

**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Nowak Room, Town Offices**  
**10 Front Street, Exeter NH 03833**

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  - a. Regular Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
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  - c. Special Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
7. Appointments
  - a. Town Treasurer
8. Resignations
  - a. None
9. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Review Town Voting Results from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - b. RSA 41-14 a final hearing and vote: Planet Playground Land Acquisition
  - c. 2024 Paving Contract Extension – Stephen Cronin, DPW Director
  - d. Adopt Pairpoint Park Committee Charge
10. Regular Business
  - a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
  - b. Permits & Approvals
  - c. Town Manager's Report
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  - e. Correspondence

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13. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair  
Select Board

Posted: 03/15/24 Town Office, Town Website

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Swearing In Of Elected Officials**

## **2024 Elected Officials**

### **Select Board**

Molly Cowan 2027

### **Supervisor of the Checklist**

Stacey Penna 2030

### **Trustees of the Library**

Davis Moore 2027

Lisa Wilson 2027

Sherry Kostenbader 2027

### **Trustees of Swasey Parkway**

Darius Thompson 2027

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Peter Lennon 2027

### **Budget Recommendations Committee**

Elizabeth Canada

Andrew Elliott

Enna Grazier

Amanda Kelly

Bob Kelly

*(James Darden Rives – RESIGNED 3/5/24)*

Judy Rowan

Christine Soutter

Christopher Zigmont

Anthony Zwaan

### **Fence Viewer**

Doug Eastman

### **Measurer of Wood and Bark**

Doug Eastman

### **Weigher**

Jay Perkins

## Select Board Reorganization

**Proclamations/Recognitions**

**Minutes**

Select Board Meeting  
Monday March 4, 2024  
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 Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 7 PM.

2. Public Comment

- a. Anne Kenney of 3 Walnut Street read her own statement regarding paid parking. The parking situation in Exeter is not a shortage of spaces. She's never had a problem parking in Exeter. She would like to see the number of 2-hour parking spots increased and maybe add 1-hour spots. There would be negative impacts from introduced paid parking. It would be a burden to residents supporting local businesses and restaurants. It would change the aesthetics and quality of life for residents and visitors. Finding the staffing to monitor and ticket for parking violations would be difficult. It's unproven that parking kiosks actually generate revenue. She suggested parking decals for residents and employees instead of paid parking. She prefers the angled parking rather than losing spaces with parallel parking. Regarding a bike lane, there are other avenues than Water Street to bike on. The idea of a park in front of Town Hall is intriguing.
- b. Florence Ruffner of 5 Pine Street, a business owner downtown, said she is in favor of parking meters. She sees so many people park in front of businesses all day long. Her building has its own parking lot, but there has to be a better solution. She can't do parallel parking. A park is a lovely idea but we have a lot of lovely parks in our community and she can't see it happening. It was effective when Mr. Jones was an Officer and marked the cars.
- c. Paul Fredricks of 9 Newfields Road said he agrees with Anne Kenney. He likes coming downtown but if there were parking meters he would do it a lot less.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. J. Darden Rives from the BRC

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to accept the resignation of J. Darden Rives from the Budget Recommendation Committee. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: February, 2024  
Approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Appointments

- a. There were no appointments made at this meeting.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Pairpoint Park Update

Mr. Chartrand recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like the Board to consider moving forward with a formal motion to establish a committee.

Town Planner Dave Sharples said he met with Dave Short, Keith Whitehouse, and Nancy Phillips onsite. What they recommended was putting a fence at the retaining wall and filling in the hole, then opening it for public use. He had concerns about that plan. The ground is uneven outside of the hole, and there are rocks and depressions. When the fire happened, it burned down and the Fire Department called the DPW, who scooped the rubble out for disposal. The remainder was smashed down into the ground. There's not necessarily harm from chemicals - the environmental survey didn't find harm - but it's not good to be walking around on uneven ground with possible organic material. Regarding the retaining wall, he would like to have structural engineers take a look before we put a fence on it. There's a gas line and sewer line coming into the property which appear to be abandoned but should be dealt with. We came up with a concept to have the park visible but just have a little area by the sidewalk visible for now.

Ms. Belanger asked about the cost of the structural engineering review. Mr. Sharples said he would want a \$1,000 allowance for that. He wants them to check so we don't find out later that the wall wouldn't support a fence. Maybe there was structural analysis there when the dam was removed, but he hasn't found anything.

Ms. Gilman said what we would do for a "bump out." Mr. Sharples said we'd cut down about a foot from the sidewalk and build material up as it goes out. We could use a reclaimed asphalt type surface which would be accessible. It would extend maybe 12 or 16 feet into the site.

Dave Short of 1 Dewey Street said based on public feedback and the site visit, he thinks it's in everyone's best interest to not start anything immediately. The process that was discussed at the last meeting was to have town staff and engineers come up with a plan for the park, and then form a committee, but he thinks they should form that committee now. It should include members of the public and the group that has gotten together, including Jen Martel. He thinks design-build with a Designer/Contractor is the way to go. You get the work for significantly less than if designing it separately. We shouldn't do anything to the site for the moment but should gather data and start the design process. There is some boring data for the site which will give us a better idea of what's underground. The goal should be to minimize or eliminate the use of tax dollars.

Mr. Papakonstantis said there was a fire on the site, so he would like to make sure it's safe. The town has only had the property for 67 days. We're not looking to turn away from anyone who wants to donate time or money. There are policies and procedures for a reason. We need to establish a committee, put together a mission, and put out a call for volunteers.

Ms. Belanger said the boring report was done for a private person. Can we accept a private report from 2018? Is it important to have our own analysis done? Mr. Sharples said he hunted down a plan set of the Great Dam removal which shows a boring of this site, but he hasn't gone further. It was 15 feet up from the retaining wall in the center of the property. The report he saw was from 2016, so it may not be the same report. Ms. Gilman said the previous owners had a design for a substantial property on that site. The HDC approved it. Mr. Sharples said he will continue to research. Ms. Belanger asked what the turnaround would be for a Structural Engineer. Mr. Sharples said he has a couple of guys who could probably come. It could probably be done in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Gilman said she would rather have an open fence than a closed one. She added that it could be a good spot for a pollinator garden.

Mr. Papakonstantis said he doesn't know how safe it would be to keep it open right now. We should run it by Primex. When we accepted the donation, the Town Manager's office started looking for new fencing. Ms. Roy said Greg Bisson said there's enough money in the impact fees to put in the new fence. It would probably be either at the waterfront or at the sidewalk, not both. Ms. Gilman clarified that she wanted a fence you can see through rather than stockade fencing. Mr. Short said he thinks you'd have a hard time erecting a fence with the cellar hole there. You could do a four foot high fence that people could look over the top of. Ms. Gilman suggested having a fence with murals on it.

Keith Whitehouse of Westside Drive asked how long it will take before the public can go down into the park. Mr. Papakonstantis said we don't know. We need to establish a committee, come up with a mission, ask for applications, interview volunteers, etc. Ms. Gilman said if it costs money we'll have to wait until next March for that to be approved. We'll also want some public comment on the design. Mr. Papakonstantis said this will probably be done in phases. We first have to find out what we have there and what the community wants there.

Paul Fredricks of 9 Newfields Road said he wants to open up some kind of vision towards the river so people can get excited about it. This will help with fundraising. The fence today is not something you could paint a mural on, it's slatted and falling apart. He would like to see a little fence with a sign that says "This site is going to be developed."

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to establish and implement a Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Committee with a mission to be presented at the next Select Board meeting on March 18th; and immediately upon acceptance, the Town Manager's office will accept applications and the Board will commence interviews. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Chartrand did not vote. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Sharples said he's working on the shoreland conditional permit.

## 7. Regular Business

### a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a tax abatement for 110/2/82 in the amount of \$107.12 for tax year 2023. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- b. Permits & Approvals
    - i. There were no permits or approvals at this meeting.
  - c. Town Manager's Report
    - i. Ms. Roy said last Tuesday, the DPW and our partners facilitated the Pickpocket Dam public meeting. The questions that were asked will be put together and released online in a few weeks.
    - ii. She joined Riverwoods to discuss the warrant articles.
  - d. Select Board Committee Reports
    - i. Ms. Belanger attended the Pickpocket Dam discussion. The Conservation Commission is sponsoring herring monitoring. The program is 10 minutes 7 days a week and will start in early April to late May.
    - ii. Ms. Gilman went to the Pickpocket Dam presentation.
    - iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
    - iv. Mr. Chartrand attended the Facilities Advisory Committee meeting. They discussed the process of building a new building if the Public Safety complex passes. There's a great depth of knowledge on that committee. They did some planning for the Facilities Committee's work for the coming year.
    - v. Mr. Papakonstantis attended the Pickpocket Dam meeting. Our consultant did an excellent job. Testimony can continue to be given by the public until March 21st, the date of the next River Advisory Committee meeting. He thanked Riverwoods for inviting town staff to visit them. Folks had a lot of good questions and comments.
    - vi. Ms. Belanger said the Police and Fire Departments are having a presentation on Wednesday March 6, 7-8 PM, to answer questions about the warrant article.
    - vii. Ms. Gilman gave an update on State Legislative issues.
  - e. Correspondence
    - i. A memo from MRI with a copy of the Department of Revenue's memo to the Board, indicating the median ratio for 2023 is 62.9%.
    - ii. The NHMA legislative update
    - iii. Several emails regarding Pairpoint Park.
8. Review Board Calendar
- a. There's a second public hearing this Friday March 8 at 8 AM on the Planet Playground property; there's another hearing March 18. Next Tuesday is voting. The next Select Board regular meetings are March 18, April 1, April 15, and April 29.

9. Non-Public Session

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

10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to adjourn. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary

Select Board Meeting  
Monday February 26, 2024  
6:50 PM  
Nowak Room, Town Offices  
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, and Nancy Belanger. Dan Chartrand was present via Zoom; he stated that he was unable to attend in person and that he was alone in the room. 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 6:50 PM and the Board went down to the Wheelwright Room for an interview.

2. Board Interviews

- a. Rachel Adams Ladeau for the Recreation Advisory Board

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

3. Public Comment

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

4. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. There were no proclamations/recognitions.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: February 12, 2024

Corrections: Ms. Belanger said on page 3, in the discussion of the Public Safety Complex, please add "Ms. Belanger said our budget process includes supporting training."

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024 as amended. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

6. Appointments

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Rachel Ladeau to an alternate position on the Recreation Advisory Committee, term to expire April 30, 2024. Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

7. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Update on Pairpoint Park

Mr. Chartrand recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Dean said there's been interest in forming a citizen group to address Pairpoint Park.

Dave Short of 1 Dewey Street said a couple months ago during the donation of the property of 23 Water Street, it was proposed that it was put into the CIP as a low priority. He is proposing to get this moving without any tax dollars. It needs the foundation hole filled, grading, a fence put down by the water, and the existing fence removed. This would allow landscaping, fundraising, and grant seeking to begin. The final phase would be the actual construction of the park. He's gotten together a diverse group of people to serve on an ad-hoc committee to move this forward. Because of the seasonal nature of some of the volunteers' businesses, this work would have to be done in the off-season, which is ending soon.

Mr. Papakonstantis said this opportunity came hastily to the Select Board in December. He read part of the motion regarding the acceptance: "The Select Board would authorize the Town Manager to work with the Town Planner and other town staff to develop a formal plan for 23 Water Street; for that plan to be placed as a Capital Improvement Project in line behind other existing projects; to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with developing a formal plan; for the Select Board to consider all other fundraising donations or donations of time; and once a formal plan is developed, the Select Board will consider organizing an ad-hoc committee of staff and citizens of Exeter appointed by the Board." It wasn't that we were kicking this to the end of the line, it was that it had to be in its place. Organizing an ad-hoc committee is typically done by the Board. We want to make sure we're including everyone who wants to be included.

Resident Lara Bricker said she would like to be involved in this committee. She's active in fundraising activities for some large annual events. We have a group of people who are enthusiastic and desire to get this done, and local businesses willing to donate goods and services to the town. It's a win-win. She hopes we don't lose the opportunity to have this work done by getting caught up in the process.

Dave Short said Bell & Flynn would provide gravel to fill the cellar hole. Keith Whitehouse will provide machinery to spread it. It will be minimal disruption and a quick process over a half day where parking spaces in front would be taken up. We need to get a fence up by the river to secure people from falling in. We've gotten quotes for chain link and aluminum fencing.

Ms. Belanger asked to hear from Town Planner Dave Sharples on this proposal. Mr. Sharples said his involvement so far has been minimal. The Town Manager sent him the shoreland permit application to check if it was complete to submit to the State. He concluded that it was complete, but there was no further analysis.

Ms. Belanger said we were going to wait a while and see our options. We were rushed into accepting this property. We accepted with the understanding that we were going to take a strong look at it and not be rushed further. We have a process on creating a committee, but now the Town Manager has been meeting with a committee we haven't appointed. She's not comfortable with being rushed through another process. Mr. Dean said there was only one

meeting which happened on February 16, and the Chair of the Select Board was there as well.

Ms. Gilman said she agrees with Ms. Belanger. She wants to have a sense of what the entire project would be before starting to mess with the site. She is concerned about its accessibility for those with disabilities.

Ms. Cowan said she was not at the meeting in December when the Board accepted the property. It's hard to get volunteers, and we have to meet the moment, but we get into trouble if we rush the process. We have a process for a reason. If we haven't vetted this or had full discussions, that goes against what she's imagining. Town government can be glacial for a reason.

Mr. Short said the impetus behind this was to save tax dollars. We're proposing to do a small part of what needs to take place down there. The real work of design and engineering will be slow. This does seem a little rushed but it's a necessary first step.

Mr. Staples said he approaches a project with "what's the goal," and more questions come out of that. Obviously, the goal is a park, but what kind of park? Would people sit? Would they eat? Would there be gardens? Should the entire area be accessible? What experience should people have when they're there? Then you form a ballpark of where to go and how much to spend and you can design the park. There are some existing site constraints: foundations on either side, one of which has some quick cement on it and dilapidated pavement; an old granite cellar foundation; and a drop from the sidewalk to the retaining wall. The grade is 10% and for a public park it should be 2% or less. There are different ways to approach this. We haven't done a brainstorming/workshop session on what the final goal of the project is.

Ms. Bricker said this is everyone's not-busy season. Otherwise we would have to wait another year. If we could just get this done now, we can go back to the slow pace for the rest of the work. We should have these people do this work and get the application to the Wetlands Board, and then take our time. This is just getting to a starting point so people can see what's there and be more apt to donate money.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked what the site would look like when they were finished. Will people be able to use it right away? Ms. Bricker said it's more about visibility and not being an eyesore.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean if he's talked to Primex. Mr. Dean said we talked to them and they did a site visit as part of the donation process, but no further work has been done.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Sharples if this area would be safe for folks. Mr. Sharples said he doesn't know where the property lines are. What does that transition look like? On the shoreland permit, there's about 900 square feet of fill. Beyond that there are some issues, like concrete blocks, holes, and pipes. We should probably smooth it out if we want people to walk on it.

Mr. Short said regarding the concrete on the Chocolatier side, the intent was to take the fence to the top of the wall and once we reach the area where

those blocks are to come back up towards Water Street. We don't want people getting to those. On the Cornicello side, there's one granite block that needs to be raised or replaced so there's no room under the fence. Then it will be a safe environment.

Ms. Belanger asked how quickly this has to get done. Mr. Short said the permit would be submitted to the State with a 5 business day turnaround, so if we submit right away it could be done within the next two weeks. The whole process would slow down once this step takes place. Ms. Gilman said we haven't seen anything, we're only hearing about it verbally. Mr. Short said we will have quality contractors in there. What is done will meet the satisfaction of the town. The upper fence wouldn't immediately come down, we would get the say-so of the Board first. We haven't formed our own committee, we're offering to volunteer our services. Ms. Belanger said there is a committee process that must be followed. The town ultimately must approve. Mr. Short said we're happy to put in an application to be part of a committee.

Scott Ruffner of 11 Hall Place was present remotely via Zoom. He said he is part of the group helping to push this forward. He's confused by the difference between ad-hoc and regular committees. With the Town Hall Committee, this ad-hoc committee was put together by the town and there wasn't pushback or concern on that initiative. Ms. Gilman said the Town Hall Committee was a project that we got a grant for and hired an architecture firm to study accessibility issues and other concerns. The group was put together at the invitation of Ms. Gilman, the Architect, and the Assistant Town Manager. It was just for preliminary input on user needs, not for designing or volunteering to build something. People in that group are not going to be making final decisions, it will go to the general public and this is at least a two-year project.

Mr. Papakonstantis said the idea that this Board had was to put together an ad-hoc committee. We have all kinds of advisory committees that support town staff. This is a finite project. It's similar to the Police Stakeholders Committee, which had one purpose for a finite period of time. They brought their proposal to the Select Board and the committee was done. That was what he was envisioning for this project. We try to get a diverse group of people who bring something different to the table to put together a plan. The town needs people who are generous with their time and money, but it was a letter to the Select Board less than a month after the donation with "here's the committee we put together and here's what we're going to do." We have a process for utilizing staff, and one of our Department heads was put in a compromising position. Someday Mr. Bisson will be overseeing this park, but he doesn't know anything about this yet. Folks should have gone to the Town Manager before they included Mr. Bisson. January and February are the Board's busy season, with our Budget Hearing, Deliberative Session, and helping people understand warrant articles. He's excited about 23 Water Street but we didn't get right on this because we're trying to get ready for the election. Folks want to do something nice for the town but we're elected to do what's best for the entire town and

following town procedures. If we accept this donation, what is it we're getting? What will happen? There's no plan.

Steve Hermans of 21 Forest Street said he's been part of this group; it's not a committee, it's just a group of people who want to see this happen. There should be a way to receive these offers of donated services to stabilize this area, make it safe, and create a "blank slate" to help people see and understand this park. The Board and the Town Manager could decide which town employee could coordinate with those contractors. It would be at no cost to the town, other than the impact fees for the fence. Ms. Gilman said the Board has to approve using the impact fees, so we need more information about what will happen with those fees. If you have a staff person to coordinate, that's budgeted time. It's hard enough to have staff coordinate our existing committees. It's not as easy as you'd like it to be.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to discuss the process when the town acquires a piece of land and who the staff member should be to work with the group. Mr. Dean said in this situation where it's proposed to be a park, it would be the Town Planner and the Parks and Recreation Director. The Board has to be the entity that accepts a donation, so it's up to the Select Board to decide whether to accept these offers of services. This is not a very typical situation. Mainly we get conservation land and easements, so we turn them over to Kristen Murphy, our Conservation Planner, to administer them with the Conservation Committee. Ms. Belanger asked about Stewart Park. Mr. Dean said that was before his time. The Chamber of Commerce was involved in that effort.

Florence Ruffner of 5 Pine Street said we know how much Keith Whitehouse does for the town. Bell & Flynn does a lot for the town. This hole has been there for 35 years. If these people we already use can fill in the hole, and we have the resources to save the taxpayers money, \$5,000 or \$10,000, she doesn't understand what the issue is. Ms. Gilman said the Memorial Day Committee started out as appointed, but Ms. Ruffner took it over and now we don't know who's on it. Ms. Ruffner said no one ever asked her. She provides all of her receipts. Mr. Dean said there are some committees, such as the Holiday Parade committee, that aren't put together by the Select Board.

Keith Whitehouse of Westside Drive said he will make the area safe, as safe as it can be. That's his guarantee.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked about the deadline for submitting the Shoreland Permit Application. Mr. Dean said he doesn't believe there is one.

Nancy Phillips of Water Street said sometimes the fence is secured, sometimes it's not. Sometimes there are kids in there, or things get thrown into the river. It would be a huge improvement to remove the fence and let people see the river. It would be better for the town's insurance policy and our long-term goals.

Ms. Belanger said it would cost about \$5,000 to fill in the hole. If we don't know what we want to do on this property and we change the design to include a step or something, is it going to cost us money to take that out? Mr. Short said

due to ADA regulations, he doesn't think they'll want to do stepping. That's part of Jen Martel's expertise. Once she has time to work on it, that can be figured out. He doesn't see a lot of fill coming out of there.

Mr. Papakonstantis said we can wait a week for Mr. Bisson to work up impact fees and what a fence would cost. When we closed on the property, he was already working on fencing. He asked the volunteer group to come back with a picture or design. Does it make sense to accept the generous donation from Mr. Whitehouse and Bell & Flynn, fence it so there's no access to it, and come back to the table to put together a committee and start talking about a plan? Mr. Short said yes, but the permit is good for 5 years, and it will be a limiting factor. It could be submitted now. Mr. Papakonstantis said it can wait a week.

Ms. Cowan said some people think this is a no-brainer. It would be helpful for our staff to work with folks so we're able to articulate the process and timeline. They should be laid out in a scope of work. Everyone has the best intent and she doesn't want it to feel like anybody is cutting corners.

b. Master Plan Update

Town Planner Dave Sharples said in 2018 he worked with Horsley Whitten to make a document that covers everything and specific action items to meet our goals. He's never seen community engagement like that, with several hundred people at the Master Plan meeting at the High School and more via survey, email, and in person. There were 67 action items. The Town Manager asked him to complete an analysis and 66 of the items are completed or being worked on. Only one hasn't been started, the Complete Streets study, which has been in the CIP since the Master Plan but is up for funding in 2025. It's pretty much a completed document. Every Department was involved and it was a collaborative effort. We'll need to update the Master Plan; he put that in the CIP for 2028 but we may need to look at that sooner as funding allows.

Ms. Belanger said the Master Plan connects everything. The Planning Board refers to it a lot. One of the questions in Mr. Keegan's report was, "does the town want to grow." When she heard that, she thought it may be time to move the Master Plan up.

Mr. Chartrand said he participated in the Master Plan process and it was a time of incredible citizen energy. We harvested a number of volunteers who have been working in town government since. It's wonderful that we've executed so brilliantly on this Master Plan. He's excited about the idea of initiating another round of Master Planning.

Mr. Papakonstantis said this should be part of our goal-setting session in April.

Mr. Dean said now is the time to seriously consider updating the Master Plan. The town has continued to evolve.

c. RSA 41-14-a Public Hearing: Planet Playground Land

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to open the public hearing on the acquisition of Planet Playground land, map 69 lots 4 and 6, pursuant to RSA 41-14a. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Parks and Rec Director Greg Bisson said this is an exciting time. There will be a notification coming out about a subcommittee for the playground. He added that the hazardous trees came down today and it's a very open look now.

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Papakonstantis said there will be two more public hearings. The third will be at the Select Board meeting on March 18. The second will be a special meeting on Friday March 8 at 8 AM.

Ms. Belanger said she saw in the packet a letter from the Conservation Commission recommending the acquisition. The Planning Board recommended it at their meeting on February 22nd. Mr. Dean said the Heritage Commission met on February 21 and endorsed it as well.

Ms. Cowan asked for an update on the last Rec Advisory meeting. Mr. Bisson said we talked about Planet Playground. We talked about 10 Hampton Road and asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to meet the contractors. We talked about robots, which he will be coming to the Board for approval on: a field-lining robot and mowing robots. These would relieve some of the pressure on our two Park staff. We talked about 23 Water Street and the possible green space in front of Town Hall. We also talked about programming which is going well.

d. Public Hearing: E911 Committee Recommendation – Paws Way

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Fritz was present to discuss the E911 Committee's recommendations. The first is a recommendation to name an existing private right of way at 70 Beech Hill Road, south of 62 Beech Hill Road, as 51 Paws Way.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to name the existing private right of way located on the property currently identified as tax map parcel 18-3, which is located south of the residence 62 Beech Hill Road, to 51 Paws Way, and to number the structures and/or dwellings accordingly, in compliance with chapter 14 of the Town Ordinance, as depicted on the map in our packet. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Deputy Fritz said the next is regarding 82 Linden Street, currently known as the Linden Fields apartment complex. We are looking to give them the street address of units 1-17 Linden Fields. We have a voluntary change of address form filled out by the Exeter Housing Authority.

**MOTION (not voted):** Ms. Belanger moved to change 82 Linden Street to 82 Linden Street units 1-17. Deputy Fritz said it's Linden Fields. Ms. Belanger withdrew her motion.

**MOTION** (not voted): Ms. Belanger moved to change 82 Linden Street to 82 Linden Fields units 1-17. Deputy Fritz said it's just 1-17 Linden Fields. Ms. Belanger withdrew her motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to change 82 Linden Street to Linden Fields, units 1-17. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Deputy Fritz said the new property subdivision at 131 Portsmouth Ave is getting their access off of Holland Way, and we've assigned them 181 Holland Way. We have a voluntary change of address form from Wakefield Thermal.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the application for a change of address from 131 Portsmouth Avenue to 181 Holland Way. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

#### 8. Regular Business

##### a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve acceptance of a timber tax from 54/5,6,7 and 63/205 in the amount of \$278.40 for the tax year 2024. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to deny a disability exemption for 95/64/94. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a disability exemption for 95/64/315 in the amount of \$125,000 for the tax year 2024. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve a solar exemption for 85/21 in the amount of \$36,000 for the tax year 2024. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to approve elderly exemptions for 64/105/80 and 74/39 in the amount of \$183,751 each for the tax year 2024. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

##### b. Permits & Approvals

Mr. Dean said this was a suit filed by the State of NH against several companies regarding opioids. We participated in the proceedings. The settlement will bring \$100,000 into NH to fight the opioid crisis. The town needs to sign these agreements, the State will collect the money, and hopefully in the future will dole them out to the towns and cities.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign all appropriate paperwork relative to the opioid settlement brought by the Attorney General. Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Our groundwater exploration program is continuing. We have an agreement with PEA to do pump testing off Drinkwater Road.
- ii. The town-wide revaluation is progressing.
- iii. The Zoning Board approved four units where the old Mobil Station was on Main Street.
- iv. The siphons project is continuing. We're at 500+ feet and the drilling is going well. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if it would conclude in late Spring, and Mr. Dean said later than that, possibly in June.
- v. The Pickpocket Dam feasibility study is tomorrow February 27 at Town Hall. We did a lot of notification for that, including putting the trailer [signboard] at the dam site.
- vi. He is going on vacation through March 5th. The Assistant Town Manager will be acting in his stead.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Belanger attended a Conservation Commission meeting. They recommended the acquisition of the Planet Playground land. An Academy student reached out to Kristen Murphy about the native seed library at the Public Library; the Conservation Commission voted to expend some funds to have the volunteer organize it. Earth Day is coming up and there will be a student tree project. Last Saturday was the first in a series of sustainable films. People gave donations to Helpsy. The Conservation Commission works hard to put on public events. The Alewife Festival is May 11 from 10 - 1. There was talk of participating in a State program to count fish from mid-April to the end of May. The Planning Board tabled the application for 81 Front Street. Mr. Sharples introduced two maps, one from 1884 and the other one current, showing density to consider filing for an urban exemption. The Planning Board supported it; if the Conservation Commission supports it, it will also come before this Board.
- ii. Ms. Gilman gave an update on State legislative issues.
- iii. Mr. Chartrand said there was a joint Energy and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting last Wednesday February 21. The purpose was to see if those committees want to merge, but the timeframe for a merged committee to meet just wasn't there. They reviewed projects that each committee had been working on and there was a lot of energy for each others' projects. They ended by continuing as separate committees but trying for joint meetings on a quarterly basis.
- iv. Ms. Cowan had no update.

- v. Mr. Papakonstantis had a quick Swasey Parkway Trustees meeting. Not much can be done because of the siphons project and the soft ground. They talked about the joint meeting of them and the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the decision to leave the trust in Ohio for now, since there's a guaranteed 5% rate of return and the bank does the tax return.

e. Correspondence

- i. A letter from Dwane Staples, Chair of the Swasey Parkway Trustees, to Peter Lennon, the Chair of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, with a check for the deposit to the maintenance fund.
- ii. An NHMA Bulletin
- iii. A memo from the NH Local Welfare Administration Association about volunteer income tax assistance.

9. Review Board Calendar

The next Select Board meetings are March 4 and March 18. The Pickpocket Feasibility Study presentation will be at Town Hall at 7 PM tomorrow. March 8 at 8 am is the second Planet Playground hearing. Town Election is March 12 from 7 AM - 8 PM.

10. Non-Public Session

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(a). Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0 and the Board entered into non-public session at 9:20 PM. Ms. Belanger moved to exit non public session. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion carried and the Board exited non public session at 9:35 pm.

11. Adjournment. Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cowan. The Board stood adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary

Select Board Special Hearing  
Planet Playground  
Friday, March 8, 2024  
8 AM  
Nowak Room, Town Offices  
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Nancy Belanger.

Members absent: Dan Chartrand

Town Manager Russ Dean, Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy, and Parks and Rec Director Greg Bisson were also present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 8 AM.

2. Second Public Hearing: RSA 41-14, proposed acquisition of .45 acres surrounding and in support of Planet Playground at 4 & 8 Hampton Road. Land is identified as Parcel A on the plan entitled "A Lot Line Adjustment at 4 & 8 Hampton Road".

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to open the second public hearing under RSA 41-14 for the proposed acquisition of Map 69 lots 4 and 6. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Papakonstantis noted that there were no members of the public present.

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

Mr. Papakonstantis said the third public hearing will be March 18th, at the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.

3. Regular Business

a. Correspondence

Mr. Papakonstantis said he received correspondence from the Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee. At the SAC meeting of February 21, the committee took a vote to authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Select Board in support of Article 24. It had the unanimous support of that committee.

4. Calendar

Mr. Papakonstantis said the town election is March 12, 7 AM to 8 PM. He would like to see a robust number of voters. March 18 is the next Select Board meeting.

5. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary

## Appointments

Appointments  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Town Treasurer**  
Susan Penny

# 2022 New Hampshire Revised Statutes

## Title III - Towns, Cities, Village Districts, and Unincorporated Places

### Title 41 - Choice and Duties of Town Officers

#### Section 41:26-e - Appointed Town Treasurer.

**Universal Citation:** NH Rev Stat § 41:26-e (2022)

**41:26-e Appointed Town Treasurer.** – Any town may, under an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting, vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of a town treasurer. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by either the board of selectmen, or in the case of a town operating under RSA 37 upon recommendation of the town manager with approval of the board of selectmen. Whenever the selectmen or manager appoint the treasurer, such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. Any town may rescind the vote to appoint a town treasurer under an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting. If such article to rescind the appointment of a treasurer is approved, then the town shall reinstate the office of elected treasurer and shall fill the vacancy in accordance with RSA 669:69.

**Source.** 2007, 35:4, eff. July 13, 2007.

## Resignations

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Review Town Voting Results from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2024 Town Warrant							
Article Name	Yes	No	Total Votes	% Yes	% No	Result	
2 Zoning Amendment #1	2151	332	2483	86.6%	13.4%	Pass	
3 Zoning Amendment #2	1790	649	2439	73.4%	26.6%	Pass	
4 Police and Fire Substation	1639	945	2584	63.4%	36.6%	Pass	
5 School Street Area Design/Reconstruction	1789	698	2487	71.9%	28.1%	Pass	
6 Webster Avenue Pump Station	1914	529	2443	78.3%	21.7%	Pass	
7 Surface Water Treatment Plant Design/Engineering	1851	608	2459	75.3%	24.7%	Pass	
8 Excess Construction Proceeds Reallocation	1923	545	2468	77.9%	22.1%	Pass	
9 Choose Town Officers	2100	233	2333	90.0%	10.0%	Pass	
10 2024 Operating Budget	1692	754	2446	69.2%	30.8%	Pass	
11 2024 Water Budget	1742	697	2439	71.4%	28.6%	Pass	
12 2024 Sewer Budget	2013	465	2478	81.2%	18.8%	Pass	
13 Planet Playground	2026	514	2540	79.8%	20.2%	Pass	
14 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan - Water Street	2174	329	2503	86.9%	13.1%	Pass	
15 Appropriate to Sick Leave Trust Fund	1926	563	2489	77.4%	22.6%	Pass	
16 Appropriate to CRF - Parks Improvement	1655	820	2475	66.9%	33.1%	Pass	
17 Appropriation to Non Capital CRF - Snow/Ice Deficit	1964	535	2499	78.6%	21.4%	Pass	
18 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund - ADA	1612	830	2442	66.0%	34.0%	Pass	
19 Appropriate to Trust Fund - Swasey Parkway	2148	368	2516	85.4%	14.6%	Pass	
20 Adopt Investment Services for CRF	1975	455	2430	81.3%	18.7%	Pass	
21 Establish Town Solar Array Revolving Fund	1974	472	2446	80.7%	19.3%	Pass	
22 Water Sewer Advisory Committee	1937	459	2396	80.8%	19.2%	Pass	
23 Heritage Commission	1958	430	2388	82.0%	18.0%	Pass	
24 Citizen's Petition - Rugg Property	2222	340	2562	86.7%	13.3%	Pass	
25 Citizen's Petition - Swasey Parkway	857	1604	2461	34.8%	65.2%		



22% voter turnout

12,131

Registered Voters

BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*Andrea J. Kohler*

TOWN CLERK

27 New Voters

MARCH 12, 2024

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>FOR SELECTMEN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><b>MOLLY COWAN</b> 2030 ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31 ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than THREE</p> <p><b>DAVIS MOORE</b> 1738 ●</p> <p><b>LISA WILSON</b> 1850 ●</p> <p><i>Sherry Kostenbuder</i> 45 ● (Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) ○</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE SWAZEY PARKWAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><b>DARIUS X. THOMPSON</b> 1949 ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 ○ (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Six Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><b>STACEY PENNA</b> 1970 ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROBINSON FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Seven Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><b>MARK PAIGE</b> 1863 ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><b>PETER LENNON</b> 1918 ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 ○ (Write-in)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2 Zoning**

Shall the Town vote to adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, by amending Article 4, District Regulations, Section 4.2, Schedule I: Notes of the Exeter Zoning Ordinance regarding Residential Conversions and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)? The purpose of this amendment is to continue to allow residential conversions and accessory dwelling units but make the language on conversions and ADU's consistent, require access to municipal water and sewer for conversions, and to streamline the process for property owners. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0.

2151  
YES ●  
332 NO ○

**Article 3**

Shall the Town vote to adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, by modifying Article 6.19 Mixed Use Neighborhood Development? The purpose of this amendment is to extend the provisions of the Mixed-Use Neighborhood District (MUND) to include the C2 Highway Commercial zoning district that includes a portion of Portsmouth Avenue between Green Hill Road and the Stratham town line and a portion of Epping Rd from just north of Brentwood Road to Industrial Drive. The MUND allows for mixed use development to occur at different scales. MUND uses a series of incentives to create a mix of housing units (including 10% affordable units) and neighborhood scale commercial uses. Design standards are included to ensure high quality development that is consistent with the scale and historic character of these neighborhoods. The amendment also modifies some existing language to incentivize the use of this innovative land use control. Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1.

1790  
YES ●  
NO ○  
649

**Article 4**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen million five hundred twenty two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$17,522,500) for the purpose of a "net zero" design, engineering and construction of a new police station and fire substation on Continental Drive including equipment, furnishings and related costs, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$17,522,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 20-year bond at 3.65% interest: .68/1,000, \$68/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1639  
YES ●  
NO ○  
945

1550

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six million five hundred ten thousand and zero dollars (\$6,510,000) for the purpose of construction of water, sewer and drainage improvements in the School Street area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,510,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Town anticipates receiving 35% debt forgiveness from NHDES to offset a portion of the sewer cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the general fund, and notwithstanding the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will also be paid from the water fund, and sewer fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 15-year bond at 3.35% interest: \$.10/1,000, \$10/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1789  
YES   
NO   
698

1492

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thirteen thousand and three hundred dollars (\$213,300) for the purpose of replacement of the Webster Avenue Sewer Pump Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$213,300 of bonds or notes, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will be paid by the sewer fund. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. This appropriation is in addition to the \$5,700,000 in bonding authority approved by Article 3 of the 2022 Town Meeting. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1914  
YES   
NO   
529

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of design and engineering of a new surface water treatment plant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other items thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will be paid from the water fund. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1851  
YES   
NO   
608

1476

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bonds approved in 2011 for Great Dam Design and Water/Sewer Line Replacement; and in 2012 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Design and Jady Hill Utilities (totaling \$213,971) as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the purchase of two Police vehicles per RSA 33:3-a, II. The remaining unused bond proceeds (\$93,971) to be applied to the principal payment on the Great Dam Removal bond issued in 2014. (Estimated Tax Impact: None). (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1923  
YES   
NO   
545

1461

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year. BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Canada, Andrew Elliott, Enna Grazier, Amanda Kelly, Bob Kelly, James Darden Rives, Judy Rowan, Christine Soutter, Christopher Zigmont, Anthony Zwaan. FENCE VIEWER: Doug Eastman; MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK: Doug Eastman; WEIGHER: Jay Perkins

2100  
YES   
NO   
233

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$22,860,862. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$22,572,676, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Estimated Tax Impact: .29/1,000 assessed property value, \$29/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1692  
YES   
NO   
754

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as a water operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,962,773. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$4,828,764, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1742  
YES   
NO   
697

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Andrea J. Kohler*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 12**

Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as a sewer operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$7,490,430. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,569,284, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2013  
YES   
NO   
465

**Article 13**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of five hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$595,000), for the purpose of purchase and installation of a new Planet Playground including equipment, at the Town Recreation Park at 4 Hampton Road. Approximately \$297,500 of this appropriation will be funded by a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant. The remaining sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). The Select Board has designated this a special warrant article. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2026  
YES   
NO   
514

**Article 14**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Exeter Select Board to enter into a loan agreement of no more than \$100,000 through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of developing a replacement plan for Water Street stormwater infrastructure. The loan will provide up to \$100,000 principal forgiveness; therefore, no repayment of the loan will be required. (3/5 vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2174  
YES   
NO   
1502  
3729

**Article 15**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1926  
YES   
NO   
523

**Article 16**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .03/1,000 assessed property value, \$3.34/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-1.

1655  
YES   
NO   
820

**Article 17**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Snow and Ice Deficit Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1964  
YES   
NO   
535

**Article 18**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the ADA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .02/1,000 assessed property value, 2.21\$/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1612  
YES   
NO   
830

**Article 19**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to be added to the Swasey Parkway Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This amount is equivalent to the amount of permit fees collected during 2023 for use of the Swasey Parkway. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2148  
YES   
NO   
368

**Article 20**

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town. No vote to rescind the authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of this article. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1975  
YES   
NO   
455

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 21

Shall the vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a solar array on the Cross Road Town Landfill. All revenues received for array operations from net metering credits, federal grants and aid, and REC (renewable energy credit) sales will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and town manager, and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1974  
YES   
NO   
412

Article 22

Shall the Town amend Article 20 of the 2011 Town Meeting by reducing the number of members of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee from seven (7) members to five (5) members. Of the five members, two (2) members shall be members of the Select Board. Members of the Select Board shall be voting members of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1937  
YES   
NO   
459

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to reduce the number of members of the Heritage Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members. The composition of the Heritage Commission will include one (1) Select Board representative, one (1) Planning Board representative, one (1) Historic District Commission representative, and two (2) at large members appointed by the Select Board. The Heritage Commission will include three (3) alternate members appointed by the Select Board. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1958  
YES   
NO   
430

Article 24 – Citizen's Petition – 'Rugg Property'

On petition of Tom Jelinek and others, to see if the voters in the Town of Exeter support the future purchase of approximately 47 acres of property owned by the Rugg family located north of Oaklands Town Forest and east of Wood Ridge Lane by the Town of Exeter for the purposes of expanding the town-owned Oakland Town Forest, and preserving open space, trails, public outdoor recreation, drinking water supplies, and wildlife habitat; to request that the Selectmen review the project, including evaluation of potential funding options such as bonds; and to advise and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain, accept, and pass through any federal or state grants, loans, or private gifts, if any, which may be available for said acquisition, in collaboration with and facilitated by conservation organizations. (Majority vote required)

2222  
YES   
NO   
340

Article 25

On petition of Donald Clement and others to see if the Town will vote to make the Swasey Parkway a one-way road northbound in its entirety for motorized vehicular traffic and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 to construct speed bumps and maintain the road. (Majority vote required.) Not Recommended by the Select Board 0-5.

857  
YES   
NO   
11204

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

**RSA 41-14 a Final Hearing & Vote: Planet Playground Land Acquisition**



Russ Dean &lt;rdean@exeternh.gov&gt;

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## Planet Playground

2 messages

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**David Sharples** <dsharples@exeternh.gov>

Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 9:25 AM

To: Russ Dean &lt;rdean@exeternh.gov&gt;

Cc: Melissa Roy &lt;mroy@exeternh.gov&gt;, Pam McElroy &lt;pmcelroy@exeternh.gov&gt;, Greg Bisson &lt;gbisson@exeternh.gov&gt;

Hello Russ,

- The Conservation Commission met on 2/13/2024 and unanimously recommended acquisition of the land supporting Planet Playground.
- The Heritage Commission met on 2/21/2024 and unanimously recommended acquisition.
- The Planning Board met on 2/22/2024 and unanimously recommended acquisition.

This completes the review of the relevant land use boards and is ready to move forward to the SB. Is this on the agenda for Monday?

Please let me know if you need any more confirmation than this email and I can provide minutes and/or a memo.

Thanks,

Dave

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**Melissa Roy** <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 9:50 AM

To: David Sharples &lt;dsharples@exeternh.gov&gt;

Cc: Russ Dean &lt;rdean@exeternh.gov&gt;, Pam McElroy &lt;pmcelroy@exeternh.gov&gt;, Greg Bisson &lt;gbisson@exeternh.gov&gt;

Dave,

Yes, the first hearing in the process for Planet Playground is scheduled for Monday night.

[Quoted text hidden]

**TOWN OF EXETER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

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Date: February 14, 2024  
To: Russ Dean, Town Manager and Exeter Select Board Members  
From: Andrew Koff, Chair, Exeter Conservation Commission  
Subject: Acquisition of Land in Support of Planet Playground

**Project Information:**

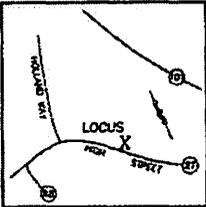
Project Location: 4/8 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH  
Map/Lot: Map 69, Lots 4 and 6  
CC Review Date: 2/13/24

In accordance with RSA 41:14A, the Conservation Commission discussed the potential acquisition of 0.45 acres surrounding and in support of Planet Playground, identified as Parcel A on the plan entitled "A Lot Line Adjustment at 4 & 8 Hampton Road". The Conservation Commission voted unanimously in support of the Town's acquisition of this parcel.



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Andrew Koff  
Chair, Exeter Conservation Commission



**NOTES:**

- THIS PLAN DOES NOT SHOW ANY UNRECORDED OR UNWRITTEN EASEMENTS WHICH MAY EXIST. A REASONABLE AND DILIGENT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DISCOVER ANY APPARENT VISIBLE USES OF THE LAND. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE THAT NO SUCH EASEMENTS EXIST.
- THIS PARCEL DOES NOT LIE WITHIN A FLOOD ZONE. SEE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MAP 33030 0008 E EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 11, 2000.
- THE LANDOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS, INCLUDING ANY PERMITS AND EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS.

**PLAN REFERENCES**

- "ALTA/ACSM LAND TITLE SURVEY AND REALTY, L.L.C. 8 HAMPTON ROAD, ROUTE 120" SCALE: 1"=40' DATED: DEC. 4, 2008 BY: CTR. CONSULTANTS D-34400
- "PLAN OF LAND IN EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR TOWN OF EXETER" SCALE: 1"=40' DATED: MARCH 1973 BY: JOHN R. DUDSON CIVIL ENGINEERS 0-3630
- "EXETER RECREATION PARK TOWN OF EXETER RECREATION DEPARTMENT" SCALE: 1"=40' DATED: DEC. 4, 2018 BY: THOMAS & BOND ENGINEERS SHEET 0-101.1

**RECORD OWNERS**

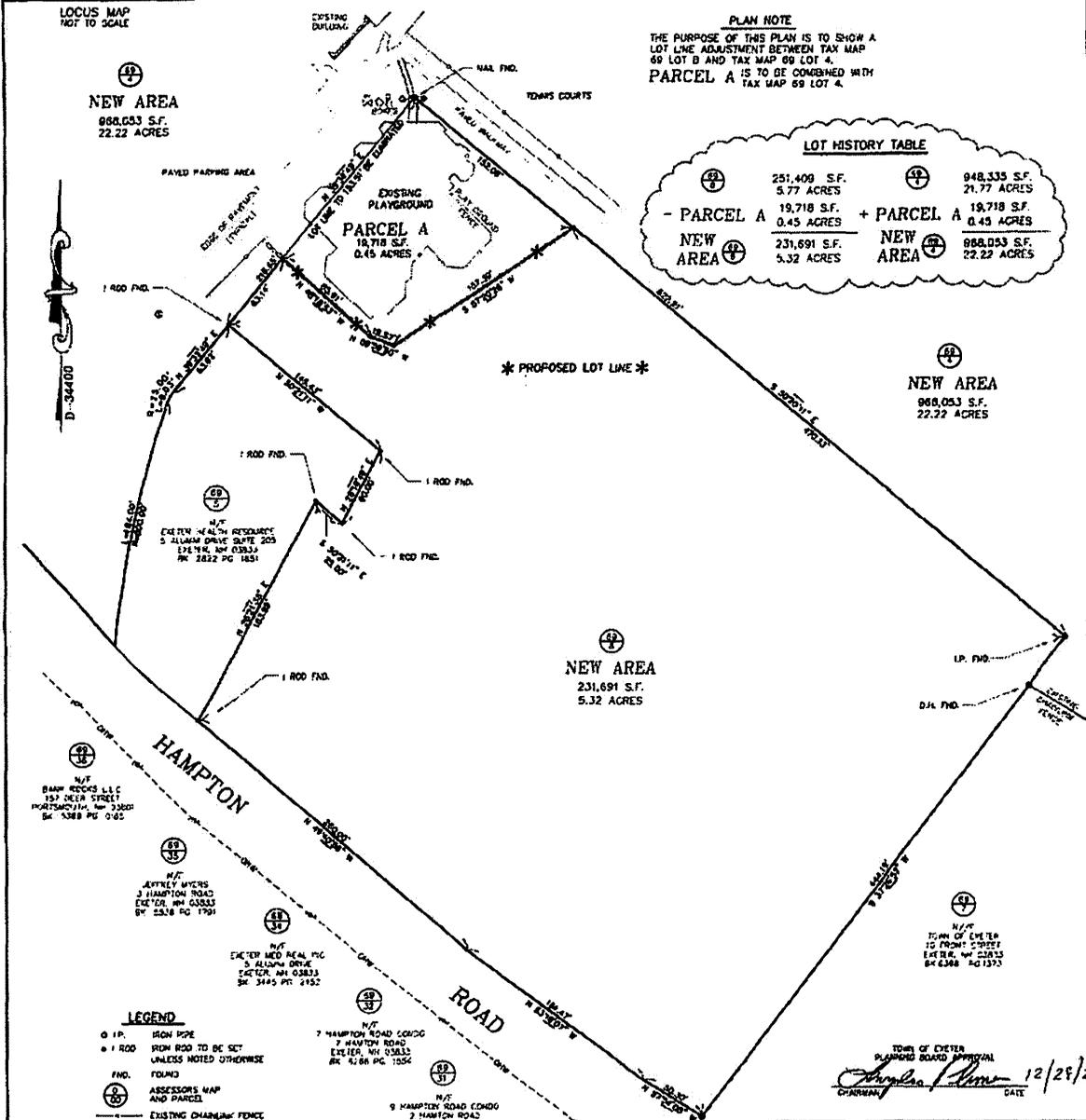
69	68
TOWN OF EXETER 10 FRONT STREET EXETER, NH 03833 19-720- PG 1630 948,335 S.F. 21.77 ACRES	EXETER NH PROPCO L.L.C. 240 SYLVAN AVENUE SUITE 240 ENGLWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07832 06-418 PG 1879 251,409 S.F. 5.77 ACRES

**PLAN NOTE**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO SHOW A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN TAX MAP 69 LOT B AND TAX MAP 69 LOT 4. PARCEL A IS TO BE COMBINED WITH TAX MAP 69 LOT 4.

**LOT HISTORY TABLE**

69	251,409 S.F. 5.77 ACRES	68	948,335 S.F. 21.77 ACRES
- PARCEL A	19,718 S.F. 0.45 ACRES	+ PARCEL A	19,718 S.F. 0.45 ACRES
NEW AREA	231,691 S.F. 5.32 ACRES	NEW AREA	968,053 S.F. 22.22 ACRES



**LEGEND**

- Ø 1/2" IRON PIPE
- Ø 1" IRON ROD TO BE SET UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE
- FND. FOUND
- ASSESSORS MAP AND PARCEL
- EXISTING CHAINLINK FENCE
- UTILITY POLE
- OVERHEAD WIRE
- WATER VALVE
- HYDRANT
- SEWER MANHOLE
- EXISTING STONE WALL

**UTILITIES NOTE**

THE LOCATION OF UTILITIES SHOWN HEREON IS BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHERS, AND WHILE POSSIBLE FROM MEASUREMENTS TAKEN IN THE FIELD, ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT "GASSTOP" AT 1-800-314-7223 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION TO REQUEST WARNING OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. MILLENNIUM ENGINEERING, INC. ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES INCURRED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESULTING THEREFROM.

**ZONING DISTRICT**

MP NEIGHBORHOOD / PROFESSIONAL

AREA	20,000 S.F.
LOT WIDTH	100'
LOT DEPTH	100'
MAXIMUM BUILDING COVERAGE	30%
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT	35'
MINIMUM OPEN SPACE	25%

BUILDING SETBACKS

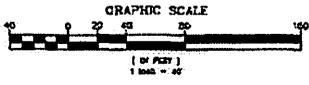
FRONT	35'
SIDE	50'
REAR	50'

I CERTIFY THAT THIS ACTUAL SURVEY WAS MADE ON THE GROUND ON AUGUST 20, 2023.

THAT THIS PLAN CONFORMS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

THAT THIS SURVEY CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCURACY FOR A.L. URBAN SURVEY.

*Michael J. Allen*  
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR  
DATE: 08-24-2023



TOWN OF EXETER  
PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL  
*Angela J. Allen* 12/28/23  
CHAIRMAN DATE

PLANNING BOARD CASE NUMBER 22-3	
<b>PLAN OF LAND</b>	
IN <b>EXETER, NH</b>	
SHOWING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AT 4 & 6 HAMPTON ROAD (ASSESSORS MAP 69 LOTS 4 & 6)	
RECORD OWNERS TOWN OF EXETER 10 FRONT STREET EXETER, NH 03833 EXETER NH PROPCO L.L.C. 440 SYLVAN AVENUE SUITE 240 ENGLWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07832	
PREPARED FOR TOWN OF EXETER 10 FRONT STREET EXETER, NH 03833	
<b>MILLENNIUM ENGINEERING INC.</b> ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS P.O. BOX 745 13 HAMPTON ROAD EXETER, NH 03833 PHONE: (603) 778-0528 FAX: (603) 772-0669 WWW.ME-INC.COM SCALE: 1"=40' DRAWN BY: KESL PROJECT: E233108	
DATE: AUG 24, 2023	CHVD, B7, N.M.S.

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY

# TITLE III

## TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES

### CHAPTER 41

#### CHOICE AND DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

##### Selectmen

##### Section 41:14-a

###### **41:14-a Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both; Demolition or Disposal of Buildings. –**

I. If adopted in accordance with RSA 41:14-c, the select board shall have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, and to demolish or otherwise dispose of buildings, provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition, sale, demolition, or disposal to the planning board, the conservation commission, the heritage commission, and the historic district commission if the building lies within a defined district for review and recommendation by those bodies, where such board or commissions exist. After the select board receives the recommendation of the planning board, the conservation commission, the heritage commission, and the historic district commission if the building lies within a defined district, where such board or commissions exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition, sale, demolition, or disposal; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the select board, prior to the select board's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition, sale, demolition, or disposal shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. The select board's vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing which is held.

II. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of and the selectmen shall have no authority to sell:

(a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.

(b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.

(c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

III. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the demolition or disposal of, and the select board shall have no authority to demolish or dispose of, any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

**Source.** 1994, 197:3. 1997, 38:1. 2001, 187:2. 2005, 80:1. 2007, 221:2. 2008, 109:1, eff. July 27, 2008. 2021, 184:1-3, eff. Oct. 9, 2021.

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Exeter Select Board will meet on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Nowak Room, 10 Front Street, Exeter, NH for the following purpose(s):

1. Second Public Hearing: RSA 41-14-a proposed acquisition of .45 acres surrounding and in support of Planet Playground at 4 & 8 Hampton Road. Land is identified as Parcel A on the plan entitled "A Lot Line Adjustment at 4 & 8 Hampton Road".

Niko Papakonstantis, Chairman  
Exeter Select Board

March 6, 2024

**2024 Paving Contract Extension – Steve Cronin, DPW Director**



## EXETER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

13 NEWFIELDS ROAD • EXETER, NH • 03833-3792 • (603) 773-6157 • FAX 772-1355

[www.exeternh.gov/publicworks](http://www.exeternh.gov/publicworks) • [publicworks@exeternh.gov](mailto:publicworks@exeternh.gov)

TO: Russell Dean, Town Manager

FROM: Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

DATE: March 12, 2024

RE: Contract Extension – Paving Services

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Please find attached a proposal from Bell & Flynn, LLC for paving services for the 2024 construction season. Despite recent market fluctuations, Bell & Flynn is currently able to offer pricing consistent with the prior year's contract. Accordingly, the prices proposed for 2024 are as follows:

- Item #1: Bituminous Concrete Pavement – Machine Method
  - \$71.90 per ton for Binder Course
  - \$72.90 per ton for Surface Course
  - \$73.90 per ton for “Urban Compact” Surface Course
  - \$74.90 per ton for Cul-de-sac Street and Leveling Course
- Item #2: Bituminous Concrete Pavement – Machine Method
  - \$140.00 per ton
- Item #3: Bituminous Concrete Curb/Berm
  - \$4.50 per linear foot

All pricing is subject to adjustment per New Hampshire Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) guidelines for Fuel (Item 1010.15) and Asphalt Cement Adjustment (Item 1010.2).

The road paving/maintenance management budget for 2024 is \$700,000. Based on this budget, the following roads are scheduled for pavement overlay: Cullen Way, Tamarind Lane, Captains Way, Senyar Farm Lane, Anna Louise Drive, Industrial Drive, Commerce Way, Colcord Pond Drive, Michael Ave, and Allard Street. Additionally, the following roads and bridges are scheduled for preventative maintenance crack sealing, as needed: Hampton Falls Road, Hampton Road, Swasey Parkway, Bell Ave, Crawford Ave, String Bridge, Great Bridge, Guinea Bridge, Nelson Drive, and Drinkwater Road. Please note that this schedule and associated road treatments could be subject to change following a post-winter evaluation of road surface conditions.

This proposal is competitive with installed tonnage prices for other southeastern New Hampshire communities and low bid unit prices for 2023/2024 NHDOT projects. The Public Works Department recommends extending the road paving services contract with Bell & Flynn for 2024 based on their proven ability to perform the paving services required.

# BELL & FLYNN LLC

Pavement Reclamation  
Engineers & Contractors

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Planning · Testing · Design · Engineered/Reconstruction · Construction

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Telephone: (603) 778-8511

Fax: (603) 772-4396

69 Bunker Hill Avenue

Stratham, NH 03885

March 7, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Dean,

Despite continuing cost increases associated with wages/benefits, equipment/maintenance, transportation/energy and regulatory requirements which are customarily reflected in increased unit prices at the commencement of each construction season, Bell & Flynn LLC is pleased to be able at this time to offer to extend the current contract for paving services under the same terms, conditions and prices upon mutual agreement by the Town of Exeter.

The Unit Price of Pay Item #1, "Bituminous Concrete Pavement - Machine Method", per ton, in place, per Project Manual and Specifications, shall remain: \$71.90 per ton for Binder Course (e.g., Industrial Dr/Commerce Way, Anna Louise Dr) - the same unit price paid for all pavements installed during the 2012-2014 construction seasons!

\$72.90 per ton for Surface Course (e.g., Captains Way/Senyar Farm Ln, Tamarind Ln/Cullen Way)

\$73.90 per ton for "Urban Compact" Surface Course

The Unit Price for Cul-de-Sac Streets (e.g., Colcord Pond Dr, Michael Ave, Allard St) and the installation of Leveling Course shall remain \$74.90 per ton.

The Unit Price of Pay Item #2, "Bituminous Concrete Pavement – Hand Method", in place, per Project Manual and Specifications, shall be \$140.00 per ton.

The Unit Price of Pay Item #3, "Bituminous Concrete Curb/Berm", in place, per Project Manual and Specifications, shall be \$4.50 per linear feet.

The unit price of Bituminous Concrete Pavement shall continue to be subject to adjustment per NHDOT asphalt adjustment clause (Item 1010.2) and also NHDOT fuel adjustment clause (Item 1010.15) indexed to the respective May 2018 NHDOT prices of asphalt cement and fuel. The respective unit prices of ancillary services including pavement reclamation, cold planing and the adjustment of utility castings et. al in accordance with the Town of Exeter Hourly Truck and Equipment Rental Rates as most recently amended shall be incorporated into the contract as applicable.

In closing, I am sure that you will realize the benefits of this contract extension when you observe that the pricing of "Bituminous Concrete Pavement – Machine Method" includes no adjustment to reflect the significant increase in the cost of overhead expenses, employee compensation/benefits, et al. since 2018. While the inflationary spiral of supply side disruption in conjunction with increased global demand influencing the 2022 petroleum markets has substantially subsided, normal seasonal demand exacerbated by macroeconomic/geopolitical dynamics in crude oil markets is anticipated to continue to increase the *future* price

of asphalt pavements through the summer months of 2024. Considering these anticipated cost increases, in an attempt to provide price stability (at the lowest possible price!) it should again prove beneficial to the Town of Exeter to extend the current contract for paving services including paving and to complete as much work as possible early in the paving season.

Thanking you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this letter, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

John T. Bell  
President

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## 2024 Town of Exeter Bituminous Concrete Paving Unit Pricing

Bituminous Concrete Pavement-Machine Method		\$71.90-74.90/T
Bituminous Concrete Pavement-Hand Method		\$140.00/T
Bituminous Concrete/Berm		\$4.50/LF
Reclamation (incl. F. G. & C.)	<2,000 SY	\$5.00/SY
	2-4,000 SY	\$4.00/SY
	4-6,000 SY	\$3.50/SY
	6-10,000 SY	\$3.00/SY
	>10,000 SY	\$2.50/SY
Cold Planing (excl. Trucking)	<2,000 SY	\$12.00/SY
	2-4,000 SY	\$8.00/SY
	4-6,000 SY	\$5.00/SY
	6-10,000 SY	\$3.00/SY
	>10,000 SY	\$2.00/SY
Adjust utility castings to proposed finish grade	water gate box sleeve	\$150.00/EA
	Single grade ring	\$250.00/EA
	0-6"	\$450.00/EA+ concrete
	6-12"	\$650.00/EA+ concrete
	12-18"	\$850.00/EA+ concrete
	18-24"	\$1,050.00/EA+ concrete
Cat 140 Grader Rental		\$160.00/HR
Loader Rental		\$160.00/HR
Cat D-6 Dozer Rental		\$160.00/HR
Cat M318 Rubber Tired Excavator Rental		\$150.00/HR
Road Widener		\$150.00/HR
Lowbed Rental		\$130.00/HR
Tri Axle Dump Truck Rental		\$110.00/HR

Ten Wheel Dump Truck Rental	\$110.00/HR
Cat CS563 Vibratory Compactor Rental	\$110.00/HR
Cat CB334 Vibratory Compactor Rental	\$100.00/HR
Lay-Mor Sweeper Rental	\$100.00/HR
Grade Foreman	\$75.00/HR
Labor Rental	\$50.00/HR
Flagperson	\$50.00/HR OT-\$75.00/HR
2-4" Erosion Stone	\$25.00/CY
¾" Crushed Stone	\$25.00/CY
4" Crushed Gravel	\$20.00/CY
Screened Loam	\$20.00/CY
Asphalt Stabilized Base	\$15.00/CY

**Adopt Pairpoint Park Committee Charge**

The Exeter Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Advisory Committee is a diverse group of nine (9) residents who, along with the Town Planner & Parks and Recreation Director, will focus on formulating recommendations for the Select Board regarding transforming the property at 23 Water Street from an abandoned lot to a downtown community park.

The Select Board accepted a property donation to be named Pairpoint Park, located at 23 Water Street, in December 2023. The goal is to design a green space for the public to connect with nature downtown and create a space for residents and visitors to enjoy the benefits that our beloved downtown offers.

**Committee goals:**

- Work with the Town Planner and Recreation Director to review the map and specs of the property, including all inspections, and determine all permits that may be required to move forward with a park.
- Develop a formal public survey for community members to offer public input on park ideas or concepts.
- Present multiple design concepts and cost options to the Select Board for public meetings. All proposals should follow Town of Exeter Park guidelines, policies, and procedures.
- Investigate all sources of funding opportunities (grants, donations, funding partners and sponsorships, etc.).
- Recommend a project timeline, including potential phases of development/construction.
- Design, plan, and construct a public park that will be an integral and essential part of the Town of Exeter's downtown, enjoyed today and for future generations.

The committee is advisory in nature and will report all findings and recommendations to the Select Board. The committee will determine the frequency of meeting times in conjunction with assigned Town staff. The committee meetings will be held in Town Offices and will be recorded. The committee will be comprised of nine appointed volunteers (no term limits), one of whom will be a representative from the Recreation Advisory Committee; the Town Planner (non-voting); the Parks & Recreation Director (non-voting); and a Select Board representative (non-voting). The committee will disband upon completion of park development.

**To apply:** Please complete a Town of Exeter Statement of Interest - Boards and Committee Membership Application and submit to the Town Manager's office ([pmccelroy@excternh.gov](mailto:pmccelroy@excternh.gov)). The application and more information on Committee appointments can be found [here](#).

## **Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions**

# List for Select Board meeting March 18, 2024

## Abatement

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
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## Veterans Credit

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year	
104/79/701	701 Nottingham Dr	500	2024	
104/79/304	304 Friar Tuck Dr	500	2024	
87/8/C-10	c10 E&H Co-op	500	2024	
68/6/334	3 Sterling Hill 334	2,000	2024	disable

## Solar Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
70/119	181 High St	10,000	2024

## Elderly Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
95/64/168	6 Lilac St	152,251	2024
104/79/216	216 Robinhhod Dr	183,751	2024
104/79/1012	1012 Camelot Dr	152,251	2024
15/1	20 Birch Rd	183,751	2024

## Permits & Approvals





# Special Event Application

## WILL YOUR EVENT INVOLVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (Please check all that apply)

- Food/Beverage/Concessions/Vendors/sales (inspection by Health Officer)  Yes  No
- Alcoholic Beverages Served  Yes  No
- State Liquor Permit Received  Yes  No Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_
- Town Liquor Permit Approved  Yes  No Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronic sound amplification equipment, speakers, public address system (must follow noise ordinance)  Yes  No
- Propane/Charcoal BBQ grills (inspection by Health Officer)  Yes  No
- Electrical set up/ electrical cords run to the site (inspection needed by Electric Inspector)  Yes  No
- Fire pits, bonfires, kindle fire, campfire and other outdoor burning (must have permit from Fire Department)  Yes  No
- Tents/canopies If so, list quantity and size  Yes  No # & Size 5 12x12 possible
- Animals at the event. If so, describe  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorized Vehicles. If so, describe  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE/ATTACH TO PERMIT APPLICATION

All applicants for Special Events need to provide WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

- Site Plan:** Please attach a drawing of the event layout, including parking, facilities, vendor setup etc. (even if you supplied one in previous years).
- Security/Crowd Control Plan:** Describe how you plan to manage event goers while not surpassing the maximum seating capacity of indoor events or how you will secure, control, and assure compliance with laws and licensing conditions in the case of an outdoor event.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Traffic Control/ Parking Plan:** The estimated number of vehicles, provisions for parking, number of police officers or employees necessary to control traffic, type and location of any signs, and any other accommodations or procedures planned to handle attendees and their vehicles.  
Parking available at municipal lot.  
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## Special Event Application

**4. Fire Emergency Plan:** The estimated number of occupants of all indoor events to assure compliance with the laws and permit rules and conditions required by the NH State Fire Code and its adopted references for places of assembly.

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**5. Ambulance/ Medical Service Plan:** Detail the on-site emergency medical services and transportation plan.

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**6. Ticket Distribution Plan:** Outline the distribution of tickets prior to the event and/or at the time and place of the event, including provision for a limitation on ticket sales to maintain required occupancy levels and provision for the refund of ticket costs in the event of cancellation of the event.

Free educational event.

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**7. Sanitary Facilities Plan:** A plan appropriate for the number of attendees, which will include information relative to portable toilet facilities, trash containers, and a provision that the property and surrounding areas and roadways shall be cleared of all debris within 12 hours following the event.

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**8. Food Service Plan:** A food service plan, which may require review and acceptance by the Exeter Health Officer or a vendor permit from the Fire Department. Please list what types of food will be served and where it will be served within the facility.

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**9. Special Duty Service Fees:** The application fee does not include the cost of Fire or Police protection/detail, or any other extra Town expense required to protect the health and safety of the public which can reasonably be attributed to the event. All such costs associated with the use of active and stand-by emergency and other services provided by the Town of Exeter, or by other towns' emergency services, shall be borne by the applicant, promoter or sponsor.

After the event, billing for the Special Duty Services will be based on actual hours incurred by Town personnel. The total will be invoiced. A history of non-payment or late payment of any application fee and or Special Duty Services is grounds to deny your request for future event permits.

**10. Liability Insurance Required:** Certificate of Insurance and endorsement/provisions to be submitted with completed application. Required Amounts: General Liability/Bodily Injury/Property Damage: \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate; **the Town of Exeter must be listed as additionally insured.**

**11. A performance bond** for events over 5,000 participants per day and or other security acceptable to the Town may be required in an amount equal to the amount estimated for Special Duty Services Fees as described above.



## Special Event Application

By signing below, I confirm that all information provided herein and in all attachments as true and accurate, acknowledge that this application will not be reviewed by the Recreation Department until considered complete by Town review staff, and state that all liability for this event is assumed and accepted by the applicant.

Print Name Kristen Murphy Organization Exeter Planning Dept

Applicant Signature *Kristen Murphy* Date 3/7/24

I also confirm that I am responsible for all costs incurred for this event including all special duty police, fire and health/safety services. **All services must be paid in full upon receipt of the invoice. If not paid in full, the Town will charge 2% interest per month.**

The Town may request/sue for legal expenses if the Town has to go to collections for unpaid amounts. I am responsible for all fees, which may include interest, attorney and court fees.

The Town reserves its rights to pursue all available legal remedies for damage to Town property or violation of any laws, rules or conditions applicable to use of Town property. In addition, such conduct may result in revocation of permission and/or denial of future requests for permission to use Town property.

It is understood that this is a temporary permit in which can be revoked, eliminated or extended due to the fluidity of COVID-19 and/or non-compliance.

Print Name Kristen Murphy

Applicant Signature *Kristen Murphy* Date 3/17/24

### Please make Checks payable to Exeter Parks & Recreation

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Cost For Event: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entered Into RecDesk:  Yes  No

Sent Invoice:  Yes  No

Received Insurance:  Yes  No

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNED OFF

**Police Chief**

Yes  No

Via Email

**Health Inspector**

Yes  No

Via Email

**Fire**

Yes  No

Via Email

**DPW**

Yes  No

Via Email

**Parks & Rec**

Yes  No

Via Email



Town of Exeter, NH  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, NH 03833  
Phone: 773-6102

## Parking Permit Request

*Permission to block off parking spaces near the Bandstand will include blocking off parking spaces from the Bandstand steps to the crosswalk only, not beyond the crosswalk.*

### Applicant Information:

Name: Kristen Murphy Address: 10 Front Street  
Town/State/Zip: Exeter, NH 03833 Phone: 603-418-6452  
Email: kmurphy@exeternh.gov

### Vehicle Information:

Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization/Company Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description:

Blocking Off 4 Parking Spaces (quantity) Location: See attached map  
Describe Activity: Parking an electric vehicle for public display purpose during Alewife Festival  
Date(s) of Activity: May 11 Time of Activity: 9:30-1

*If permit involves overnight use of blocking off an area, barricades must be in place before dark. This permit is issued for the purpose indicated above and shall be valid only during the times/dates indicated on this permit.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

Window permit issued:

As authorized by the Board of Selectmen/Designee (Dean):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Parking Requests

Red - Electric Vehicle Parking (3)  
Purple - NH Fish and Game

**Legend**  
📍 Founders Park

Level G

Founders Park

Google Earth

200 ft



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**Exeter Gas Realty LLC**

P.O. BOX 311  
Yonkers, NY 10710  
(914) 713-3516  
exeterezmart@gmail.com

27th February 2024

**Town of Exeter**

Tax Collector  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, NH 03833

Dear Tax Collector,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention an issue regarding our mailing address with the Town of Exeter. We recently discovered that our mailing address was incorrect, resulting in certain correspondences being misdirected. Although the suite number was the only discrepancy, it led to the imposition of penalties and fees on our account.

We acknowledge that the responsibility for updating our mailing address lies with us, and we regret any inconvenience this oversight may have caused. However, I would like to highlight that this is an isolated incident in our six years of business operations. Throughout this period, we have consistently maintained timely payments and adhered to all municipal regulations.

In light of our exemplary track record and the minimal impact of the address discrepancy, we respectfully request reimbursement for the penalties and fees incurred, amounting to \$116.62. We believe this request is fair and equitable given the circumstances.

We value our relationship with the Town of Exeter and strive to uphold the highest standards of compliance and responsibility. Your understanding and consideration regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at (914) 713-3516 or samijamal@aol.com if you require any further information or clarification. Thank you for your attention to this request, and I look forward to a prompt resolution.

Warm regards,



**Sami Jamal**



**Town of Exeter**  
 Tax Collector  
 10 Front Street  
 Exeter NH 03833

**2023**

Installment 2 of 2

**PROPERTY TAX BILL**  
 Customer Copy  
 Keep this portion for your records

Owner(s)				Property Location		
EXETER GAS REALTY LLC				72 MAIN ST		
Parcel	Tax Year	Bill Date	Bill Number	Bill Due Date	Unpaid Taxes Are Subject to	
					Interest at	Interest After
63-6	2023	11/13/2023	1886	12/13/2023	8%	12/14/2023
State School Tax		Local School Tax		Town Tax	County Tax	Total Tax Rate
1.870		17.720		6.230	0.960	26.780
Valuations				Total Gross Tax <b>\$13,550.68</b> Less Veteran(s) Credit(s) <b>\$0.00</b> Less Payments <b>-\$6,261.75</b> Plus Interest <b>\$0.00</b>		
Land	407,700					
Buildings	98,300					
Exemptions						
Total Exemptions				0		
Taxable Valuation				Total Due This Bill		
Net				506,000		
Previous unpaid taxes due. Interest shown as of current bill due date. Please call for payoff amount.				Total previous unpaid taxes due as of current bill due date.		
Year	Tax Balance		Interest		<b>Plus interest \$116.62</b> <b>Total owed now: \$7405.55</b>	
<b>PAID</b> paid online				2/26/24.		

**IMPORTANT TAXPAYER INFORMATION IS LOCATED ON BACK OF BILL. PAYMENT MAY BE MADE IN PERSON, LEFT IN BLACK DROPBOX AT TOWN OFFICE (CHECKS ONLY), BY MAIL, OR ONLINE AT <https://selfservice.exeternh.gov/MSS>. WE ACCEPT eCHECKS, MASTERCARD, VISA, DISCOVER, AND DEBIT CARDS ONLINE - FEES APPLY. CALL 773-6108 FOR PAYMENT QUESTIONS.**

Detach and return the below portion with your payment



**Town of Exeter**  
 Tax Collector  
 10 Front Street  
 Exeter NH 03833

**2023**

Installment 2 of 2

**PROPERTY TAX BILL**  
 Remit Copy

Please write parcel number on your check and enclose this portion of the bill with your payment. Make checks payable to: Town of Exeter



Bill Number	Bill Date	Parcel	Property Location	Due Date	Due This Bill
1886	11/13/2023	63-6	72 MAIN ST	12/13/2023	<b>\$7,288.93</b>
					Amount Enclosed
					\$

Please See Change of Address on Back

EXETER GAS REALTY LLC  
 455 CENTRAL PARK AVE STE 312  
 SCARSDALE NY 10583-1034

Remit To:  
 TOWN OF EXETER  
 10 FRONT ST  
 EXETER NH 03833



Corporate <ezmartfoodscorp@gmail.com>

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## Town of Exeter - Web Payment Confirmation

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toeit@exeternh.gov <toeit@exeternh.gov>  
To: EXETEREZMART@gmail.com

Mon, Feb 26, 2024 at 10:10 AM

Dear Exeter Gas Realty Llc,

This message confirms your online payment of \$7406.05 on 02/26/2024 applied to account number using check number xxxxxxxxxxxx2175.

The confirmation number for this payment is 882213196.

Payment details:

- 1) MISC CASH RECEIPTS payment amount: \$0.50
- 2) REAL ESTATE bill number 1886, payment amount: \$7405.55

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**Your payment receipt**

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donotreply@bridgepaynetwork.com <donotreply@bridgepaynetwork.com>  
To: EXETEREZMART@gmail.com

Mon, Feb 26, 2024 at 10:10 AM

**Tax WEB**

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Your payment was successfully processed. Please print this receipt for your records.

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**Payment Details**

**Total Amount:** 7,406.05

**Description:**

**Invoice No.:** 1886

**Auth code:**

**Town Manager Report**

## Select Board Committee Reports

**Correspondence**

March 2024

Dear Neighbor,

We are pleased to announce that Eversource has completed the A126/H141/R193 Transmission Structure Replacement Project near your property. We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation during this effort to improve and strengthen the electric system reliability for our customers.

Crews have removed equipment and materials from the right of way and completed initial restoration efforts. Activities in the right of way will continue. These include monitoring sensitive environmental areas for revegetation and erosion prevention and revisiting areas that were initially restored earlier this year but need additional attention.

**For More Information**

Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us.

Project inquiries can be directed to Kaitlin Griffin at [kaitlin.griffin@eversource.com](mailto:kaitlin.griffin@eversource.com). You can also contact our **project hotline at 1-888-926-5334** or send an email to [NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com](mailto:NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com).

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. We will continue to provide regular project notifications via mailings, phone calls and/or emails. We thank you again for your continued patience throughout this project.

Sincerely,

*Kaitlin Griffin*Kaitlin Griffin  
Eversource Project Services*Town Manager's Office*

MAR 11 2024

*Received*



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

March 12, 2024

Daniel J. Tinkham  
Emery & Garrett Groundwater Investigations  
P.O. Box 1578  
Meredith, NH 03253

*transmitted via email to [Daniel.Tinkham@gza.com](mailto:Daniel.Tinkham@gza.com)*

**RE: Preliminary Large Well Siting/Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Application  
CWS Exeter; PWS ID 0801010; DR005398  
Proposed SG1-TPW, GPW4  
Town of Exeter**

Dear Mr. Tinkham:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has reviewed the preliminary community well siting and large groundwater withdrawal permit application (Preliminary Application) based on two submittals titled:

- “Large Groundwater Withdrawal Application Test Production Well SG1-TPW Exeter, New Hampshire” prepared by Emery & Garrett Groundwater Investigations (EEGI) on behalf of the Town of Exeter, dated December 29, 2022.
- “EGGI/GZA Response to the NHDES Comments regarding the Preliminary Application for Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit for Test Production Well SG1-TPW, Town of Exeter, New Hampshire (CWS Exeter; PWS ID 0801010; DR005398)” dated July 10, 2023.

In summary, the Town of Exeter is seeking a large groundwater withdrawal permit and community well siting approval for one new gravel packed production well, called SG1-TPW [GPW4], located on Phillips Exeter Academy-owned property west of Drinkwater Road, East of the Exeter River, and northwest of Judes Pond. The proposed permitted production volume of the SG1-TPW Well is 576,000 gallons per day or approximately 400 gallons per minute (gpm). Both the Town of Exeter and Phillips Exeter Academy entered into an agreement on February 23, 2024, with a letter of Intent – Option to Purchase a water supply easement for the proposed well site that was received by NHDES on March 12, 2024.

NHDES has reviewed the Preliminary Application in accordance with: RSA 485-C:21, Approval for Large Groundwater Withdrawals; New Hampshire Administrative Rules Env-Wq 403, Large Groundwater Withdrawals; and New Hampshire Administrative Rules Env-Dw 302, Large Production Wells for Community Water Systems. NHDES approves the Preliminary Application as proposed with the following conditions:

1. NHDES approves the private water well identification and outreach process with the following conditions:
  - a. GZA completes the mailing (via a method with return receipt) in accordance with Env-Dw 302.14(h) as described in the July 10, 2023, response letter. Change the NHDES contact email in the “water well questionnaire” letter from [David.B.Hisz@des.nh.gov](mailto:David.B.Hisz@des.nh.gov) to the large groundwater withdrawal program email address at [largegw@des.nh.gov](mailto:largegw@des.nh.gov).

[www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

29 Hazen Drive • PO Box 95 • Concord, NH 03302-0095  
(603) 271-3503 • (603) 271-2867 • TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

- b. Provide NHDES copies of the return receipts via email to [largegw@des.nh.gov](mailto:largegw@des.nh.gov).
  - c. Based on the responses received, GZA shall propose a final private well monitoring network for NHDES comment and approval in accordance with Env-Wq 403.11(f) and 403.13(c)&(i). Please include a shape file of proposed sites in addition to a list and map showing the proposed monitoring locations, well information obtained for each property, and the status of the response received from the mailing.
  - d. Provide a final updated inventory of private wells within the 1000-foot buffer around the PZOI at least 30 days prior to the scheduled pumping test.
2. The pump used for the withdrawal test shall be equipped with a check valve to ensure that the groundwater level recovery measurements are adequately usable. Water Well Board rule We 702.05(a) requires that the pump installations have two check valves.
  3. At least 30 day(s) prior to the start of the pumping test, contact Jonathan Whaland of the Groundwater Discharge Program at (603)-271-2858 or [GWdischarge@des.nh.gov](mailto:GWdischarge@des.nh.gov) and obtain a Temporary Discharge Permit for waters generated during the pumping test.
  4. In addition to manual measurements, NHDES recommends the pumping rate be recorded digitally throughout the pumping period either via the output of the flow meter or using another method that measures the pressure in the discharge pipe.
  5. GZA will alert NHDES to the anticipated start of the pumping test at least two weeks in advance so that NHDES can plan a site visit accordingly.
  6. Submit along with the final report:
    - Per Env-Dw 302.08(c), provide documentation to demonstrate that the sanitary protective area is or will be under the direct legal control of the applicant and will be maintained as required by Env-Dw 302.10.
      - Provide a copy of the executed and recorded easement between the two parties (Town of Exeter and PEA)
    - A digital version of the water quality analysis results for the propose production well via email to [largegw@des.nh.gov](mailto:largegw@des.nh.gov) .The data shall be formatted using NHDES' Environmental Monitoring Database (EMD) "Activity Data Upload Template for Consultants and Labs" which can be found at the following link: [NH Online Forms System - EMD Activity \(Sample\). Version 1.3](#)
    - A digital version of all water level data collected during the pumping test in an excel file. No special formatting required, as prepared is acceptable, to the community well siting program via email at [largegw@des.nh.gov](mailto:largegw@des.nh.gov) .

If you have any questions about this letter or any other groundwater permitting issues, please contact me at  
(603) 271-8866 or [largegw@des.nh.gov](mailto:largegw@des.nh.gov).

Sincerely,



David Hisz  
Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

cc: Steve Dalton; Exeter Water Department  
Russell Dean; Town Manager, Town of Exeter  
Kathleen Felch, Town Administrator, Town of Kensington  
Mark Leighton; Phillips Exeter Academy  
Stephen Roy, Jennifer Mates, Kelsey Vaughn, Jon Whaland; NHDES

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## EXETER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

20 COURT STREET, EXETER, NH 03833-2716

Phone: (603)773-6132

FAX: (603)773-6128

Email: [mbailey@exeternh.gov](mailto:mbailey@exeternh.gov)

[www.exeternh.gov](http://www.exeternh.gov)

### Exeter Tick Prevention and Educational Program

Dear Stakeholders,

For those of you who I haven't met, my name is Madison Bailey. I am the Health Officer in Exeter, NH. As a New Hampshire Health Officer, one of my roles is to protect and educate the community against noncommunicable and infectious diseases. As tick season has already begun, tick-borne diseases such as Lyme Disease are a top priority for the Exeter Health Department. Therefore, this is an appropriate time to start rolling out a tick prevention program within the town of Exeter.

For your convenience, I have listed a few facts about ticks and Lyme Disease. Some of the highest Lyme Disease rates within NH occur yearly in Rockingham County. If a tick bite has occurred and is not removed appropriately within 30 hours, the transmission of the disease has significantly increased.

Misinformation can hinder the ability of any community to enjoy all that nature has to offer. This program aims to provide the town with the most up-to-date educational materials tailored to the community's specific needs. As there are a lot of outdoor spaces in town, there is a high exposure rate for tick bites - which can lead to the contraction of Lyme Disease or other tick-borne illnesses. The program's primary goal is to help the community enjoy the outdoors while protecting themselves from tick bites.

Currently, the program plan has two phases. Phase 1 will run between April 1, 2024 and June 1, 2024. With permission, warning signs will be placed at various outdoor venues, such as recreational trails, parks, sports fields, and other popular outdoor spaces that may be a habitat for harmful ticks. For future program management, a self-reporting survey is linked to each sign. This anonymous survey will be used for people to report if they found ticks on themselves and where they came from. This information will be used to track the tick population, guide future prevention materials for Phase 2, and measure the progress toward achieving program goals. This proposed signage is posted below.

The Health Department will also supply "Tick Picks" and instructions. This is a device that can be used to safely remove a tick that has latched onto the skin. These materials have also been attached below. These proposed resources will be free of cost for any Exeter resident. Educational PSAs will also be released via ExeterTV and various social media platforms. These materials will help spread the word about Lyme Disease, tick prevention methods, and how to obtain a free "Tick Pick."

Please feel free to reach out if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed program.

Respectfully,

Madison Bailey, Exeter Health Officer

## HOW TO USE

Just Latch, Twist and Pull



**1**

Slide tick remover between tick and skin to firmly secure tick body.



**2**

Twist the tick puller to turn the tick around several times.



**3**

Lift the hook light and gently pull tick out.

### Must Pay Attention To Handling

After removing a tick, please clean and care for the bite site immediately.





# PREVENT TICK BITES!

- WEAR REPELLENT AND LONG PANTS
- CHECK FOR TICKS DAILY
- SHOWER SOON AFTER BEING OUTDOORS
- CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU GET A FEVER OR RASH

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/ticks](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks)



-example-

ATTENTION: If you find tick(s) on your person please scan the QR code and complete the anonymous survey to help the Exeter Health Department further track the harmful tick population. This is protected data that will be used for further program development.



Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention  
National Center for Emerging and  
Zoonotic Infectious Diseases



# LYME DISEASE:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Where it's found ●
- How it's spread ●
- How it's prevented ●
- How it's diagnosed ●
- How it's treated ●

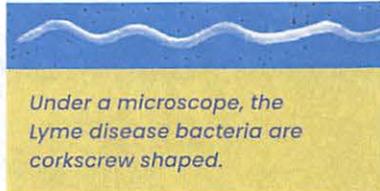


**U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services**  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

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# LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and rarely, *Borrelia mayonii*. The bacteria are spread to people through the bites of infected blacklegged ticks.



## Where People Most Commonly Get Lyme Disease

People can only get Lyme disease from ticks that carry the bacteria. In high-risk areas, about 10–50% of blacklegged ticks carry the bacteria. These high-risk areas include:

- Eastern states, primarily New England and the mid-Atlantic.
- The Great Lakes Region and Northern Midwestern states, especially Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- West Coast, particularly parts of northern California and, less commonly, Oregon and Washington.

## Transmission

Ticks need to be attached for more than 24 hours and begin filling with blood before they can transmit (spread) Lyme disease bacteria. Most people are infected through the bites of immature ticks called nymphs. Nymphs are tiny (less than 2 mm) and difficult to see. They most commonly bite during spring and summer.



Blacklegged ticks don't just have black legs! They are a different species than other common ticks, like the dog tick. In their larval and nymphal stages, blacklegged ticks are no bigger than a pinhead. Adults are larger, about the size of a sesame seed. (Left to right: larva, nymph, adult male, adult female)

Adult ticks can also transmit Lyme disease bacteria. They are more likely to be found and removed because they are bigger than nymphs. They most commonly bite during the fall.

There is no evidence that Lyme disease is transmitted from person-to-person through touching, kissing, or having sex with a person who has Lyme disease. Untreated Lyme disease during pregnancy can lead to infection of the placenta. Spread from mother to fetus is possible, but rare. Fortunately, with appropriate antibiotic treatment, there is no increased risk of adverse birth outcomes. If you are pregnant and suspect you may have Lyme disease, contact your healthcare provider. There are no reports of Lyme disease transmission through breast milk or blood transfusion.

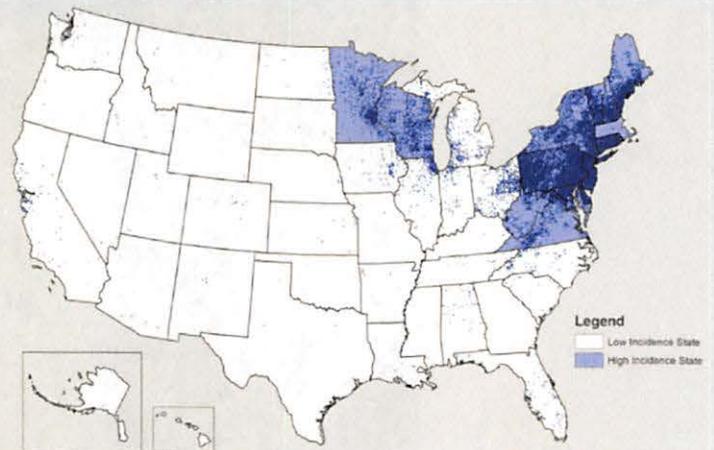


Ticks can attach to any part of the human body but prefer hard-to-see areas such as the groin, armpits, and scalp. In most cases, the tick must be attached and fill with blood before Lyme disease bacteria can be transmitted.

EMBEDDED NYMPHAL TICK  
PHOTO COURTESY OF DURLAND FISH.

## Reported Cases of Lyme Disease – United States, 2019

1 DOT PLACED RANDOMLY WITHIN COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR EACH CONFIRMED CASE

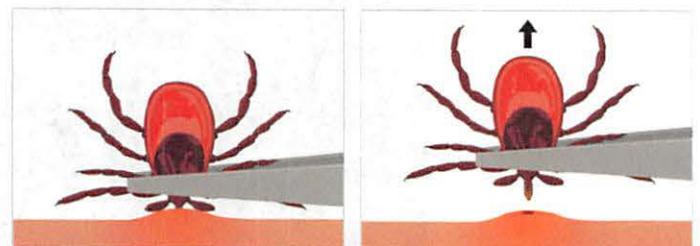


Although Lyme disease cases have been reported in nearly every state, this does not mean there is risk of infection in every state. Cases are reported based on where a person lives, not where they were infected. Some people become infected while traveling out of state.

This map does not reflect every case of Lyme disease diagnosed in 2019. Surveillance data are subject to each state's ability to capture and classify cases, which may vary between states, and from year to year. Due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, 2019 and 2020 data from some jurisdictions may be incomplete. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/lyme/datasurveillance](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/datasurveillance).

## Tick Removal

Grasp the tick firmly and as close to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Do not be alarmed if the tick's mouthparts remain in the skin. Cleanse the area with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.



## Signs and symptoms

Early diagnosis and proper antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease is important and can help prevent more serious forms of the disease. Contact your healthcare provider if you notice an expanding rash or other possible symptoms.

### Signs and symptoms of early Lyme disease can include:

- An expanding skin rash, called erythema migrans
- Fatigue
- Chills and fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

Erythema migrans is often a reddish or purple-colored rash that appears 3–30 days after the bite of an infected tick. It typically appears at the site of the tick bite, is round or oval, and expands gradually over several days. It can appear on any area of the body. The center of the rash sometimes clears as it enlarges, resulting in a “bull’s-eye” appearance. The rash may be warm, but it is rarely itchy or painful. Erythema migrans occurs in over 70 percent of people with Lyme disease.

Not all rashes that occur at the site of a tick bite are due to Lyme disease. An allergic reaction to tick saliva can also occur and be confused with an erythema migrans rash. Allergic reactions to tick saliva usually appear within a few hours after the tick bite, usually do not gradually expand in size, and disappear within a few days. A rash similar to erythema migrans has also been described following bites of the lone star tick. The condition has been named southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI), and the cause is unknown but it is not due to Lyme disease.

### More severe forms of Lyme disease

Some signs and symptoms of Lyme disease may not appear until weeks or months after a tick bite:

- Arthritis with severe joint pain and swelling can occur, usually in one or more large joints, especially the knees.
- Nervous system symptoms can include numbness, pain, nerve paralysis (often of the facial muscles, usually on one side), and meningitis (fever, stiff neck, and severe headache).
- Rarely, irregularities of the heart rhythm can occur.

For a small percentage of people, symptoms of fatigue, body aches, or difficulty thinking can last after finishing treatment.

### Reinfection

You can get Lyme disease again if you are bitten by another infected tick, so always protect yourself from tick bites.



Erythema migrans  
(bull's-eye) rash

Lyme arthritis  
(swollen knee)

Facial palsy  
(facial droop)

## Diagnosis

Healthcare providers should consider the following factors when diagnosing Lyme disease:

- The likelihood that the patient has been exposed to infected blacklegged ticks (see map).
- Patient has signs and symptoms of Lyme disease, such as erythema migrans or arthritis.
- The possibility that other illnesses may be causing similar symptoms.
- Results of laboratory tests, recognizing that a serologic response may take several weeks to develop.

CDC recommends the use of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-cleared tests for Lyme disease. Most available tests measure antibodies made in response to infection, which can take several weeks to appear in the blood. People who have been infected for longer than 6 weeks will almost always test positive, but people infected for shorter periods may not. Once produced, antibodies normally remain detectable in the blood for months or years after the patient has recovered.

This means that:

- Patients can have a negative blood test result if tested in the first few weeks after infection.
- Healthcare providers should treat patients for Lyme disease promptly if the patient has a history of recent exposure to tick bites and signs and symptoms of early Lyme disease, such as erythema migrans.
- A negative test result in a patient with arthritis or other long-standing symptoms is strong evidence that Lyme disease is not the cause of their illness.
- For people concerned about reinfection, it is difficult to distinguish between an old infection and a new infection using a blood test. Diagnosis of reinfection relies on careful clinical consideration of exposure history and symptoms.

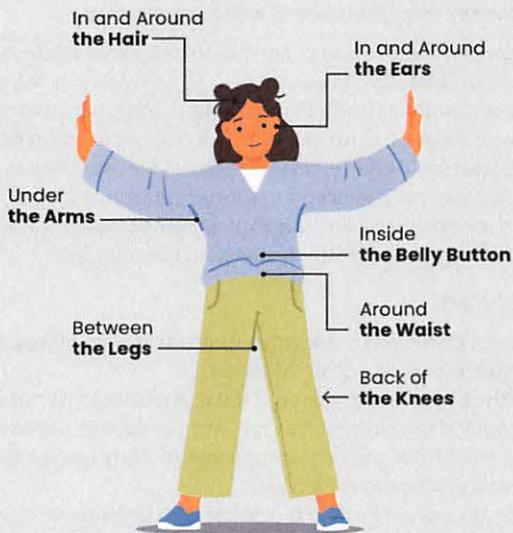
## Treatment

People treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely. The antibiotics most commonly used to treat Lyme disease include doxycycline, amoxicillin, or cefuroxime axetil. Early diagnosis and proper antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease can help prevent more severe disease.

## Tick Bite Prevention

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with 0.5% permethrin. Re-treat clothing according to label instructions.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, dry them completely and then dry for 10 minutes on high heat.

## Where to Check for Ticks



## Lyme Disease Vaccine

There is not currently a vaccine for people to prevent Lyme disease, however clinical trials of new vaccines for Lyme disease are underway.

## Post-Exposure Antibiotics

In general, CDC does not recommend antibiotics after tick bites to prevent tickborne diseases. However, in certain circumstances, a single dose of doxycycline after a tick bite in an area where Lyme disease is common may lower risk of Lyme disease. Ask your healthcare provider if antibiotics after a tick bite are appropriate for you.

## Tick Bite Prevention for Pets

It is important to use a tick preventive product on your dogs because they are very susceptible to tick bites and tickborne diseases. Talk to your veterinarian about:

- Lyme disease vaccination for your dog
- The best tick prevention products for your pets
- Tickborne diseases in your area

### Reduce the chances that a tick bite will make your dog sick by:

- Checking your pets for ticks daily
- Removing ticks from your pet immediately

## Tick Control in the Yard

**Landscaping to create tick-safe zones.** Blacklegged ticks need high humidity to survive; they die quickly in drier environments. Removing leaf litter and clearing tall grass and brush around houses and at the edges of lawns will reduce the numbers of ticks. Placing wood chips or gravel between lawns or play areas and wooded areas creates a dry barrier that is difficult for ticks to cross. Fences can help keep deer away from homes.



- TICK ZONE**  
Avoid areas with forest and brush where deer, rodents, and ticks are common.
- WOOD CHIP BARRIER**  
Use a 3-ft. barrier of wood chips or rock to separate the "tick zone" and rock walls from the lawn.
- WOOD PILE**  
Keep wood piles on the wood chip barrier, away from the home.
- TICK MIGRATION ZONE**  
Maintain a 9-ft. barrier of lawn between the wood chips and areas such as patios, gardens, and play sets.

- TICK SAFE ZONE**  
Enjoy daily living activities such as gardening and outdoor play inside this perimeter.
- GARDENS**  
Plant deer-resistant crops. If desired, an 8-ft. fence can keep deer out of the yard.
- PLAY SETS**  
Keep play sets in the "tick safe zone" in sunny areas where ticks have difficulty surviving.

*Based on a diagram by K. Stafford, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station*

## For more information please contact:

Telephone: 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) / TTY: 1-888-232-6348  
Web: [www.cdc.gov/lyme](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme)

**Department of Health & Human Services**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Division of Vector-Borne Diseases

3156 Rampart Road

Fort Collins, CO 80521-3003

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Official Business

Penalty for Private use \$300

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Class Mail  
Postage Fees Paid  
PHS/CDC

Permit No. G-284



Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

## Looking for assistance with getting the word out about the Congressional Art Competition

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Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 10:21 AM

Good morning,

I am reaching out to make you aware that the office of Congressman Chris Pappas is once again accepting entries for the Congressional Art Competition and will be doing so until Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. We were wondering if you might be able to assist with getting the word out as we are trying to get as many high school students in our district to participate as possible. I am also including the email template below that I have been using to reach out to teachers and attaching the informational materials that we have been provided.

-Margaret

Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to make you aware that the office of Congressman Pappas has officially begun accepting submissions for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. The deadline for submissions will be **Friday April 26th 2024 at 5pm**. Similar to how we did it last year, our office is requesting that submission be sent directly to me at [margaret.mcsherry@mail.house.gov](mailto:margaret.mcsherry@mail.house.gov). To be considered submissions must contain a completed signed copy of the student release form and include a high-resolution image of the piece. Prior to submitting please make sure to review the attached rules as pieces that do not meet the outlined requirements will not be considered.

Our office does not have an official theme for the Art Competition, so we encourage students to submit whatever pieces they feel highlights their artistic talents the most. We do ask though that students keep in mind that if they were to win the competition their piece will be on display in the Capitol for a year so they must be willing to part with the piece for the entire duration of the exhibit.

The competition is open to all highschoolers currently residing in New Hampshire's First Congressional district. Students can [check here](#) to verify that they reside in New Hampshire's First Congressional district. Prizes for the competition have not been announced yet but the First-place winner will get the unique distinction of being a Congressional Art Competition Winner and will have their piece on display at the Nation's Capital. Our office also typically hosts a reception for all entrants and their teachers.

I am attaching a copy of the rules and release form to this email. Additional information about the competition can be found on [our website](#). Those with questions are also welcome to contact me directly at [margaret.mcsherry@mail.house.gov](mailto:margaret.mcsherry@mail.house.gov).

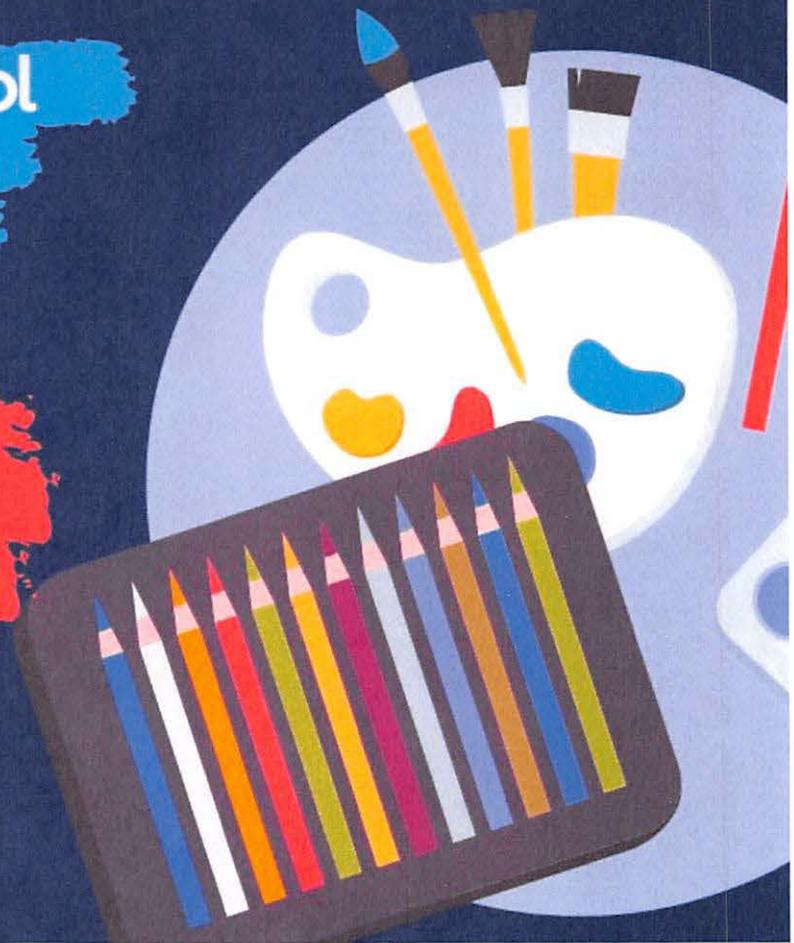
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# CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Open to high school  
students who  
reside in NH-01

Deadline to Enter:  
Friday, April 26  
at 5:00 p.m.

 CONGRESSMAN  
**CHRIS PAPPAS**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT





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## Bulletin #10: Use Your Voice Before You Lose Your Voice

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### New Hampshire Municipal Association

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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

Legislative Bulletin 10

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March 8, 2024



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## HB 1479: An “Authoritarian” Bill and its Cumbersome, Costly & Confusing Amendment

On Wednesday, the House Legislative Administration voted to send [HB 1479](#) to the full House without a recommendation. All three votes taken during the executive session—on a proposed amendment, Ought to Pass, and Inexpedient to Legislate—were 8-8 down party lines.

**The bill will go to the House floor within a couple of weeks for a vote. Please contact your representatives today and urge them to vote:**

- **NO on a Motion of Ought to Pass**
- **NO on any proposed floor amendment when the bill goes to the House floor**
- **YES on a Motion of Inexpedient to Legislate**

Significant influences, including out of state lobbying money and efforts, are being used to lobby in favor of this bill, and misinformation is being shared about NHMA, organizations like NHMA, and local government. Read on to better understand the devastating consequences this bill would have on local government and the democratic process in New Hampshire—and why the proposed amendment would not have improved the bill.

[The Bill](#)

- **The bill prohibits local officials from any form of advocacy—period.** It broadly prohibits *any* public funds from being used to “lobby, attempt to influence legislation, participate in political activity, or contribute funds to any entity for the purpose of engaging in same.” This would prevent any local official, whether a paid employee or an elected official receiving a stipend, from any advocacy on behalf of a city or town. It is inconceivable that **locally elected leaders** would be barred from—even prosecuted for—speaking on legislation with **local impacts** in the Live Free or Die State. Despite statements made during the hearing, RSA 15:1 would not protect local officials if this bill passed.
- **The bill prohibits others—recipients of public funds—from lobbying.** Despite the focus on NHMA in the hearing, this bill affects every recipient of public funds: every organization of municipal officials, like the Building Officials, the Association of Assessing Officials, the Firefighters, or the Police Officers; every state agency and department; and every nonprofit organization that receives state or local funds. In fact, the bill is so broad in its language, it appears to apply to any private corporation that receives payment from a public entity, since the purchase of goods or payment for services constitutes an appropriation of public funds.
- **The exception is a red herring.** The exception that a recipient of public funds who wishes to lobby can do so if they segregate the funds for lobbying from public funds is not workable—and is not meant to be. Under New Hampshire law, lobbying time and revenue received is reported at the end of each quarter. Because it is not possible to predict the future time spent on advocacy activities, the segregation exception is simply a distraction from the ban that the law creates.
- **The bill would cost taxpayers money.** And that’s not just because the bill would allow any resident of the state to bring a lawsuit against a city or town (in addition to the possibility of criminal penalties). Every year, alongside our members, NHMA advocates on bills that typically fall into one of two categories: defeating bills that cost municipalities money and supporting bills that maintain or increase state aid. **Every new cost on municipalities is paid for by taxpayers, and every additional dollar sent from the state to the cities and towns offsets property taxes. Proposed legislation this session alone would cost taxpayers more than \$50 million.**
- **The bill strips local officials and town meetings of authority to make their own local decisions.** Dues paid to organizations that provide services to local officials are included by local officials in municipal budgets and are voluntary for most organizations—like NHMA. In most of our municipalities, these budgets are adopted by the voters. In the rest, they are adopted by the representatives the voters elect to make those decisions for them. Cities and towns make decisions every year to be members of organizations that provide these services to make them more efficient and to operate in a more cost-effective manner. The legislature should not make judgments on local spending; the voters and their locally elected officials should.

### The Proposed Amendment

The amendment offered at the executive session, which failed on an 8-8 vote in committee, was not provided to the public before or during the executive session. This amendment, or one substantially similar, will be offered as a floor amendment. Here’s what you need to know:

- **The ban it would create, like the original bill, is very broad.** Although, once again, the conversation was focused on NHMA, the amendment would apply to “Any entity required to register under RSA 15:1 that provides both lobbying services and non-lobbying services,” broadening the reach of its heavy hand to a wide variety of organizations and private entities.
- **Despite statements by the amendment sponsor that nothing in the amendment changes the way local government organizations operate, it would, in fact, drastically and fundamentally do just that.** The amendment would require that these entities separate out lobbying from other services; charge separate fees for separate services; provide separate contracts for separate services; prohibit the bundling of services; and even dictate the type of fee allowed, including, confusingly, prohibiting “fair share and agency fees,” both of which only relate to collective bargaining, demonstrating a fundamental misunderstanding of what organizations like us do and how we operate.
- **Compliance with these new state mandates would mean increasing operational expenses, a curious result for legislation purportedly motivated by taxpayer cost concerns.** Although the focus of the conversation has been lobbying, the amendment’s mandate would require that NHMA’s many services be billed for separately. So, for example, the unlimited legal advice members can access as part of their membership would be a thing of the past. This result would blatantly contradict statements made by the amendment’s sponsor during the executive session that municipalities say they like the services they are receiving from organizations like NHMA. The goal of the amendment, then, is just a different way to get the same result: creating new hurdles to chip away at local government’s participation in the legislative process and authority to join or establish local government organizations.

- **The proposed new operational requirements also do not make sense based on the way lobbying time is reported under New Hampshire law** because, as stated above, lobbying time is reported at the *end* of each quarter. When asked how this would work, the sponsor of the amendment stated that the organization could just “estimate” the cost of lobbying based on last year. We are not certain how this improves the transparency of the current system, in which we report *actual time* spent on lobbying.
- **The amendment is not “pro-local control,” as some committee members claimed during the executive session.** Local control is allowing local governments to exercise local authority, including forming their own organizations, joining them if they choose, and changing the way those organizations operate as they choose—not the state dictating how they do business. Every membership organization that represents its municipal members has a process for its members to change how it operates, including whether it provides advocacy services and what it advocates for. The amendment is not about improving the way local government organizations deliver their services; it is simply a state mandate that would make the delivery of those services more cumbersome *and* costly.

In *support* of this amendment, [a statement was made](#) during the executive session that the original bill is “authoritarian” and that it is not “the legislature’s job to tell municipalities what to spend money on.” **We agree—and it’s why both the bill and the amendment must be rejected.**

**Contact your representative today and ask them to put a stop to this by voting against the bill and any amendment on the floor.**

You can watch the [full executive session here](#).

## A Busy Monday

On **Monday**, many House committees will finish much of their work on House bills. It is likely that [House Municipal and County Government](#) will spend all Monday in Executive Session on the following bills of municipal interest:

9:30 AM	<a href="#">CACR 16</a>	relating to local governance. Providing that local construction projects seeking amendments, waivers, or variances be subject to certain local approval, disclosure, and vote requirements.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 526</a>	regulating the use of temporary traffic control personnel.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1053</a>	relative to permissible residential units in a commercial zone.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1106</a>	relative to net asset limits under the elderly property tax exemption.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1175</a>	relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1181</a>	relative to solid waste districts.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1187</a>	relative to local legislative bodies' voting threshold for approval of lease agreements over \$100,000.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1223</a>	relative to governing body members of the budget committee.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1281</a>	relative to zoning restrictions on residential rental property.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1284</a>	relative to the quasi-judicial authority of planning boards.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1371</a>	relative to allowing the land use master plan to include a section on waste reduction.
9:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1506</a>	relative to required votes to approve issuance of bonds.

Additionally, [House Election Law](#) will likely be considering an amendment to [HB 1264](#), relative to the definition of accessible voting systems at **10:00 a.m.** in **LOB Room 306 – 308**. Stakeholders have been working hard to come to an agreement over the last several weeks, and we believe that the proposed amendment will satisfy all stakeholders.

And, [House Ways and Means](#) will hold executive sessions on the following bills.:

10:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1514</a>	relative to excess funds paid to municipalities for the use of school districts.
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10:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1563</a>	relative to the education property tax and the authority of political subdivisions.
10:30 AM	<a href="#">HB 1613</a>	establishing a trust fund for money from soil and water environmental contamination court settlements.

There is still time to contact committee members on all this legislation, but, once again, our critical ask this week is that you contact your local representatives about [HB 1479](#) (please see the article above).

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### Serve on a Legislative Policy Committee: Only a Few Spots Left!

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## Bulletin #11: Anti-Lobbying Bill Heads to House Floor; Welcome New Officials; SB2 Adoption Heads to House Floor

1 message

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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

Legislative Bulletin 11

2024 Session

March 15, 2024



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### Good-Bye and Hello

Many local officials completed their terms of office this week, and some will next week. Whatever the timing, we thank all of you for the time and energy you have devoted to public service, including your work on behalf of NHMA. For those who have never served in local government, it is difficult to appreciate how much work and time are involved, and how thankless the task can be. We hope you will enjoy your time off. Meanwhile, we enthusiastically welcome all of the new officials. We look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Whether you're new to NHMA or need a refresher on how to optimize your membership with us, there's always more to see at NHMA. For a full walk-through of all the membership benefits, including access to a treasure-trove of free resources, available to you as members, please view our webinar [here](#), and please set up your login to our member portal by following [these instructions](#).

### Speak Up Now: HB 1479 Goes to the House Floor on Thursday!

[HB 1479](#), which we wrote about [extensively last week](#), will go to the House floor for a vote on Thursday.

A growing and diverse coalition has come out in opposition to this shocking bill, including the NH Center for Nonprofits, the NH AFL-CIO, and the Business & Industry Association—along with NHMA, the NH Association of Counties, the NH School Boards Association, the NH Building Officials Association, the NH Tax Collectors Association, and the NH Association of Assessing Officials.

We anticipate an amendment—either the same or substantially similar to the [one that failed in the executive session](#)—will be offered on the floor. There is no iteration of **HB 1479** that is acceptable for New Hampshire.

**We urge you to read (and share) [this Q&A](#)**, explaining how the bill is an authoritarian ban on speech, and the amendment is an effort to interfere with the operations of **both local government and private industry** in New Hampshire.

Out of state lobbying money and efforts—including mass mailers from a lobbying organization out of Austin, Texas—are being used to lobby in favor of this bill, and misinformation is being shared about the effect of both the bill and the proposed amendment.

**Local officials must speak up now before they lose the right to do so. Please contact your representatives today and urge them to vote:**

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## **House to Vote to Reverse the SB 2 Adoption Process**

With an 8-8 vote down party lines, the House Municipal & County Government Committee sent [HB 1175](#) to the floor without a recommendation. The House will vote on it next Thursday. This bill, which NHMA strongly opposes, would change the process for a town to adopt the official ballot referendum (“SB 2”) form of government, reversing an important change to the law that passed in 2019.

In a town with a “traditional” town meeting, only a very limited number of matters are voted on by official ballot in a voting booth: election of officers, zoning amendments, and a few other scattered questions. Therefore, the process under the current law, which requires the question of whether to adopt SB 2 be voted on at the business session (not the ballot), makes perfect sense: The question of whether to fundamentally change your town government should be voted in using the town’s current process. Under the bill, we would return to the illogical pre-2019 process, where voters in a traditional town meeting would vote on this important question on the official ballot instead.

Aside from not making sense, this change in process would also strip voters of their opportunity to discuss and debate—and really understand—the SB 2 proposal before voting. The question that would go on the ballot is prescribed by statute, and it provides almost no insight into the consequences of the vote: “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of March [or April or May]?” That’s it. Only the most diligent and informed voters have any idea what it means before voting. A huge, and likely permanent, change in how town meetings operate should be based on thorough discussion and debate, not on the whims or guesses of voters who have a few seconds to make up their minds about a question they are seeing for the first time.

Please urge your representatives to keep the law intact and oppose **HB 1175**.

## **House Kills Local Option Public Safety Assessment Fee**

Yesterday, the House voted 195-171 to indefinitely postpone [HB 1254](#). This bill, as amended, would have allowed municipalities to adopt a \$2 local option fee to be assessed on hotel occupancies to offset the cost of municipal public safety services. The indefinite postponement prohibits reconsideration of **HB 1254** this session.

Thank you to our members who came out to support this policy, including the mayors who submitted a joint letter in support of the bill. Your voice is a critical part of the legislative process; and, because of your advocacy, many legislators are more aware of the cost burden on municipal services associated with increased tourism and transient traffic in many of our cities and towns.

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