition. They're investing \$35M. At 22 and 24 Continental Drive, one company is considering combining the parcels. At 85 Epping Road, there's a P&S in place with a bank. They're working on the financials for moving the contamination that was present. The business outreach program is ongoing. Mr. Carlisle's property has a brewery interested and they're looking to build a road. At Gateway at Exeter, they're moving dirt; it looks like they will receive \$3M from Invest NH.

Mr. Chartrand asked about Invest NH. Mr. Winham said the State took \$60M and put it out to developers who are putting in workforce housing. Towns can also apply, and Exeter applied for \$560,000, not tied to anything, just because we're willing to work with developers on workforce housing. We can't receive any money until the Gateway project gets its final approvals and permits.

Mr. Winham continued with the update. Travel and Nature is on Lincoln Street now. Their former building downtown will look completely different inside and outside. The owners have to go to the HDC. At 140 Epping Road, there's a Ninja warrior gym hoping to open June 4. He [Mr. Winham] took a tour of the Ioka and it was amazing. They're putting a deck all the way across the back. Fat Hen Brewing is looking at sites in Exeter, including the commercial spot in front of the Gateway project. They're also looking at a one barrel system at the Rinks. At 23 Water Street, the owner is going to build a building but he's not sure when. Glerups was going to build a 90,000 square foot building on Continental and received full approval, but then they went dark on us. It turns out that the sitework costs were so much higher than they anticipated, they can't do it. They put it on the market for \$1.895M. We do have someone looking at it. At One Cronin Road, which was State surplus, he's not allowed to say who's going in but it's a use you would expect. Big Bean is doing their work now, not sure when they're going to open; they're going in where the Tavern was. At 100 Domain Drive, Torrington Properties is looking at adding 60,000 square feet. At 17 Industrial Drive, the Distribution facility there needs workers. At 2 Center Street, the Masiello group left, and Art by Alissa and another business are going in. The Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders group received money, and are putting it towards Soho creatives, creating tools for businesses to hire and retain workers. At 164 Epping Road, an Optometrist is going in. Remax Exeter went out, and people are looking at it now. A Yearbook studio company looking at going into Gateway. Flamingo Coffee Bar is open on Lincoln Street. At Monster Gas, a local person wants to buy part or all of that building and fix it up. Donut Love will reopen. New England Mercantile Home is going in at 154 Water Street. At 97 Lincoln Street, a new florist client is considering that location.

Ms. Gilman said she wishes we could find space for other restaurants.

Mr. Winham said we just don't have space. He's trying to get people on Epping Road but they want to be downtown.

e. RSA 79E Public Hearing - 173-179 Water Street "Smith Building"

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to open the public hearing on the granting of 79-E tax relief to 173-179 Water Street in Exeter, the Smith Building. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Winham read his memo regarding the 79-E request from Jones and Wilson LLC, the owners of 173-179 Water Street.

Mr. Dean said no later than 45 days after the public hearing, the governing body shall render a decision and determine the covenant period. It doesn't need to happen tonight.

Mr. Chartrand asked the applicants to describe the property.

Kevin Jones of Jones and Wilson Reality said it was the former Woolworth building. We've reconfigured the old large George and Phillips space, which was 12,000 square feet. We took the front 2,000 square feet to take its place and it has been leased out to a retail tenant for opening in July. The remaining 10,000 square feet was approved by the Planning Board for 7 residential apartments. We will enclose the parking area and create 14 parking spaces. There are openings cut into the building on the river and those will be residential-style windows.

Ms. Gilman said this building is not individually listed as a historic property.

Ms. Belanger asked if the rentals will be market rate, and Mr. Jones said that's correct.

Ms. Gilman said she thinks there will be a lot of public good around this project. She has no problem agreeing, it's just a question of for how long.

Mr. Chartrand said he was part of the push to adopt 79-E 10 years ago, and this was exactly the kind of project we were hoping for, one that takes buildings and uses them more efficiently. There's a residential unit shortage, and these folks are putting in residential units downtown, where we already have water and sewer, to generate a residential population downtown, which is one of the goals of our Master Plan. He would encourage the Board to go long rather than short on the time period. We want to encourage other developers to come into town. It will be on the tax rolls after the time period and then it will be a huge win.

Ms. Gilman said in the past we may have extended the relief for too long. We have to balance development with the rest of the taxpayers. It starts at 5 years, and she would add the 2 years for adding residential units, for a total of 7 years. Mr. Chartrand and Ms. Cowan agreed.

Ms. Cowan said she wants that part of the river to be more vibrant, and enclosing the parking lot will make it look better.

Mr. Chartrand said adding 7 units on this side of the river is a significant impact. Adding residential units is making downtown more vital. Putting in improvements that are half of the existing valuation is a tremendous percentage. He's seen applications that were a fraction of that. It shows a tremendous commitment by the owners.

Ms. Cowan asked what commercial tenant is going in, and Mr. Jones said they prefer that he not say.

Ms. Belanger said her concern is that 79-E was an experiment 10 years ago. We now need to know the cost to the taxpayers for giving away those 5 or 7 years. She's hoping to delay the vote to get the Board those numbers. Mr. Winham said he's gathering that information, but his opinion is that we wouldn't want to punish someone who is investing this much money by delaying the decision. Mr. Papakonstantis asked how long it would take to get that information, and Mr. Dean said he didn't know. Mr. Chartrand said you'd be

estimating what the valuation would be at the end of the development, it would just be a ballpark figure. Ms. Belanger said the Housing Advisory Committee was going to get a report on historic data on 79-E exemptions. She would have liked to have similar numbers for tonight.

Mr. Dean said the estimated project cost is \$880,000 according to the application. If you froze the taxes on that number, it would be \$21,000 or \$22,000 in taxes foregone each year at the current tax rate, or \$154,000 over 7 years.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing on the tax relief request for 173-179 Water Street. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the application for 173-179 Water Street tax relief under 79-E because of the following public benefits: I) it enhances the economic vitality of the downtown; II-a) it promotes the preservation and reuse of existing building stock throughout a municipality by the rehabilitation of historic structures, thereby conserving the embodied energy in accordance with energy efficiency guidelines established by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; III) It promotes development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency, safety, and a greater sense of community, consistent with RSA 9-B; and IV) it increases residential housing in urban or town centers; and further move that the covenants required to run with the relief period, and that relief period shall be 7 years. The covenant must be reviewed by Town Counsel at the applicant's expense prior to completion of the application. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

f. RSA 79E Extension Request - Former Ioka Property

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to open the public hearing on the extension request. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Winham read the memo related to the application from March 11, 2021. The amount of money they've put into the project is \$4.76M. They're looking to extend. They had supply chain issues that drove the project longer than they expected. Ms. Belanger asked if one of the delays was getting permission from DES, and Mr. Winham said yes.

Applicants David Cowie and Jay Caswell were present. Mr. Cowie said we're strongly underway now, the steel arrived a month ago and we're ready to get going. We would be happy to give the Board members a tour.

Mr. Winham said it's already approved for 9 years. Mr. Cowie said we're looking for an extension on the completion date. We had delays and cost escalations. We would like to get the project completed before 2 years, but we want to request 2 years so we don't have to come back. We didn't get the building permit until May of that year.

Ms. Gilman said she had no problem extending the completion date because of the situation.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to close the public hearing on 79 E request for 53-55 water Street. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION [not voted]: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an extension of the November 2022 expected completion date two years for 79-E tax relief application for the Mayer Building at 53-55 Water Street. Mr. Chartrand seconded. Ms. Belanger asked if the new completion date should be included. Ms. Gilman withdrew her motion and Mr. Chartrand withdrew his second.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the request for extension of the project completion date for 79-E tax relief application for the Mayer Building at 53-55 Water Street to June 30, 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a warrant for the 2023 first tax bill in the amount of \$28,601,655. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to deny the Elderly Exemption for 90/11 for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 63/8 in the amount of \$72,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 35/4 in the amount of \$363,200. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 80/18/E in the amount of \$7,167,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. Mr. Chartrand recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 97/23/E in the amount of \$10,852,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. Mr. Chartrand recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 98/37/E in the amount of \$6,666,100. Ms. Belanger seconded. Mr. Chartrand recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 55/61/6 in the amount of \$103,200. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 55/61/10 in the amount of \$70,800. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 55/61/11 in the amount of \$57,300. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 55/61/12 in the amount of \$85,300. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 55/61/13 in the amount of \$72,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 86/8/1 in the amount of \$179,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 86/8/2 in the amount of \$178,400. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 87/36/E in the amount of \$389,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/146 in the amount of \$1,670,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 72/9 in the amount of \$582,800. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 73/292 in the amount of \$517,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 72/206 in the amount of \$550,300. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 72/215 in the amount of \$389,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/129/1 in the amount of \$7,196,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/128 in the amount of \$36,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/130 in the amount of \$10,380,000. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/131 in the amount of \$41,962,200. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 71/47/1 in the amount of \$0. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 65/131/3 in the amount of \$1,216,100. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 71/48/E in the amount of \$64,000. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/1 in the amount of \$199,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/1E in the amount of \$40,000. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 62/112 in the amount of \$2,729,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 108/1 in the amount of \$191,800. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/41/E in the amount of \$2,291,300. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/42 in the amount of \$762,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/43 in the amount of \$1,125,900. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/46 in the amount of \$1,007,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the amount of \$5,102,100. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/169/E in the amount of \$21,362,900. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/204/1E in the amount of \$414,200. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/208/E in the amount of \$25,432,400. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/209/E in the amount of \$32,602,900. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/1/E in the amount of \$26,153,300. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/87 in the amount of \$973,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 62/90 in the amount of \$684,100. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 83/60 in the amount of \$2,735,900. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 91/32/E in the amount of \$2,278,000. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222 in the amount of \$531,000. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222/E in the amount of \$516,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 73/143 in the amount of \$628,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 29/26 in the amount of \$378,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 29/21/E in the amount of \$1,351,500. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 95/61 in the amount of \$575,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/166 in the amount of \$1,117,600. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 91/35/E in the amount of \$1,188,700. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Permits & Approvals

Parks and Rec Director Greg Bisson said the Board previously authorized the Department to grade the fields at the Rec Park, but we discovered the turf around the infield was in worse condition than expected and had to be replaced.

Our staff tried their hardest, but it was a hot streak and they had to call in additional help. He's looking for approval to expend from the Parks Improvement fund for \$1,900 from Tuckahoe Turf and \$3,800 for Yeti Landcare who provided the labor to remove the sod and lay it. When you get sod, you only have 24 hours to put it down. Now it looks tremendous. The fund now has \$19,722.65, taking into account the \$25,000 match for the grant we have not yet gotten. That includes these expenditures.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to expend \$1,900 from the Park Improvement fund to purchase sod from Tuckahoe Turf and further to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to expend \$3,800 from the Park Improvement Fund to contract with Yeti Landcare for removal of the old sod and installation of new sod. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Bisson said last year the Board approved the purchase of heavy duty semi-permanent nets for pickleball, but people are moving them between the courts. Last year we had 180 players total; this year we had 189 and had to cap it with 100 people on the waitlist. We're looking to buy a net for the upper courts that we could put out during our pickleball program. This would come from the Rec Revolving Fund.

Mr. Chartrand asked if pickleball players move the nets. Mr. Bisson said we don't know who's moving them. They're on wheels. Mr. Dean said we've had some conversations about security cameras at the courts. Mr. Papakonstantis said it's a necessity given all the feedback we get about the courts. Mr. Bisson said it would cost \$6,800 to install monitoring cameras. Once we get to 10 Hampton Road, staff could get there almost instantly in case of an incident. People can also log in and see if the courts are being used. He's working with Andy Swanson on how best to do this.

Mr. Papakonstantis said there are 189 participants, each paying a \$15 fee, plus 100 on the waitlist. How many of them live in Exeter? Mr. Bisson said it's about 50/50. We've never filled up like this. We had an onslaught from other organizations running pickleball clinics. Next year we'll look at having a differential fee for residents and non-residents. He's attending a webinar next week on "peace and love between pickleball and tennis."

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to allow the Parks and Recreation department to expend at most \$4,800 from the Rec Revolving Fund to purchase a set of heavy-duty pickleball nets from Pioneer Athletics. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Joanna filled in during Pam's vacation last week.
- ii. The Highway Dept is out doing crosswalks. Please drive carefully and slowly around our personnel.
- iii. A few people have contacted the Board about volunteering for a committee for the future of Swasey Parkway.

- iv. We're working on our bonding, and the Board should see something shortly.
- v. The Town Hall Assessment contracts are signed and went out to Tony Callendrello today. The contractor ARCove is getting ready to start.
- vi. We're getting good feedback on the speed monitors on Front and School streets.
- vii. The Westside Drive neighborhood meeting is tomorrow.
- viii. It's tax deed time, and the list will be forthcoming. He will send it to the Board via email. There will be a meeting about next steps.
- ix. The Memorial Day Parade will go forward, but there are some additional costs for Police details this year. That will overspend the veteran's activities budget by about \$400. We will have to adjust the budget for FY24. Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to find out where the Select Board will meet for the parade.
- x. Public Works is paving Linden Street and making structure adjustments in May. In late May they will be paving Salem Street. We're working on a design contract for the roundabout at Pine, Front, and Linden. We're working with Severino construction on the Epping Road on a near term design, a TIFF project.
- xi. The Watershed Assistance Grant for the Kids Park BMP has cost increase concerns and is being reevaluated.
- xii. Regarding Linden Street and the Exeter River Bridge, Wright Pierce is revising their contract, and is looking to complete that project this year.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Belanger said she attended a Housing Advisory committee work session on May 4th. They talked about the housing report and whether it needed to be completely updated as well as next steps. There was another meeting the next morning, we were going to go through the exemptions to get those numbers. With all the other data available, we're not going to completely redo the report. The Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition gave a legislative update. We were planning a field trip to Dover to the Randolphs' project, but decided to postpone to September. The Planning Board may come too. Darren Winham talked about alternative wastewater systems. On May 9, she attended a Seacoast Regional Emergency Response Preparedness meeting at Unital in Exeter. She talked to Justin Pizon about doing an update on this plan for the Select Board and social media. She attended a downtown parking, traffic, and pedestrian analysis pre-proposal meeting on the scope of the work for the bicycle and pedestrian master plan. She attended a Conservation Commission meeting where they discussed the Alewife Festival, which Drew Koff said had a good turnout. She did the Alewife event with the Conservation Commission and they all work well together. They heard a proposal at the Carlyle subdivision that will come to the

Select Board. There's an SST cleanup May 10th. There's an EHS trail day Saturday June 3rd. The Raynes Barn repairs are going well, and the Commission recommends renewing the lease for another 5 years. There's an Orientation event coming up. Kristen Murphy was invited to Ipswich to talk about our dam removal, and Ipswich voted to remove their dam. At the Planning Board meeting, they had an election of officers and heard a second presentation from Dave Sharples, on the benefits of developed land. At the RPC May 10, they heard a presentation from the Randolphs.

- ii. Ms. Gilman had an Arts and Culture Advisory Commission where they talked about prioritizing different ideas. They discussed painting sidewalks and a sculpture in Townhouse Common, which is proposed to be an alewife. They also talked about putting murals and artwork downtown.
- iii. Ms. Cowan attended a Rec Advisory Board meeting. They spoke about pickleball/tennis issues, the AARP age-friendly community program which the Rec Board voted unanimously to recommend, and field rental and how to ensure we're not having competing teams. She will not be available for the next Rec Advisory meeting on May 30. Ms. Gilman agreed to attend.
- iv. Mr. Chartrand attended a Sustainability meeting on May 2nd. They will come before the Board next week with suggestions on adopting specific measures related to the single-use plastic citizens' petition. They're analyzing where we can do better on our recycling and waste streams. One idea was covering our cardboard collection area at the Transfer Station. There's a proposal for a water station in Swasey Parkway. We have one in Townhouse Common. The request could go to the budget recommendation process. Mr. Papakonstantis said Kristen Murphy talked to the Trustees about that, and they were interested. They're waiting for her to give them more information.
- v. Mr. Papakonstantis had a Tree Committee meeting May 9. They talked about the table at the Alewife Festival. Exeter is the recipients of three trees that have to be planted by kids; it will be at LSS, date to be determined. The Rec Department will provide tree diapers.

e. Correspondence

- i. A resident communicating about Kingston Road
- ii. A memo from the US Dept of Transportation with public notice of availability
- iii. Emails from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, with different legislation that will be in the T&I committee.
- iv. A letter of appreciation for continued support from Waypoint
- v. A notice of a special meeting from CPCNH

- vi. A letter from the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association in support of SB110
- vii. An NHMA Legislative Bulletin

8. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are May 22, June 5, and June 26. There may also be a meeting June 12.

9. Non-Public Session

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

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

Appointments



Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Resignation of Position on Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment

2 messages

Barbara McEvoy <bmcevoy@exeternh.gov>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Thu, May 18, 2023 at 11:45 AM

Hi Pam ~
Just an FYI ~~ see email below from Dave Mirsky.
Please share with Russ & SB. I will let the ZBA folks know. Thanks!
Have a great day !
😊~~barb

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

From: **DAVID MIRSKY** <dmirsky@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, May 18, 2023 at 11:24 AM
Subject: Resignation of Position on Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment
To: Barbara McEvoy <bmcevoy@exeternh.gov>

TO: Barbara S. McEvoy
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

FROM: David H. Mirsky
7 Marilyn Avenue
Exeter, NH 03833
Cell Phone: 603-303-2421
Office Telephone: 603-580-2132

Dear Barb,

I am writing to indicate to you that I am resigning my position as an Alternate Member of the Exeter Zoning Board of Adjustment, due to my increased work responsibilities.

Thank you.

David Mirsky

--
Barbara S. McEvoy
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833
Phone: (603) 773-6173
FAX: (603) 772-4709

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Barbara McEvoy <bmcevoy@exeternh.gov>

Thu, May 18, 2023 at 11:47 AM

Thank you.

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Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Senior Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office


603-773-6102

Human Services Administrator

603-773-6116

Squamscott River Siphons Financing Plan

**TOWN OF EXETER
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Select Board
FROM: Town Manager 
RE: Siphons Project Financing Plan
DATE: May 22nd, 2023

The Squamscott River Siphons Financing plan has been developed for the Special Town Meeting.

There have been four options developed for financing the 7.7 million dollar project. As you are aware there are several funding sources for the project already approved, including: 1) \$1,600,000 in an original SRF loan approved at the 2020 Town Meeting; 2) \$180,000 in state ARPA funds; 3) \$600,000 in Federal Congressional Direct Spending funds; 4) \$420,000 in local ARPA funds; 5) \$500,000 in additional local ARPA funds, and 6) \$2.1 million dollars in sewer reserves. These approvals were necessary to keep the project moving and provide funding to cover the cost of drilling and installing the first of two barrels.

Since approval of the second local ARPA fund allocation of \$500,000 and the sewer reserves allocation of \$2.1 million dollars, the Town has received notice from the NHDES that up to \$5.3 million dollars in additional SRF (State Revolving Funds) funding would be made available for the siphons project if needed. As a result of this confirmation, staff developed four financing options with the intent of using SRF funding as a component on all of the options. The SRF funding would be realized by amending the loan agreement the Town already has in place (the \$1,600,000 SRF loan). Special Town Meeting approval is needed to authorize the additional SRF amounts.

Review of Options

Option 1. This option anticipates not using any of the second allocation of local ARPA funds or sewer reserves. It includes spending on the siphons project through March 31st of this year from the first allocation of ARPA funds (\$113,986). The additional amount from the SRF based on this scenario would be \$5,206,014.

Option 2. This option anticipates using all sources except the second local ARPA allocation of \$500,000 and the sewer reserves allocation of \$2.1 million. The additional amount from the SRF based on this scenario would be \$4,900,000.

Option 3. This option anticipates using all sources but reduces the amount of the second local ARPA allocation to \$250,000. The sewer reserves allocation is reduced to

\$650,000. Reducing these amounts would allow the Town to preserve ARPA funds for other projects and would lessen the impact on the sewer reserves. The additional amount from the SRF based on this scenario would be \$4,000,000.

Option 4. This option anticipates using all funding sources previously approved including the second allocation of local ARPA funds of \$500,000 and the sewer reserves allocation of \$2.1 million dollars. The additional amount from the SRF based on this scenario would be \$2,300,000.

At this time, with the knowledge that additional SRF funding has been made available, we recommend an option that lessens the burden on the sewer reserves and uses fewer ARPA funds. This would allow the Town to utilize SRF funds at very favorable interest rates, and amortize the cost of the project over several years, which would assist in maintaining a more stable sewer rate structure going forward by maintaining reserves at more desired levels.

Siphons Cost/ Funding
5/17/2023

	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	<u>Option 3</u>	<u>Option 4</u>	
COSTS	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	Original project cost
	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	Add'l costs to 1st barrel
	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	Cost for 1st barrel
	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	Cost for 2nd barrel
	7,700,000	7,700,000	7,700,000	7,700,000	Total Project Cost
FUNDING	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	Original SRF Loan
	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	State ARPA
	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	Federal CDS
	(113,986)	(420,000)	(420,000)	(420,000)	Local ARPA (original auth.)
			(250,000)	(500,000)	Local ARPA (2nd auth.)
			(650,000)	(2,100,000)	Sewer Fund Reserves
	5,206,014	4,900,000	4,000,000	2,300,000	Add'l SRF Needed

Town of Exeter

Siphons Addt'l SRF Funding

Amount \$5,206,014
 Interest Rate 2.00%
 Years (up to 25) 10
 ANNUAL PAYMENT 520,601

#	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	Tot Prin Plus Interest
			5,206,014	
1	520,601	104,120	4,685,413	624,722
2	520,601	93,708	4,164,811	614,310
3	520,601	83,296	3,644,210	603,898
4	520,601	72,884	3,123,608	593,486
5	520,601	62,472	2,603,007	583,074
6	520,601	52,060	2,082,406	572,662
7	520,601	41,648	1,561,804	562,250
8	520,601	31,236	1,041,203	551,837
9	520,601	20,824	520,601	541,425
10	520,601	10,412	0	531,013
11	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0
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21	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0
Total	5,206,014	572,662	0	5,778,676
	Total Principal	Total Interest		Average Payment

Town of Exeter

Siphons Addt'l SRF Funding

Amount \$4,900,000
 Interest Rate 2.00%
 Years (up to 25) 10
 ANNUAL PAYMENT 490,000

#	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	Tot Prin Plus Interest
			4,900,000	
1	490,000	98,000	4,410,000	588,000
2	490,000	88,200	3,920,000	578,200
3	490,000	78,400	3,430,000	568,400
4	490,000	68,600	2,940,000	558,600
5	490,000	58,800	2,450,000	548,800
6	490,000	49,000	1,960,000	539,000
7	490,000	39,200	1,470,000	529,200
8	490,000	29,400	980,000	519,400
9	490,000	19,600	490,000	509,600
10	490,000	9,800	0	499,800
11	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0
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21	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0
Total	4,900,000	539,000	0	5,439,000
	Total Principal	Total Interest		Average Payment

Town of Exeter

Siphons Addt'l SRF Funding

Amount \$4,000,000
 Interest Rate 2.00%
 Years (up to 25) 10
 ANNUAL PAYMENT 400,000

#	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	Tot Prin Plus Interest
			4,000,000	
1	400,000	80,000	3,600,000	480,000
2	400,000	72,000	3,200,000	472,000
3	400,000	64,000	2,800,000	464,000
4	400,000	56,000	2,400,000	456,000
5	400,000	48,000	2,000,000	448,000
6	400,000	40,000	1,600,000	440,000
7	400,000	32,000	1,200,000	432,000
8	400,000	24,000	800,000	424,000
9	400,000	16,000	400,000	416,000
10	400,000	8,000	0	408,000
11	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0
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21	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0
Total	4,000,000	440,000	0	4,440,000
	Total Principal	Total Interest		Average Payment

Town of Exeter

Siphons Addt'l SRF Funding

Amount \$2,300,000
 Interest Rate 2.00%
 Years (up to 25) 10
 ANNUAL PAYMENT 230,000

#	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	Tot Prin Plus Interest
			2,300,000	
1	230,000	46,000	2,070,000	276,000
2	230,000	41,400	1,840,000	271,400
3	230,000	36,800	1,610,000	266,800
4	230,000	32,200	1,380,000	262,200
5	230,000	27,600	1,150,000	257,600
6	230,000	23,000	920,000	253,000
7	230,000	18,400	690,000	248,400
8	230,000	13,800	460,000	243,800
9	230,000	9,200	230,000	239,200
10	230,000	4,600	0	234,600
11	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0
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20	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0
24	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0
Total	2,300,000	253,000	0	2,553,000
	Total Principal	Total Interest		Average Payment



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MEMO

DATE: May 18, 2023
TO: Russell Dean, Town Manager
FROM: Paul Vlasich, PE - Interim Public Works Director
RE: Siphon Project Update

As of Thursday, May 18, 2023 the drilling is progressing without any major issues. Drilling is slow through some hard rock. The contractor has completed approximately 345 feet of pilot hole drilling from the Swasey Parkway drilling rig.

Town Hall Chairs



Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Town Hall Chairs

3 messages

Scott Ruffner <scottruffner@mac.com>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 2:46 PM

To: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>, Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Hey Melissa -

Here's the info you requested.

Thanks
Scott

Sam's Club Option 1

240 chairs / black only

- 150 ish at Hudson, 110 ish at Concord locations / no guarantee how long they will be available
- curbside pick up available with PLUS membership (appx \$100)
- Bridge Bros quoted a \$145/hour rate for truck and 2 guys / "probably a 6 hour job"

\$5,995.20

<https://www.samsclub.com/cart>

Sam's Club Option 2

240 chairs (or more of desired) / 60 "4 packs" / any color

- available for purchase online with direct free shipping with PLUS membership (appx \$100)

\$7,198.80

<http://www.samsclub.com/sams/a/107925.ip>

Contributions :

Pine Street Players has agreed to \$1,000 if the chairs can be there for their May 12 - 14 show (assuming their production can happen at town hall due to other issues)

Water St Bookstore has agreed to \$1,000

UFO Fest / Kiwanis has a meeting tomorrow to confirm their contribution amount.

More people and organizations are interested in contributing, waiting to hear back.

Additional funding from potential sale of old wooden chairs.

Current Town Hall Revolving Fund Balance : \$24,600

Town Hall Studies Total Cost : \$18,650

Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Scott Ruffner <scotruffner@mac.com>
Cc: Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 2:51 PM

Thank you, Scott.
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Russ Dean <rdean@exeternh.gov>
To: Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>
Cc: Scott Ruffner <scotruffner@mac.com>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 2:52 PM

Thanks Scott.

Russ
[Quoted text hidden]

Accept Grant: Parks/Recreation Micro Grant

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
TOWN OF EXETER, NH**

Collaborative Economic Development Regions

WHEREAS, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, on behalf of the Seacoast Region Collaborative Economic Development Region (CEDR) applied for and was awarded CEDR program funds from the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (NHBEA) to develop and design economic development strategies in repose to the impact of the Covid-19 public health emergency.

WHEREAS, the approved grant scope of work includes funding to support the Town of Exeter to assist with Project 3: Seacoast CEDR Micro Grant Program.

WHEREAS, this sub-agreement is entered into by and between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and the Town of Exeter (the Town).

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following terms:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Town shall perform, in a proper and professional manner, the Scope of Services as attached as Exhibit A working in collaboration with SRPC. The Town to provide all labor, materials, equipment and facilities necessary to accomplish the work required under this sub-agreement. Further, the Town represents that all work and services it provides will confirm to high professional standards in the field.
2. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE.** The Town will perform work set forth in the Scope of Services indicated in Exhibit A during the period beginning May 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2023.
3. **COMPENSATION and PAYMENT SCHEDULE.** SRPC agrees to reimburse the Town a not to exceed amount of \$1,500 for services provided under this sub-agreement as set forth in the Project Scope (Exhibit A) and Project Budget (Exhibit B). The Town shall provide a detailed invoice with documentation of all costs incurred. The final Invoice must be submitted by July 6, 2023 to be included in SRPC's final billing to NHBEA for that month. Invoices received on or after July 6, 2023 will not be reimbursed.

Invoices must include a brief narrative report of work performed during the performance period and as articulated in Exhibit A – both a summary of work completed and report of performance measures. SRPC may withhold payments pending receipt of reports referred to in this paragraph.

4. **HOLD HARMLESS.** The Parties to the sub-agreement assume all risk of personal injury and property damage attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of their respective personnel.
5. **LIMIT OF LIABILITY.** The SRPC agrees to have the work executed diligently according to the terms of this Agreement. The SRPC and its planning personnel are to rely upon all information supplied by the Town which at the time presented is represented to be full and accurate to the best of the Town's knowledge and belief. Both parties understand that the SRPC's fulfillment of its obligations hereunder depends upon the full and timely cooperation of the Town staff and officials. In the event of unforeseen circumstances occurring in the Town which result in the inability to perform the tasks in Exhibit A in a professional and responsible manner, the SRPC reserves the right to take any of the following actions: (1) Find an immediate, amicable solution to a conflict; (2) suspend services until the conflict is resolved; or (3) rescind this Agreement.
6. **ARBITRATION.** Any dispute arising under and during the timeframe of this Agreement, which cannot be resolved between the parties, may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with New Hampshire

RSA 542. Both parties shall each choose an arbitrator within 30 days of written notice from either party. The arbitrators so chosen shall in turn choose a third arbitrator within 30 days of the selection of the second arbitrator. The arbitrators so chosen shall forthwith set as early a hearing date as practicable, which they may postpone only for good cause shown. A decision by the arbitrators, made as soon as practicable after submission of the dispute, shall be binding upon the parties and shall be enforceable as part of this Agreement.

7. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** The Town agrees it shall be subject to all applicable requirements, regulations, provisions, terms and conditions of the provisions as expressed in the Agreement between SRPC and NHBEA included as Exhibit C. In entering into this sub-agreement, the Town agrees to maintain adequate financial records, in accordance with 2 CFR Parts 200 and 400 and generally accepted accounting practices, to clearly identify expenses, describe the nature of expenses and establish relatedness to work performed under the sub-agreement. Such financial records must be made available for inspection by SRPC or NHBEA or for a period of at least seven (7) years after project closeout.
8. **AMENDMENT.** The SRPC and the Town may require changes in the scope of the services to be performed by the Town. No such changes, nor any increase or decrease in the amount of the Town's time commitment or compensation, shall be enforceable unless mutually agreed upon by and between the SRPC and the Town and incorporated in written amendments to the Agreement at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date of said changes. All changes may be limited to those allowed under the terms and conditions of the Agreement between SRPC and NHBEA.
9. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated for mutual convenience or for cause if the parties so agree. Termination by mutual convenience shall take place thirty (30) days after written notice of the termination agreement. In the event of termination, the HACOC shall assemble all information prepared under this Agreement to date and shall forward it to SRPC. The Town shall be entitled to recover its costs for work completed. If there is any default by the Town in the performance of its duties under this agreement, SRPC shall send written notice to the Town specifying the nature of the default. The Town shall have 5 working days from the date of receipt of the written notice to cure any claimed default. If the Town does not cure the claimed default within 5 working days from the receipt of the written notice, SRPC shall have the right to terminate this agreement by another written notice to the Town specifying the date of termination which shall be not less than 5 days from the date of the notice of termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents and data prepared by the Town shall, at the option of SRPC, become its property, and the Town shall receive just and equitable compensation for such work as performed by the Town for the SRPC.
10. **NON-ASSIGNMENT.** No portion of this Agreement may be assigned or subcontracted to another party without prior approval of both parties.
11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** It is expressly understood and agreed by SRPC and the Town that this Agreement and Exhibits A-C represents their entire negotiations and agreements made by them.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, SRPC and the Town have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written below.

For Strafford Regional Planning Commission:

Jennifer Czysz, AICP, Executive Director

Date

Strafford Regional Planning Commission
150 Wakefield St, Suite 12
Rochester, NH 03867

For the Town of Exeter:

Russell Dean, Town Manager
Town of Exeter, NH
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Date

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

Exhibit B – Budget

Exhibit C - NHBEA CEDR Grant Contract and All Terms and Conditions

EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK

The Town of Exeter has been awarded a micro grant under Tactic 2, of Project 3, as included in the grant award to SRPC:

Project 3: Seacoast CEDR Micro Credit Program

The goal of this project is to explore and support different initiatives that seek to foster a sustainable workforce environment, create affordable and quality housing options, facilitate infrastructure improvements, and promote the Seacoast quality of life.

The Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders in its capacity as the Seacoast CEDR is looking for ways to support and enhance the implementation of community programs designed to meet a series of regional economic development goals prioritized by the group through the extension of small cash awards (micro-grants).

The Seacoast CEDR will be the organization in charge of identifying proposals that best meet these regional economic development goals. These goals have been prioritized by the group through the measurement of feasibility and overall impact they would have on the region's economy and include workforce development, housing, infrastructure, and quality of life.

Tactic 2 – Identify and Fund New Projects: Through continuous research, stakeholder engagement, and staff support, the Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders CEDR will work to identify similar small projects that fulfill any of the priority regional economic development goals mentioned before. Potential new projects will be evaluated and selected based upon geographic diversity and potential impact.

Project Title

Exeter Vibe Summer Music Series

Scope of Work to be Completed Under this Subaward:

The Exeter Summer Vibe Music Series consists of two types of events, the Summer Concert Series and the Tune and Fork food truck festivals. The Summer Concert Series will be a weekly concert in the Swasey Parkway. The Tune and Fork nights will be a weekly food truck festival at the Town House Common with live music and yard games for all to enjoy. With the additional funding we hope to be able to add a child concert series with fun, family friendly entertainment. This funding will allow Exeter to add a Child Concert Series which will improve the quality of life for not only adults, but will give children and families the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy a fun day on the town! It will promote the opportunity to make new friends and also support local artists and musicians.

Project Timeline

This project will begin on June 20th and funding will be used by June 30th.

Success and Performance Measurement

Success will be measured by hiring a performer for the Child Concert Series. Exeter will use interns to collect data such as residency, number of attendees as well as ask "what they plan to do after the concerts", to see the economic impact of the events.

The Town also plans to gather information on how far people travel to come to these events, the longer and farther they travel the more likely they are to stop and shop or eat at any of the amazing establishments which will boost the local economy. Lastly the Town plan will keep track of attendance through interns. The interns will use a Google form to collect the data. The interns' responsibilities at all of our Music Vibe shows (Tune and Fork Tuesdays, Children's Concerts, and our Thursday night summer concerts) are to set up the event, evaluate the event, and provide customer service to the patrons. We will be collecting the following data:

- Name

- Address
- how many people are with them today
- If they would like to be on one of our mailing lists
- What other activities will they be planning to do while in town: Shopping, Dining, Site See, Recreation
- What other programs or entertainment would they like to see? Concerts, Shows, Events, etc.

All of this data will be provided to SRPC.

**EXHIBIT B
BUDGET**

Project Title: Exeter Vibe Summer Music Series

Total Grant Funds Awarded: \$1,500

Budget Narrative:

The breakdown of the request is to offset entertainment costs. The total budget for children's entertainment is \$3,000. This request will fund a typical performer, which is \$750-\$1500 per show.

EXHIBIT C
NHBEA CEDR GRANT CONTRACT AND ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Document Follows)

Tax Deeds



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May 18, 2023

Town of Exeter
Select Board
Exeter, NH 03833

Outline of Small Claims Court:

- Deed List
- Determine which properties the Board would like to process to small claims.
- Submit the names and properties to Mitchell Group, Laura Morgan Esquire.
- Attorney files a lawsuit against the owner for back taxes
- Owner is served court paperwork
- A hearing is set
- Judge orders the owner to pay plus filing fees
- Fee is \$145.00 filing fee for properties under \$10,000, less for under \$5000.

Newmarket states they rarely have the owner not pay, with these proceedings.

Laura did state that the Judge would offer mediation to try to recover the funds.

This is a link on the proceedings, frequently ask questions, etc. if you would like to research further:

<https://www.courts.nh.gov/our-courts/circuit-court/district-division/small-claims>

The Attorney has experience in the process and agrees that it is an appropriate way to go on these homes because they do not own the land.

The properties that own their land should go through the deeding process.

Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions

Permits & Approvals



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TOWN OF EXETER MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Dean, Town Manager
CC: Corey Stevens, Director of Finance
FROM: Greg Bisson, Director of Parks and Recreation
RE: Funding Requests
DATE: 05/15/2023

Exeter Parks and Recreation requests the following from the Recreation Revolving Fund:

Tennis Courts/Pickleball Court Cameras:

Town courts are often busy, but it is not possible to have staff there at all times. Between scheduled programs and general public use, we had many questions asking when the courts are open, when they are not open, and why some courts are not available. To help with facilitating better communication with our residents we have updated the facility calendar on our website. We encourage all residents to check out the calendar before heading to the courts.

With the increase in both Tennis and Pickleball participation, we are requesting authority to install security cameras at the courts located at 4 Hampton Rd. Adding security cameras will provide two advantages. First, we will live stream the courts, allowing any resident the opportunity to hop online and see if the courts are available. Second, we can monitor for vandalism, incidents between patrons, as well as unauthorized usage of the courts. With our anticipated move to 10 Hampton Rd, this system will allow us to react to these issues at a moment's notice during operating hours.

Andy Swanson, IT Director, has recommended the appropriate equipment to purchase for a monitoring system. The total cost is \$6,800 and we recommend this come out of the Recreation Revolving Fund.

- **To allow the Parks and Recreation Department to expend no more than \$6,800 from the Recreation Revolving Fund on the necessary equipment for video monitoring of the courts with the assistance of the Town of Exeter IT department.**

Respectfully Yours,

Greg Bisson,

Director

Exeter Parks and Recreation

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TOWN OF EXETER MEMORANDUM

TO: Russ Dean, Town Manager
CC: Melissa Roy, Assistant Town Manager
FROM: Greg Bisson, Director of Parks and Recreation
RE: Pickleball/Tennis Update
DATE: 05/22/2023

We are updating the board on pickleball and tennis regarding both sports' growing popularity. Exeter is seeing a surge in pickleball and Tennis, which is great but challenging.

Pickleball:

Pick up Pickleball Program

Pickleball growth has exploded since last year. Last year, we had 185 players registered throughout the entire 2022 season for all of our Pick up Pickleball sessions, which had been on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7 am-10 am and Wednesday nights from 6 pm to dusk (adjusted as we lost light). This year, we had to shut down registration at 189 before the program began. With increased demand this year, we adjusted Pick up Pickleball times to continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings but switched to Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm to dusk. On Thursdays, we also host our Intro to Pickleball program and an Adaptive Pickleball program, which we are the first Parks and Recreation department in the state to host. All pickleball programs will be held on the lower five courts to accommodate more players. We plan to use the lower courts as our programming courts for most programs, with a few exceptions, such as Tennis Camp, Tennis in the Parks, and BBBSNH pickleball tournament. Leaving the upper courts for use by the public on a first-come, first-served basis for pickleball and tennis (more to follow).

To gather valuable data about our participants, we set up a new electronic season pass system utilizing our current recreation software to track daily participation and act as a communication tool. All participants registered for the program get a season pass which is scanned before playing. Data collected by this new system will track participant age, email addresses, cell phone numbers, physical addresses, time and day usage, and the number of players per day.

We are having all players sign a code of conduct. If someone were to violate the code of conduct, we would look to remove them from the program.

Where are all these players coming from?

Many organizations host pickleball clinics, including recreation departments, for-profits, and nonprofits. The Exeter YMCA has fostered pickleball by providing multiple pickleball clinics year-round. We are seeing 20-plus new players from these programs. All these new players want to play outdoors, and the Town of Exeter has the facility.

Open Play:

With current capacity limits for pick-up pickleball, we still have a high demand for casual play. Open play creates a challenge since the department moved a heavy-duty net, previously approved last year, to the lower courts to accommodate the growing program. Unfortunately, we have many players who either can not get into our program or choose not to participate in our programs that may show up from time to time. We want to purchase another set of these heavy-duty nets for the upper courts. These nets will have wheels and can be easily moved to accommodate tennis. Adding these nets would also provide another court to use when lower courts are in use. The new nets approved on May 15th have been ordered and will arrive shortly.

Tennis:

Tennis Programming

The Department heard loud and clear that more tennis was needed. We worked diligently to add several tennis programs such as Cardio Tennis, Intermediate and Beginner Tennis Group Lessons, as well as our Beam Tennis Camp, Tennis in the Parks program, and our private tennis lessons. Unfortunately, the local instructor arranged to facilitate these programs needs to deal with a personal matter; therefore, some programs are on hold for 2023. This news came very late in the spring, and we are still looking to add additional lessons with another instructor. We would like our first instructor to return if their schedule allows. We are working with a local group of tennis players to develop a program similar to pick-up pickleball. We would institute the same season pass system to gather metrics reporting. We anticipate having the program up and running within a few weeks once the days and times are finalized. We would again locate these programs on the lower courts with exceptions, allowing the general public to access the upper courts.

When are the courts open?

We have posted all programming on our community calendar so anyone can check a facility's availability according to the date and time. Our programs are listed on our website and sent via email blast. Information will be communicated through various channels, including a "How to" video with EXTV. We will also place paper laminated copies at the courts.

We are proposing to the Select Board the purchase of additional cameras to live stream the courts, which will allow residents to view the courts at any time to see if they are being used. The courts would be live-streamed through our website and recorded to monitor court usage. The system may also monitor bad behavior, court abuse, or vandalism. Andy Swanson, IT Director, expects a cost of \$6,800 to purchase and set up the cameras. We recommend this purchase come from the Recreation Revolving Fund. See the funding request memo.

Court Experience:

The department has placed signs at all courts asking for court experience feedback. The signs have been up for a few weeks, and I have yet to get a response. We are going to work with Exeter TV to facilitate more feedback.

Respectfully Yours,

Greg Bisson,

Director Exeter Parks and Recreation



NH Public Utilities Commission

May 15, 2023

21 Fruit Street, Suite 10

Concord, NH 03301-2429

Dear Commissioners Goldner, Chattopadhyay, and Simpson;

In November 2022, the Commission accepted the Town of Exeter's Energy Aggregation Plan. Based on that Plan we launched Exeter Community Power through a joint powers agreement with the Community Power Coalition of NH. As members of the Exeter Community Power Aggregation Committee, we are writing to express our concerns regarding the inability to get access to data that will allow net metering customers to have an equitable benefit as other Exeter residents.

We are the only town in the initial launch of Community Power that is in Unitil's service area. We have had a collaborative relationship with Unitil representatives throughout this process, including obtaining the necessary data to launch this month, and expect that collaboration to continue.

However, as of May 1, Unitil has not put in place the processes required to bill and track supply credits for net metered customers served by Exeter Community Power. Consequently, for any electricity generated in excess of a customer's onsite consumption, Unitil is unable to offer consolidated billing services that appropriately credit net metered customers on behalf of Community Power programs. Furthermore, Unitil is not yet providing Exeter Community Power with the data regarding how much electricity Net Metered customers generate in excess of their onsite consumption each month. As a result, Exeter net metering customers are unable to participate in our community power program without losing the value of the energy they produce. It is our understanding that this data is required in order for Unitil to be in compliance with NH law and regulatory rules.

Many net metered customers have contacted us who want equitable access to the benefits of Community Power and are frustrated with the delay. While we understand that data transfer between systems may present some challenges, we respectfully request that the Commission require an expedited resolution of this issue. Exeter Community Power looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Unitil and will assist in any way possible to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

Exeter Community Power Aggregation Committee

Lew Hitzrot, Nick Devonshire, Stephanie Marshall, Cliff Sinnott

CC: Russ Dean, Exeter Town Manager

Thomas Meissner, CEO & President, Unitil

Don Kreis, Consumer Advocate, NH Office of the Consumer Advocate

Dear [Name]:

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May 17, 2023

Ashley Davis, MPH
Associate State Director of Outreach and Advocacy
AARP New Hampshire
45 South Main Street, Suite 202
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Davis

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Town of Exeter. Exeter is proud of the resources provided to age-friendly living. We are excited to develop and implement additional services, programs, and opportunities. To that end, I offer this letter of support and commitment for the Town of Exeter's application to AARP's Age-Friendly Communities initiative.

The Exeter Parks and Recreation Department is partnered with the Exeter Senior Council. In 2022, they collaborated and created the "Exeter Senior Resource Guide", distributed and available at multiple locations throughout town and online.

The Town of Exeter contributes financially to support the Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels program, which operates out of the Town's Senior Center. In Q1 of 2023, there were 565 congregate meals and 6,944 home delivered meals. Further, the Town of Exeter contributes financially to support Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels shuttle/transportation program. In Q1 of 2023, this service provided 911 rides.

Last year, the Parks & Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Rockingham Planning Commission and the Rockingham Nutrition Meals On Wheels, conducted an Age-Friendly Community Survey. The results of the survey led to the creation of the aforementioned, "Exeter Senior Resource Guide." The contents of the guide include information regarding transportation, housing, health & wellness, public safety, human services, food & nutrition, and leisure & education services.

The Town of Exeter Public Library serves as the information hub of the greater Exeter community. The newly renovated building offers beautiful views and comfortable indoor/outdoor sitting. The Library offers a vast number of services including tax preparation, technology assistance, access to laptops, scanners and printers, free Wi-Fi, monthly crafts, two adult book clubs, museum passes, and other such programs for older adults.

Other activities, partnerships, and programs the Town of Exeter offers older people in the community include:

- A Town subsidized discounted transportation program with a local taxi company specific for residents over 60 years old or with a disability.
- The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of activities for older adults such as Zumba, Crafts, Cahir Yoga, Senior Luncheons, walking groups, day trips and other events.
- The Town of Exeter Senior Center offers a variety of activities during the week for those aged fifty-five and older. Activities include bingo, crafts, and bridge games, to name a few.
- The Parks & Recreation Department also coordinates the Exeter Senior Council.
- The Town of Exeter Human Services Office connects the public to organizations that can provide relief if the Town is unable to provide adequate support.
- The Town of Exeter Police Department offers monthly educational sessions as well as, “Coffee with a Cop” and “Pizza with a Cop” programs for older adults.
- The Town of Exeter’s Planning Department, along with Rockingham Planning Commission, is currently finalizing a Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan to include a more walkable community.

As the Town of Exeter continues to address the needs of older adults referenced in the 2022 Age-Friendly Community survey, we are also actively recruiting residents from our aging population to join our Senior Council,

The Town of Exeter is committed and excited to support and promote our aging population. We look forward to working with AARP to build a stronger network to improve the quality of life for all ages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Niko Papakonstantis
Town of Exeter Select Board, Chair

Cc: Russell Dean, Town Manager
Melissa Roy, Assistant Town Manager
Greg Bisson, Parks & Recreation Director
David Tovey, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director



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NH Municipal Association <governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org>
Reply-To: NH Municipal Association <governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org>
To: NHMA Member <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 1:14 PM

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Proposed Budget Bill Provides Municipal Budget Relief

This week, the Senate Finance Committee began amending [HB 1](#) and [HB 2](#) to reflect the priorities of the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee must propose a two-year operating budget within the revenue parameters adopted by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The Senate Finance Committee will continue to meet next week in order to complete its work by the end of this month so that the full Senate can vote on the budget by the June 8 deadline. Once the Senate adopts its version of the budget, the House will have an opportunity to concur, non-concur, or non-concur and request a committee of conference. It is almost certain that a committee of conference will be formed to work out the differences in both the revenues and the appropriations between the House and Senate budgets.

In [Bulletin #15](#), we highlighted the municipal funding included in the House approved version of the budget. To date, the following amendments have been recommended by the Senate Finance Committee:

- Reduce the InvestNH program appropriation from \$15 million to \$10 million and return to the language of the governor's proposal, which would allow both municipalities and housing developers to access grants.
- Incorporate the language of [SB 145](#) into [HB 2](#). This language would establish a New Hampshire Housing Champion Program and include a housing production

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municipal grant program and a housing infrastructure municipal grant and loan program with a \$5 million appropriation.

- Include a \$27.9 million appropriation to fund wastewater state aid grants (SAG) for municipalities and recommend future funding for the SAG program in fiscal year 2026 and 2027 at \$15 million per year.
- Incorporate the language of [SB 138](#) (tabled by the Senate) into **HB 2** and appropriate \$2 million in funding for PFAS remediation to the PFAS remediation loan fund.
- Incorporate the language of [SB 270](#) into **HB 2** and appropriate \$10 million in additional highway block grants for municipal road maintenance and repair and \$10 million for municipally owned bridges.

The Senate Finance Committee is also contemplating additional funding for the highway block program, based on updated revenue projections and a proposed electric vehicle registration surcharge; supporting emergency shelter programs; and supporting workforce housing and affordable housing development.

Stay tuned for updates, and please make sure your senator knows how important all these programs are to your municipality!

Housing: Who Bears the Cost of Affordability?

The House Special Committee on Housing met again this week, continuing to take input from various stakeholders. One of the themes that has emerged is what “affordability” really entails, including the important policy question: Who should bear the cost, and when?

Roads: For example, is it better policy to build roads to town standards (many of which reflect [DOT's geometric design standards](#)) and have the town (*i.e.*, taxpayers) bear the cost of maintenance, or should towns be dotted with private roads built to whatever standard the developer determines is appropriate? Private roads may cost less to build initially, but they generally don't last as long before serious maintenance is required and the ongoing cost of maintenance—snowplowing, pothole repair, repaving—falls on a smaller group of individuals, often at a higher cost. In many situations, residents on those roads later seek town acceptance of the road once they have fallen into more serious disrepair.

Public Sewers: If high density leads to cheaper building costs and high density is only possible where public sewers are available (and, to a lesser extent, public water), should the cost of sewer upgrades fall on new builders, or on the whole user base, which is typically a subset of taxpayers? Requiring the whole user base to subsidize the costs of necessary upgrades may help lower the initial build cost of new or renovated homes but will result in higher costs for all sewer users.

Building & Fire Standards: Do requirements that increase the cost to build homes but decrease the cost to operate the homes over time, via heating/cooling, maintenance, and insurance costs, improve affordability, or serve as a barrier? An estimate heard this week was that it may cost an initial \$12,000 more to comply with the insulation and energy sections of the 2023 International Building Code standard, but with the U.S. Department of Energy [estimating](#) that a properly sealed and insulated home sees a reduction in heating and cooling costs of approximately 18 percent per year, additional cost savings through the use of more energy-efficient systems, and the average amount of time spent in a house being [13 years](#), the average owner may see a higher upfront cost, but is almost certain to see a cost savings above the initial extra build cost.

The committee also heard a very interesting anecdote about a manufactured housing park placed for sale. The homeowners in the park were given the opportunity of banding together to purchase the 325 homes, but the outstanding offer from a hedge fund was \$58 million which, to be matched, would require the homeowners to agree to increasing their lot rent from \$500 to \$900 per month. That was far beyond what the residents could afford. After purchase, the fund has been steadily increasing rent.

How the committee may approach these issues and policy questions is not yet known, but we expect that there will be legislation filed in September for the 2024 legislative session. We are hopeful that the legislation will dovetail with some of the funding that we expect the Senate to provide in [HB 2](#), including creation of the [Housing Champions](#) Program, to maximize funding and collaboration among stakeholders. The housing problems our state faces are [long-running and will not be solved quickly](#)—nor are they unique to New Hampshire—but we think that collaborative approaches will result in positive policy changes that lower costs that can be passed onto home buyers. We've already seen that occur this year with the cooperative efforts on bills such as [SB 78](#), altering the statutes relevant to performance bonding, and we look forward to continuing those efforts.

House and Senate Session Updates

As the legislature moves toward the end of session, cannabis legalization, Medicaid expansion, and the biennium budget remain the primary focus. The **House Commerce Committee** will have a hearing at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23 in LOB 302-304** on non-germane [Amendment 2023-1892h](#) relative to cannabis legalization and sale, which is proposed to be attached to [SB 98](#). Meanwhile, the Senate passed [Amendment 2023-1930s](#) to **HB 611** which forms a study commission charged with figuring out how the state will legalize and sell cannabis.

On Thursday, the House passed [SB 263](#), reauthorizing New Hampshire's Granite Advantage Program (Medicaid expansion) after a lengthy debate and numerous (failed) floor amendments.

The bill now heads to a second committee for further evaluation.

The Senate also acted on most of the remaining legislation on their schedule, including the following bills of municipal interest:

- [HB 307](#), which would require the governmental entity to bear the cost of resolving gray areas of the Right-to-Know Law if the plaintiff wins, was rereferred.
- [HB 74](#), which would require that an employer pay an employee for unused earned, vacation, or paid-time-off time (but not sick time) upon separation if the employee leaves in good standing or as a result of a layoff, was voted Inexpedient to Legislate.
- [HB 150](#), which would reduce the minimum number of employees required to certify a collective bargaining unit from 10 to 5, was laid on the table.
- [HB 257](#), which would eliminate the “carrier of last resort” (COLR) obligations of telephone companies, leaving some citizens in rural areas without any telephone or broadband service, was rereferred.
- [HB 250](#), which would increase the amount of the state retirement annuity payable upon the accidental death of a retirement system member and provide that future accidental death benefits are funded from state general funds, was rereferred.
- [HB 461](#) was passed with an amendment. The bill would now create a study commission to study the impacts of local staffing decisions on the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS).
- [HB 534](#), was passed with an amendment. The bill would create and fund a water assistance fund to be used to repair and replace drinking water treatment sources damaged by natural disasters.

Hearing Schedule

Please [click here](#) to find a list of hearings next week on bills that NHMA is tracking. Please note that the linked PDF only covers hearings scheduled for the next week. For the most up-to-date information on when bills are scheduled for a hearing, please use our [live bill tracker](#).

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NHMBB New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank

May 16, 2023

Russ Dean
Town Manager
Town of Exeter
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Dear Russ:

I am pleased to inform you that the loan application for the Town of Exeter in the amount of \$9,245,274 for 20 years at Level Principal was approved, subject to no material adverse changes in the Town's financial position, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

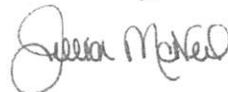
Payments on your NH Municipal Bond Bank bonds are **due 30 days prior to the bond payment date** for this loan and **all outstanding loans** with the Bond Bank.

You will soon receive your loan agreement from your Bond Counsel. The loan agreement includes an estimated maximum interest rate which we have set well above the current market as we need to allow for some change between now and the date of sale. However, if rates remain at current levels, we expect your actual interest rate to be less than the maximum rate set in the loan agreement. Please verify the amount of the loan agreement and the term of the loan indicated in Exhibit A.

*** Four copies of the Loan Agreements and Four copies of the Certificate of Vote with original signatures and sealed are due back in our office by June 19, 2023. ***

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 271-2595 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jillian McNeil
Assistant Director

Town Manager's Office

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Friday, April 28th

All Applications Due

Tuesday, May 9th

All Legal Information from Participants
Due to Their Bond Counsel

Tuesday, May 16th

Bond Bank Board Reviews
Applications and Mails Loan
Agreements to Bond Counsels

Friday, May 19th

Bond Counsels Mail Loan Agreements
to Governmental Units

Tuesday, June 6th

Deadline for Meeting of the Participants
Governing Board for the Certificate of
Vote

Monday, June 19th

Loan Agreements Returned to Bond
Bank

Wednesday, June 28th

Preliminary Official Statements Mailed

Wednesday, July 12th

Sale

Friday, July 14th

Bond Counsels Mail Bonds to
Governmental Units

Tuesday, July 25th

Participants Return Bonds to Bond Counsel

August 8-9th

Closing - Bond Proceeds Wired to
Participants on August 9, 2023

Wednesday, August 9th

Date of NHMBB Bonds and
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February 15, 2024

First Interest Payment

August 15, 2024

First Principal and Interest Payment

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Town Manager's Office

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May 12, 2023

Town Of Exeter
C/O Russell Dean
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Dear Town Of Exeter,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire would like to thank you for your grant of \$7,200 to support one-to-one mentoring in the Granite State.

For over 55 years and with the help of our village, BBBSNH has served thousands and thousands of youth in one-to-one mentoring matches! 129 new matches were made in 2022, 27 more than in 2021.

Our team conducted 3,917 child-safety check-ins, 567 new volunteer reference checks and completed 426 assessments to make strong, long-lasting matches.

Our volunteer mentors dedicated more than 20,000 hours helping youth across New Hampshire unlock their fullest potential.

"We talk a lot about what mentoring younger people can do for them, but not as much about what it can do for us as well. I always knew planning a meeting with my Little would be something to look forward to and no matter what I was going through I'd always leave feeling so much better, even if just for the day." - Big Sister, Jessica

When you share your time, talent or treasure with BBBSNH, you support free programming for all participants, equity among underserved communities and pave the way towards a brighter, better future for all. Your investment is one that lasts a lifetime.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole McShane'.

Nicole McShane
Vice President of Philanthropy

A handwritten note in black ink that reads 'Thank you! Together - we are making a difference.' The text is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

For your records, our Federal Tax ID number is 02-0348477. No goods and services were provided in exchange for this donation.