

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2026
6:45 pm
Nowak Room, Town Offices
10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Board Interview – Sustainability Advisory Committee – Sarah DeWitt 6:45 pm
3. Public Comment
4. Bid Opening
 - a. School Street Area Improvement Project – Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director
5. Proclamation
 - a. National Public Works Week 2026
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 27, 2026
 - b. May 4, 2026
7. Appointments/Resignations
 - a. Resignation - Conservation Commission – Nick Campion
8. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Public Hearing – Cass Street – 1st Reading
 - b. Public Hearing – Wadleigh Street – 1st Reading
 - c. CSO Barrel Project Update – Steve Cronin, DPW Director
 - d. Letter of Support Requests for the SAA4 Grant – Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager
 - e. Town Clerk Recommendation – Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager
9. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
10. Permits & Approvals
 - a. Pairpoint Park Donation
11. Town Manager's Report
12. Select Board Committee Report
13. Correspondence
14. Review Board Calendar
15. Non-Public Session

16. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Select Board

Posted 5/15/26 Town Office, Town Website

Persons with a disabling condition may request accommodations in order to attend this meeting. Requests should be made with 72 hours notice.

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Board Interviews



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

May 18, 2026
6:45 PM

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: Sustainability Advisory Committee

New Re-Appointment Regular Alternate

Name: Sarah Dewitt Email: Sarah.m.dewitt@gmail.com
Address: 4 Senyar Farm Lane Phone: 978-404-9328

Registered Voter: Yes No

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

Environmental initiatives and sustainability at the town level are really important. I have been involved with starting up a composting program with Mr. Fox at the elementary schools. I formed a Green team, implemented the program and educated teachers and staff what is compostable. I also worked with the PTO on planting a butterfly garden at the school and volunteered for the LSS event team.
If this is re-appointment to a position, please list all training sessions you have attended relative to your appointed position.

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

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

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

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 4/21/26

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

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

Public Comment

Bid Opening

Advertisement for Bids

Owner Name:	Town of Exeter, NH	Project Number:	1350	
Project Address:	School, Union, Garfield & Kossuth Streets	Exeter	NH	03833

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of: **new sewer, drainage, water, curbing, sidewalk reconstruction, and roadway reconstruction on School St, Union St, Garfield St, and Kossuth St** will be received by the Town Office at 10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833 until **3:00pm Local Time on May 18, 2026** and opened at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:00pm.

1. Completion time for the project will be calculated as calendar days from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed" as follows:
 From the start date of the Notice to Proceed, the entire project work must be substantially completed within:
300 calendar days for the Base Bid
 With added days if the bid alternate is selected:
30 calendar days for Bid Alternate A
 Liquidated damages will be in the amount of **\$1,500**, for each calendar day of delay from the date established for substantial completion, and **\$1,500** for each calendar day of delay from the date established for final completion.
2. Each General Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the Total Bid Price.
3. The successful Bidder must furnish 100% Performance and Payment Bonds and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within 10 days following notification of the acceptance of their Bid.
4. Any contract(s) awarded under this Advertisement for Bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by:
 A loan from the NH Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
 A State Aid Grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services (SAG).
5. Utilization of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MBEs and WBEs). The successful Bidder on this work must demonstrate compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's MBE/WBE rule in order to be deemed a responsible bidder. The requirements for bidders and contractors covered by this rule are explained in the Information for Bidders.
6. The successful Bidder on this work is subject to U.S. Department of Labor's Davis Bacon wage provisions.
7. The successful bidder on this work is subject to the "**American Iron and Steel (AIS)**" requirements of the CWSRF and DWSRF programs.
8. The successful bidder on this work may be subject to the "**Build America, Buy America (BABA)**" requirements of the CWSRF and DWSRF programs (see pages 5-6 of this section).
9. No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within 60 days after the actual date of opening thereof.
10. A **mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 30th, at 10:00am** at the Town of Exeter Department of Public Works, 13 Newfields Road, Exeter, New Hampshire, 03833.
11. Electronic PDF copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from CMA Engineers by emailing wbouchard@cmaengineers.com.
12. Addenda to this bid document, if any, including written answers to questions will be emailed directly to bidders by **May 14th**. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all issued addenda in their Bid (page A-3.2).
13. Any questions regarding bidding should be directed to the Town of Exeter at (603) 773-6161.
14. Technical questions regarding the plans and specifications shall be directed to Whitney A. Bouchard, P.E., CMA Engineers, at (207) 615-7116 wbouchard@cmaengineers.com. Questions must be received by 4:00pm on **May 12th**.

Proclamation



EXETER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

www.exeternh.gov/publicworks • publicworks@exeternh.gov

TO: Exeter Select Board

FROM: Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

CC: Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager

DATE: May 13, 2026

RE: National Public Works Week 2026 Proclamation

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the Exeter Public Works Department, I respectfully request that the Town of Exeter officially recognize National Public Works Week, May 17–23, 2026.

National Public Works Week, celebrated annually in May, highlights the essential role public works departments play in maintaining our infrastructure, ensuring public health and safety, and protecting the environment. Public works professionals provide the critical infrastructure, facilities, and services that support sustainable and resilient communities and enhance the quality of life and well-being of residents.

The 2026 National Public Works Week theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” reminds us that public works professionals are motivated to serve the communities they care about and are inspired by the people they serve to always do their best. Whether serving as first responders, responding to power outages, providing regular waste collection services, or ensuring roads and sidewalks remain passable following winter weather events, public works professionals place service to the community at the forefront of everything they do.

Recognizing National Public Works Week not only honors the hard work, dedication, and expertise of our public works employees, but also promotes public awareness and appreciation for the vital services they provide to the Exeter community. A copy of the official APWA proclamation has been included for review and signature. Thank you for your consideration.



National Public Works Week Proclamation

May 17–23, 2026

“Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the **Town of Exeter**; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in **Exeter** to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, be it now,

RESOLVED, We, the **Exeter Select Board**, do hereby designate the week of May 17–23, 2026, as National Public Works Week. We urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set the Seal of the **Town of Exeter, NH**, on this 18th day of May 2029.

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Molly Cowan, Vice Chair

Nancy Belanger, Clerk

Julie D. Gilman

Daniel Chartrand

Approval of Minutes

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Select Board Meeting
Monday April 27, 2026
6:45 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Clerk Nancy Belanger, Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, and Interim Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting.

Members absent: Vice-Chair Molly Cowan was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:45 PM.

2. Board Interviews

- a. Geoffrey Bell for the Budget Recommendations Committee

The Board returned to the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

3. Public Comment

- a. Adam Gaston of 11 Chestnut Street said his family has been displaced from their home since March 23. They have mycotoxin poisoning. He has asked for the town's oversight on his landlord's remediation plan. Weeks have gone by without a single response. He was under the impression that code enforcement and its officers were here to protect safety, but Madison and Doug have done nothing.

Mr. Papakonstantis said regardless of whether you own or rent, you are a resident of Exeter. This is the first the Board has heard of this. He asked Ms. Roy to be notified and updated to ensure that everything is done appropriately.

4. Proclamations/Recognitions

Mr. Papakonstantis read the proclamation for the 2026 Municipal Clerks Week:
Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, initiated in 1969 by HMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries will celebrate and reflect on 57 years as a time honored and vital part of local government; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community: and

45 *Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the*
46 *affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education*
47 *programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state,*
48 *provincial, county and international professional organizations; and*
49 *Whereas, It's most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the*
50 *Office of the Municipal Clerk;*
51 *Now, therefore, I Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter,*
52 *hereby proclaim and affirm May 3 - May 9 2026 as Municipal Clerks' Week within*
53 *the Town of Exeter, NH, and hereby extend gratitude, respect, and support for*
54 *our Municipal Clerk, Andrea Kohler, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital*
55 *services they perform through exemplary dedication to the communities they*
56 *represent. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal*
57 *of the Town of Exeter to be affixed this 27th day of April, the year of our Lord*
58 *2026.*

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60 5. Approval of Minutes

61 a. Regular Meeting: March 30, 2026

- 62 i. Corrections: Ms. Belanger said Line 60 should read Elaine *Hays*, not
63 *Hayes.*

64 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026 as amended. Ms.
65 Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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67 b. Regular Meeting: April 13, 2026

68 **MOTION** [not voted]: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as
69 presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. A member of the public said that the minutes should correct
70 "Dr. Rawson" to "Principal Rawson." Ms. Belanger withdrew her motion and Ms. Gilman
71 withdrew her second.

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73 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as amended. Mr.
74 Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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76 6. Select Board Reorganization

- 77 a. Mr. Chartrand said he and Ms. Cowan are the Water/Sewer Reps, by vote of the
78 Town.

- 79 b. Mr. Papakonstantis said the Sustainability Advisory Committee has requested
80 that the Select Board consider changing some roles. Mr. Chartrand said this is to
81 accommodate people's availability for meetings. Julie will remain as an alternate
82 and Sarah will be moved to a regular member. Ryan is moving out of town. They
83 also want to move Carol from an alternate to a regular member.

84 Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Ryan has formally resigned. Mr. Chartrand
85 said he wasn't sure. Mr. Papakonstantis said if there is a memo, it's probable that
86 he resigned.

87 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to make the following changes to the Sustainability Advisory
88 Committee: appoint Julie Gaunt to an alternate role with a term through April 2028; appoint

89 Sarah Koff to regular member, term to end April 2027; accept regretfully Ryan Jean's
90 resignation from the term ending April 2027, and move Caryl Olmstead from alternate to regular
91 member, term ending April 2027. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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93 7. Discussion/Action Items

94 a. Tree City USA Recognition and Growth Award – Eileen Flockhart, Tree
95 Committee

96 Ms. Flockhart gave an update on the Tree Committee's work. She said
97 there are amazing people in this group. Kristen Murphy has been incredible. We
98 now have support from the town with real money and water trucks that can get us
99 through a drought situation.

100 The Board thanked her for her work as Chair of the Tree Committee.

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102 b. Complete Streets Policy Discussion – Dave Sharples, Town Planner and Scott
103 Bogle of Rockingham Planning Commission

104 Mr. Sharples said the Complete Streets study has been finalized by the
105 Planning Board. He recommended a study in 2018. Funding for the study was
106 included in the CIP. It received funding in 2024. He started with the Master Plan
107 Oversight Committee and RPC; he went out on leave but Steve Cronin stepped
108 in and the rest continued working on the project. When he came back in March,
109 he had a full draft to review. There were some minor revisions incorporated and
110 the Planning Board voted unanimously to forward it to the Select Board with a
111 recommendation to pass. Mr. Sharples asked that it not apply to projects
112 underway.

113 Mr. Bogle said since his update in December, RPC did another focus
114 group with residents and business owners. He presented the full documents to
115 the Planning Board February 12, and it was presented in final form on April 9
116 when they voted to endorse it and recommend its adoption by the Select Board.

117 Mr. Bogle said regarding changes for the final version, we added a
118 section on considerations for accessibility and universal design; refined the
119 "challenges" section to acknowledge the challenge of right-of-way acquisition;
120 added several elements to the implementation recommendations for undertaking
121 demonstration project and added a reference to the Complete Streets checklist
122 development process. Also, the study had previously emphasized connectivity
123 between the downtown, neighborhoods, and schools, but to that list we added
124 grocery stores and the train station.

125 Regarding performance metrics, Implementation measures include feet of
126 new sidewalk or multi-use path; number and percentage of projects implemented
127 from the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan; and average time to complete snow
128 removal. The second set of measures are longer term outcomes, including
129 changes in bicycle and pedestrian usage in town; changes in speed as traffic-
130 calming measures are incorporated; and changes in crash patterns.

131 Ms. Belanger asked Mr. Sharples to explain the new language around
132 forcing private property owners to comply. Mr. Sharples said this applies to any

133 project in Exeter, but there are other laws in play here. We want to have that in
134 the site plan regulations, not the policy.

135 Mr. Papakonstantis asked if we will need a public hearing. Ms. Roy said
136 it's Select Board Policy 15, "The Board shall not vote on a policy at a meeting at
137 which it is first introduced." Mr. Papakonstantis said he would like to reconsider it
138 at the Select Board meeting next Monday.

139 Mr. Sharples said this will apply as projects come up. Mr. Bogle said we
140 will be looking for an opportunistic approach to projects already in the CIP, then
141 look at what future projects will be the best return on safety improvements.

142 Mr. Chartrand asked what is a reasonable timeline for significant
143 movement forward. Mr. Sharples said we're identifying projects and got through
144 about a quarter of them in the last meeting. We're planning to do field trips out to
145 those projects. We could have movement on those soon. There is a \$2M SS4 or
146 Safe Streets for All grant open, which he is applying for. Mr. Chartrand asked
147 about creating bike lanes. Mr. Sharples said we're looking at off-road bike lanes,
148 which are the safest approach. Mr. Chartrand said we have all these great
149 studies, now they need to come together.

150 Ms. Gilman said Portsmouth Ave changed to one center lane; previously
151 the concern was Green Hill Ave and Portsmouth Ave, so they put in a double
152 center lane and accidents went away. Mr. Bogle said the concept he's seen for a
153 redesign for Portsmouth Ave is looking at Alumni Drive northward. You'd need
154 another study for the Green Hill area. Mr. Sharples said we can consider that
155 now that the Complete Streets study is done.

156 Ms. Belanger said when we talk about future CIPs, any that get changed
157 should have a note in red with additional costs. Ms. Roy said that can be
158 discussed in the CIP meeting. We're hoping to show the grant committees that
159 the community has supported these Master Plan and Complete Streets projects.
160 The project would connect schools, nursing homes, the Rec Center, it's a major
161 thoroughfare in town. It would fill in the gaps in sidewalks through that area.

162 Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

163 Resident Silas Richards spoke in favor of adopting the Complete Streets
164 guidelines. He recommended starting with "demonstration projects" with modest
165 funding to test ideas quickly and affordably. He would also like to see a public
166 dashboard where residents could submit issues and requests.

167 Ben Hodgston of 41 McKay Drive said the demonstration projects should
168 start as early as possible, while the design process is happening. Community
169 input is paramount on these projects. He asked if there are any immediate
170 changes in the site plan regs that could have an immediate impact. Mr. Sharples
171 said he hasn't researched that yet.

172 Becky More of 5 Nelson Drive said she supports the previous two
173 speakers. They have contributed to the Planning meetings. The dashboard is a
174 good idea because people like special needs adults are lower to the ground,
175 feedback from them would come up on a dashboard.

176 Mr. Sharples said he and Steve Cronin are looking at demonstration
177 projects and a public dashboard.

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179 8. Appointments

180 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Aaron Brown as a voting member to the Planning
181 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-
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184 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Jen Martel as a voting member to the Planning
185 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed
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188 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Dean Hubbard as an alternate to the Planning
189 Board for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-
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192 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Nicholas Nordin to the Recreation Advisory Board
193 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
194 motion passed 4-0.

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196 Ms. Belanger said Stefanie Papakonstantis is not going to stay on the Rec
197 Advisory Board, and thanked her for her work as Chair.

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199 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Laura Montagno to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
200 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
201 motion passed 4-0.

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203 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Baum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as
204 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
205 motion passed 4-0.

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207 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Martha Pennell to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
208 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms. Gilman
209 said Martha has been serving on the Zoning Board since before 2005. The motion passed 4-0.

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211 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Keith Whitehouse to the Conservation Commission
212 as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
213 motion passed 4-0.

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215 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Trevor Mattera to the Conservation Commission as
216 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The
217 motion passed 4-0.

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219 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Michelle Crepeau to the Conservation Commission
220 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
221 motion passed 4-0.

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223 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Pam Gjetum as a Commissioner to the Exeter
224 Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire April 2031. Ms. Gilman seconded.
225 The motion passed 4-0.

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227 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Fleming as a Commissioner to the Exeter
228 Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire April 2031. Ms. Gilman seconded.
229 The motion passed 4-0.

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231 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Francoise Elise to the Heritage Commission as a
232 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
233 motion passed 4-0.

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235 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Kevin Kahn as a voting member to the Historic
236 District Commission for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. Ms.
237 Gilman said Grayson Shepherd has been the Chair for a number of years, and he will be
238 missed. There is a vacancy. The motion passed 4-0.

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240 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Don Briselden to the Facilities Committee as a
241 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
242 passed 4-0.

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244 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Mark Leighton to the Facilities Committee as a
245 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
246 passed 4-0.

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248 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Nic Drinker to the River Advisory Committee as a
249 voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
250 passed 4-0.

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252 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Denise Short to the Sustainability Advisory
253 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger
254 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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256 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Nina Braun to the Sustainability Advisory
257 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger
258 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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260 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Bruce Jones to the Arts and Culture Advisory
261 Committee as a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Gilman
262 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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264 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to reappoint Darius Thomson to the Train Station Committee as
265 a voting member for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Ms. Belanger seconded. The
266 motion passed 4-0.

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268 **MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to reappoint Anthony Callendrello to the Train Station Committee
269 as an alternate for a three-year term to expire in April 2029. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
270 motion passed 4-0.

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272 Ms. Roy said per RSA 36-46:3, Commissioners are appointed by
273 Selectmen for four-year terms except when more than one position is filled at
274 once, in which case the terms are staggered. We can bring this back for next
275 week. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if RPC are meeting between now and May 4,
276 and Ms. Belanger said no.

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278 9. Regular Business

279 a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

280 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$316 for
281 tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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283 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$278.91
284 for tax year 2024. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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286 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$311.08
287 for tax year 2023. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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289 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/84 in the amount of \$360.11
290 for tax year 2022. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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292 Ms. Belanger asked about the discretionary easement. Ms. Roy said this
293 is the Country Club. We can bring this back to the Board, as the documentation
294 is still being worked out through Legal.

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296 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 73/78/3 and 95/64/15 in the
297 amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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299 **MOTION:** [Not Voted] Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 19/16/103,
300 38/12, 72/118, and 84/105/34 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman
301 seconded. Mr. Chartrand said the fourth entry is Map 64, not 84.

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303 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 19/16/103, 38/12, 72/118,
304 and 64/105/34 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion
305 passed 4-0.

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307 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an All Veterans credit for 95/75 in the amount of
308 \$1,000 for the tax year 2026; there are two veterans. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed
309 4-0.

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311 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 104/68, 95/64/149,
312 95/64/15, 103/7, and 95/64/280, in the amount of \$198,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman
313 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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315 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 87/18/46, 104/79/16,
316 95/64/104, and 52/44 in the amount of \$238,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded.
317 The motion passed 4-0.

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319 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/301 and 95/64/308.
320 Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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322 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Disability Exemption for 96/2/9, 99/31, and 61/15 in
323 the amount of \$125,000 each for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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325 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Change in Current Use Assessment for 97/41 for
326 tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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328 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the
329 amount of \$62,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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331 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 108/1 in the amount of
332 \$337,100 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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334 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/204/1E in the
335 amount of \$545,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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337 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/162/E in the
338 amount of \$1,193,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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340 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/42 in the amount of
341 \$1,277,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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343 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/87 in the amount of
344 \$1,492,900 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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346 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/46 in the amount of
347 \$1,540,100 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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349 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/198 in the amount
350 of \$1,602,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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352 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/43 in the amount of
353 \$1,861,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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355 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 64/41/E in the amount
356 of \$2,864,500 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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358 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 62/112 in the amount
359 of \$3,555,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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361 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 71/119/E in the
362 amount of \$4,934,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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364 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/169/E in the
365 amount of \$23,366,500 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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367 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/208/E in the
368 amount of \$26,616,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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370 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 83/1/E in the amount
371 of \$29,884,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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373 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Educational Exemption for 72/209/E in the
374 amount of \$30,888,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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376 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/165 in the amount of
377 \$665,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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379 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/222/E in the amount of
380 \$1,029,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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382 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 72/166/E in the amount of
383 \$1,495,000 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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385 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 83/60 in the amount of
386 \$3,359,200 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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388 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 35/4 in the amount of
389 \$553,400 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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391 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 69/5 in the amount of
392 \$760,300 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
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394 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Charitable Exemption for 72/9 in the amount of
395 \$1,515,800 for tax year 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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b. Permits & Approvals

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- i. SRF Loan Authorization to Accept and Sign – Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

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Mr. Cronin was present remotely via Zoom. Mr. Cronin said in 2024, Public Works began advancing plans for the Surface Water Treatment Plant. It struggles to meet current regulations. We received a \$500,000 loan from SRF, which is currently underway. In August 2025, the Project was awarded up to \$2M to move into the final design phase. In 2026, the voters approved Article 6, confirming the Town's commitment to the project. This is the final step needed: to amend the existing loan agreement up to \$2.5M, which will allow us to complete the final design phase.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to amend the DWSRF loan agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for Surface Water Treatment Plant Design in an amount up to \$2,500,000, and to further authorize the Town Manager, Interim Town Manager, or Select Board Chair to sign the associated loan application, agreement, and disbursement request documents. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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- ii. 2026 Paving Services Contract Extension – Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

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Mr. Cronin said Bell & Flynn submitted a proposal to extend their paving services with the town. They offered to hold most prices steady for this year. We compared it to current market pricing and it's competitive. We recommend extending their contract for another year. Ms. Belanger said they have kept these rates reasonable. Mr. Cronin said paving costs have increased since 2018. There are escalations for fuel but we're still below current market pricing.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to extend the contract with Bell & Flynn, LLC for Paving Services for one additional year at the following unit prices: 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, and \$74.90 per ton for Cul-de-sac Street and Leveling Course; Item #2: Bituminous Concrete Pavement - Hand Method \$175.00 per ton; Item #3: Bituminous Concrete Curb/Berm \$5.00 per linear foot; and to further authorize the Interim Town Manager to sign the associated contract documents. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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- iii. Phillips Exeter Academy Road Closure Permit Application – Graduation 6/7/26

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Mr. Papakonstantis said graduation is starting at 10:30 AM on Sunday June 7. PEA is looking to have traffic stopped on Front Street between Tan Lane and Elm Street and on Tan Lane itself between 9:30

438 AM and 1 PM. In case of rain, they will hold graduation at the Thompson
439 Field House, so they would instead close off Court Street at that time.
440 PEA will pay the cost of Police detail and barricades.

441 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the application for road sidewalk request from Philips
442 Exeter Academy for Sunday June 7, 2026 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 1 PM for the 2026
443 graduation to block off Front Street between Tan Lane and Elm Street and Tan Lane itself; and
444 in case of rain, to close Court Street instead of Front Street. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The
445 motion passed 4-0.

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447 c. Town Manager's Report

448 i. Ms. Roy said the Train Station Committee applied to Plan NH for a
449 Planning Charette, and they were picked as the summer charette. Darren
450 of the Train Station Committee will come before the Board. They would
451 like to use Lincoln Street School as part of that charette.

452 ii. We received a question from a resident regarding the drought status.
453 DPW will come May 4 to give us a formal recommendation on that. One
454 of our water tanks is being cleaned and repaired, so they didn't want to
455 make the change this week.

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457 d. Select Board Committee Reports

458 i. Ms. Gilman attended a Facilities Committee meeting and a 250
459 Committee meeting. The 250 Committee is talking with Memories Ice
460 Cream about the community picnic in July. Squamscot Soda will do a
461 special label. She also gave an update on State issues.

462 ii. Ms. Belanger attended the Housing Advisory Board. There was
463 discussion about a possible workforce housing collaboration with Exeter
464 Housing Authority. We're waiting for Doug Eastman to give us an
465 inventory of available land in Exeter and present it like a charette. There
466 is a new member who is a Planning Board rep. At the Planning Board
467 meeting, there was one application, regarding the existing dry cleaner on
468 Portsmouth Ave. The Board asked for clarifications and the applicant felt
469 they could be ready for the next scheduled meeting on May 14.

470 iii. Mr. Chartrand said he attended two Conservation Commission meetings.
471 They discussed work they're doing with the Fort Rock Riders. Kristen
472 Murphy prepared a framework for working with them on trail revisions.
473 They're working to close off existing trails that have suffered significant
474 erosion or wear. Dave Short went out with the Fort Rock Riders and
475 confirmed what was discussed. At the Train Station Committee meeting,
476 they were planning for this input session/charette in August. He attended
477 a progress ceremony with Chair Papakonstantis and Melissa Roy for the
478 new Public Safety building. At the Facilities Committee meeting, Don
479 Briselden discussed his work with Julie at the Library on the HVAC
480 problems. They talked with Melissa Roy about moving forward with the
481 space needs assessment.

- 482 iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended a Tree Committee meeting. They talked
483 about the Arbor Day celebration and the joint effort between the Tree
484 Committee and the Swasey Trustees on a birthday party for the birch tree
485 there. He attended America 250 Flag Raising, which was sponsored by
486 the 250 Celebration Commission. He also attended the Public Safety
487 Complex celebration. He added that April 25 was the Arbor Day
488 Celebration.
489 v. Ms. Roy said regarding the resident that came in, she has set up a
490 meeting tomorrow with Madison and Doug. Madison has been in contact
491 with the property owner, so maybe there was a disconnect in
492 communication with the person renting.
493 vi. Ms. Belanger said there's a forum at Town Hall for public input on Beth
494 Lahey Hospital.

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496 e. Correspondence

- 497 i. A calendar of Exeter 250 Celebration Committee events.
498 ii. The NHMA Legislative Bulletin

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500 10. Review Board Calendar

- 501 a. There will be a special meeting May 14; the next regular meetings are May 4,
502 May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug 10, and Aug 24.

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504 11. Non-Public Session

505 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a) and (d).
506 In a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0. The meeting entered non-public session at 8:49 PM.

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508 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to exit non-public session at 9:27 pm. Ms. Gilman seconded.
509 The motion passed 4-0.

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511 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved. Ms. Belanger
512 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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514 12. Adjournment

515 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn the Select Board meeting at 9:28 pm. Ms. Gilman
516 seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

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519 Respectfully Submitted,
520 Joanna Bartell
521 Recording Secretary

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1 Select Board Meeting
2 Monday May 4, 2026
3 6:15 PM
4 Nowak Room, Town Offices
5 Draft Minutes
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7 1. Call Meeting to Order

8 Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Nancy Belanger,
9 Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, and Interim Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this
10 meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:15 PM.
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12 2. Non-Public Session

13 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(l). Ms.
14 Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0, and the meeting entered non-public
15 at 6:16 PM.
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17 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to exit non-public session. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion
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20 **MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved. Ms. Belanger
21 seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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23 The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.
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26 3. Public Comment

- 27 a. Silas Richards described the "Rec Ready NH" toolkit to the Board. Mr.
28 Papakonstantis said we forwarded this information to the relevant Department
29 Heads.
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31 4. Proclamations/Recognitions

32 Mr. Papakonstantis read the proclamation for Affordable Housing Week:
33 *Whereas, As people should have access to safe healthy and affordable homes*
34 *within communities that provide opportunity; And*
35 *Whereas, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines*
36 *affordable housing as "housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30*
37 *percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities"; And*
38 *Whereas, The Seacoast region of New Hampshire faces one of the most severe*
39 *housing shortages in the State, with rents and home prices outpacing wages and*
40 *contributing to increased housing insecurity and homelessness; And*
41 *Whereas, Housing instability undermines the ability of young families to stay in*
42 *our communities, creates barriers for older adults wishing to age in place, and*
43 *impacts workforce retention and economic growth across the Seacoast; And*

44 *Whereas, Studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a*
45 *15 percent increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39 percent increase*
46 *in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas: And*
47 *Whereas, The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention recognize safe,*
48 *healthy and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social*
49 *determinants of health: And*
50 *Whereas. Everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who*
51 *reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers and the*
52 *community as a whole; And*
53 *Whereas, United through the Home for All Coalition, municipalities, organizations*
54 *and residents across the Seacoast are participating in Affordable Housing Week*
55 *to elevate the urgent need for affordable housing solutions and to ensure*
56 *homelessness is rare, brief and nonrecurring.*
57 *Now, therefore, I, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of*
58 *Exeter, do hereby proclaim and affirm May 11-17, 2026 as Affordable Housing*
59 *Week within the Town of Exeter, NH. All people are hereby called upon to*
60 *commit to actions and policies that expand affordable housing opportunities and*
61 *strengthen community stability for all residents.*

62 Maeve Dolan read information about the inaugural Affordable Housing
63 Week, which was organized by the Home for All Coalition and the Workforce
64 Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. More information can be found at
65 <https://homeforall-seacoast.org/>.

66 Ms. Belanger said 30% of a person's gross income including utilities. We
67 do have a housing crisis. Ms. Dolan said when we use the term "affordable" or
68 "attainable," that means at every income level, although it's most severe for the
69 lowest-income folks. Ms. Cowan said policy decisions are made in Concord, so
70 people must vote in the midterms. Mr. Chartrand said increasing the housing
71 stock as a whole is critical. The mixed-use neighborhood development policy that
72 the Town adopted is important. More supply will lead to better pricing.

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74 5. Approval of Minutes

- 75 a. There were no minutes considered at this meeting.
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77 6. Appointments

- 78 a. Budget Recommendations Committee – Geoffrey Bell

79 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Geoffrey Bell to the Budget Recommendations
80 Committee. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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82 b. Rockingham Planning Commission Member Re-Appointments

83 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Langdon Plumer to the Rockingham Planning
84 Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2030. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
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86 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Gwen English to the Rockingham Planning
87 Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2030. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to reappoint Marty Kennedy to the Rockingham Planning Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2029. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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c. Trustees of the Robinson Trust Funds – Request for New Member Position

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Mr. Papakonstantis said the Board will conduct an interview with the nominee, and could appoint them.

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7. Discussion/Action Items

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a. Complete Streets Policy Approval

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Town Planner Dave Sharples was present via Zoom to discuss the Complete Streets policy. Mr. Sharples said at the meeting a week ago, he went over the policy. There is a Select Board policy that the Board can't take action on the first night an issue is discussed. Mr. Papakonstantis said this policy would be effective seven days from tonight.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to adopt the Town of Exeter policy #2026-02 Complete Streets, to go into effect as of May 11, 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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b. Epping Waste/Transfer Facility Update

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Conservation and Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy was present for this discussion item. Ms. Murphy said the Board previously submitted a letter of concern regarding this project in Epping at 270 Exeter Road. She attended the public hearing, and many of the concerns still stand. She has drafted a letter that focuses on the impact to Great Bay. She's looking for a vote to submit this on the Board's behalf.

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MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize submittal of a letter regarding the permit application for solid waste transfer facility resource waste services in Epping NH, submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Management Bureau, written on behalf of the Board and signed by the Select Board Chair. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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Ms. Murphy said we're not opposed to these solid waste facilities in general, but this is sited adjacent to a stream in the Great Bay Watershed. It's a good use in a bad location.

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c. Drought Update

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Public Works Director Stephen Cronin and Water/Sewer Director Steve Dalton were present for this discussion item. Mr. Cronin said we've been monitoring drought conditions and although there's been some recent improvement, much of the State remains in a moderate to severe drought. Groundwater levels remain a particular concern. There's no strong indication of prolonged rainfall heading into the summer. The next couple of weeks will be important going into the summer. We're not recommending any changes to water restrictions at this time. We have some critical water maintenance activities that

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132 need to be done, such as the seasonal flushing program and maintenance on the
133 Epping Road tank, which has been offline for the last month or so.

134 Mr. Chartrand said he's glad they've decided not to lower the drought
135 level. There's an extreme deficit in soil moisture. He asked them to review what
136 the Level 4 restrictions are. Mr. Dalton said absolutely no outside watering or
137 washing of vehicles. They allow hand-watering of vegetables only. Commercial
138 car washes and other commercial uses of water are still allowed.

139 Ms. Belanger asked if the signboards could be put out, and Mr. Cronin
140 said yes.

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142 d. Energy Cost Comparison Q1 2026 v. 2025

143 Finance Director Corey Stevens was present for this discussion item. Mr.
144 Stevens said he looked at electricity, natural gas, and fuel. Electricity through Q1
145 compared to last year is up 46% or \$75,000 over the prior year. While our
146 consumption rate has been level, the cost has gone up. There has been some
147 change in use of buildings; 32 Court has become idle and 10 Hampton Road has
148 gone online. Natural gas rates have been relatively flat over the last year. It was
149 a cold winter so consumption went up. Clearing the streets of snow used a fair
150 amount of fuel. Rates for diesel and gas have improved over last year's
151 contracts. He presented a building-by-building breakdown of costs.

152 Ms. Belanger asked if the solar panels are helping at all. Mr. Stevens said
153 it's not reflecting in the results here. We're generating revenue from the solar
154 array in net metering or selling renewable energy credits. Ms. Belanger asked
155 about the solar panels at the DPW Complex. Mr. Dalton said he can get that
156 information. He added that our electric supply contract was signed last year and
157 is good through November 2027.

158 Mr. Stevens said he has a draft of the tax return where we will file for the
159 solar return credit of about \$1M. Mr. Chartrand asked if that's annual or one-time,
160 and Mr. Stevens said it's one-time.

161 Ms. Roy said regarding 10 Hampton Road, the CDFA grant was to
162 electrify the building and add electric heat and air conditioning. We do expect
163 their electricity to be more. The building is bustling all the time. They're using it a
164 lot more than 32 Court Street.

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166 8. Regular Business

167 a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

168 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/119 in the amount of
169 \$190.00 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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171 **MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve an abatement for 110/2/117 in the amount of
172 \$222.00 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

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174 b. Permits & Approvals

175 i. There were no permits or approvals considered at this meeting.

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c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Ms. Roy said the Board received a question from a resident on Westside Drive who felt that their furnace had been affected by the construction. The Contractor is taking care of that.
- ii. We received some public comment regarding 11 Chestnut Street; we have been working with Legal to address the resident's question.
- iii. We received the Rec Ready information from Mr. Richards and we're having various Department Heads review that.
- iv. The Town had a structure fire an hour or two ago on Robin Hood Drive. The fire is under control, but our Department was already out on multiple calls so we depended on mutual aid.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Gilman had no report. She gave an update on State issues.
- ii. Ms. Belanger had no report.
- iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
- iv. Mr. Chartrand had no report.
- v. Mr. Papakonstantis had no report.

e. Correspondence

- i. An email to the Board
- ii. The communication from a resident on Westside Drive
- iii. The NHMA Bulletin
- iv. A flyer for the Alewife Festival this Saturday. Mr. Papakonstantis also mentioned that May 16 from 11-2 at Swasey Parkway is the birch tree's birthday celebration.

9. Review Board Calendar

- a. There is a special meeting May 14 at 8:15 AM. The next regular meetings are May 18, June 1, June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10, and August 24.

10. Non-Public Session

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

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

Appointments/Resignations



Fwd: May 12 ConCom meeting materials

2 messages

Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
Cc: Nick Campion <campion.n@gmail.com>

Tue, May 12, 2026 at 9:28 PM

Hi Pam,

Nick officially announced his desire to resign at ConCom tonight. Here is his email resignation for the Select Board.

Kristen Murphy
Conservation and Sustainability Planner
Town of Exeter
[10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833](#)
(603) 418-6452

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

From: **Nicholas Campion** <campion.n@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 11, 2026 at 9:03 AM
Subject: Re: May 12 ConCom meeting materials
To: Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov>
CC: Dave Short <dshort11@myfairpoint.net>

Hi Kristen & Dave,

I plan to attend Tuesday evening's meeting and wanted to reach out beforehand to share some thoughts.

After careful consideration, I believe it is in the best interest of the board for me to step down from my full-time board member role. Between my professional responsibilities, teaching schedule, and family commitments, I find myself stretched too thin to give this position the time and energy it truly deserves. I would also like to step down as primary liaison/chair of the Raynes Farm subcommittee for the same reasons.

That said, I still value all of the work these groups do and would welcome the opportunity to contribute in an alternate or supporting capacity — whatever would be most useful to the group, but understand that if there are others in the community wanting to serve these outstanding committees they should be afforded that opportunity.

That said, and to be even more transparent: I don't want my limitations to hinder the momentum and energy that others on these board are able to bring. And we all know that there is a **lot** of that energy and momentum. The work is too important for that, and I'd rather make this transition thoughtfully than risk holding the group back.

I'm happy to discuss this further at Tuesday's meeting or beforehand.

Thank you sincerely for your understanding and all that you both do for the community,
Nick

On Wed, May 6, 2026 at 1:12 PM Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov> wrote:
Hi all,

Attached you will find a copy of the meeting packet. Lots of minutes but otherwise seems fairly straight forward. I have included the treasurers report form so you have some context as to how much money is available in your budget when you consider the list expenditure requests.

Please let Dave and I know if you can not make it (if you haven not already done so).

ALSO A REMINDER THAT SATURDAY IS THE ALEWIFE FESTIVAL!

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Kristen Murphy

· Conservation and Sustainability Planner
· Town of Exeter
· 10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833
· (603) 418-6452

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov>
Cc: Nick Campion <campion.n@gmail.com>

Wed, May 13, 2026 at 6:32 AM

Thanks Kristen.

I'll add it to the agenda for 5/18.

Have a good day.

Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Senior Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office
603-773-6102

[Quoted text hidden]

Discussion/Action Items

Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Exeter, NH
Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b,III(a)

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a public hearing consisting of three (3) readings in the Nowak Room, 10 Front Street, Exeter for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b,III(a) for a proposed change to parking regulations on Cass Street. The first reading will be Monday, May 18, 2026. The second reading will be Monday, June 1, 2026. The third reading will be Monday, June 15, 2026. Each reading will begin at 7:00 PM.

Dated: May 8, 2026

Exeter Select Board
Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

1st Public Hearing – Resident Petition – Cass Street Parking



EXETER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TO: Exeter Select Board

FROM: Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

CC: Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager

DATE: May 14, 2026

RE: Resident Requested Change to Parking Regulation Ordinance – Cass Street

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Select Board of a resident request to amend the Town's parking regulation ordinance relating to parking restrictions on Cass Street.

The request was submitted by Abigail Pitou, 22 Cass Street, who has expressed safety concerns regarding the proximity of allowable on-street parking at the northerly end of Cass Street to the intersection of Park Street, as well as the impact that on-street parking has on access to her driveway. Specifically, the resident has requested that the Town consider extending the current parking restriction to a point 170 feet south of Park Street, which would extend parking restrictions an additional 155 feet beyond the existing 15-foot parking prohibition from an intersecting street or roadway pursuant to Parking Regulations Section 101.1.f.

Current ordinance language states:

101.2 Parking Prohibited on Specific Streets

Street	Restriction
Cass Street	Easterly side of street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.

The resident's proposed amendment would amend the ordinance as follows:

101.2 Parking Prohibited on Specific Streets

Street	Restriction
Cass Street	Both sides of Cass Street for a distance of 170' South of Park Street. Easterly side of street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.

Public Works staff has reviewed the request and recommends that the Select Board consider several factors in its decision-making process, including impacts on public safety, parking

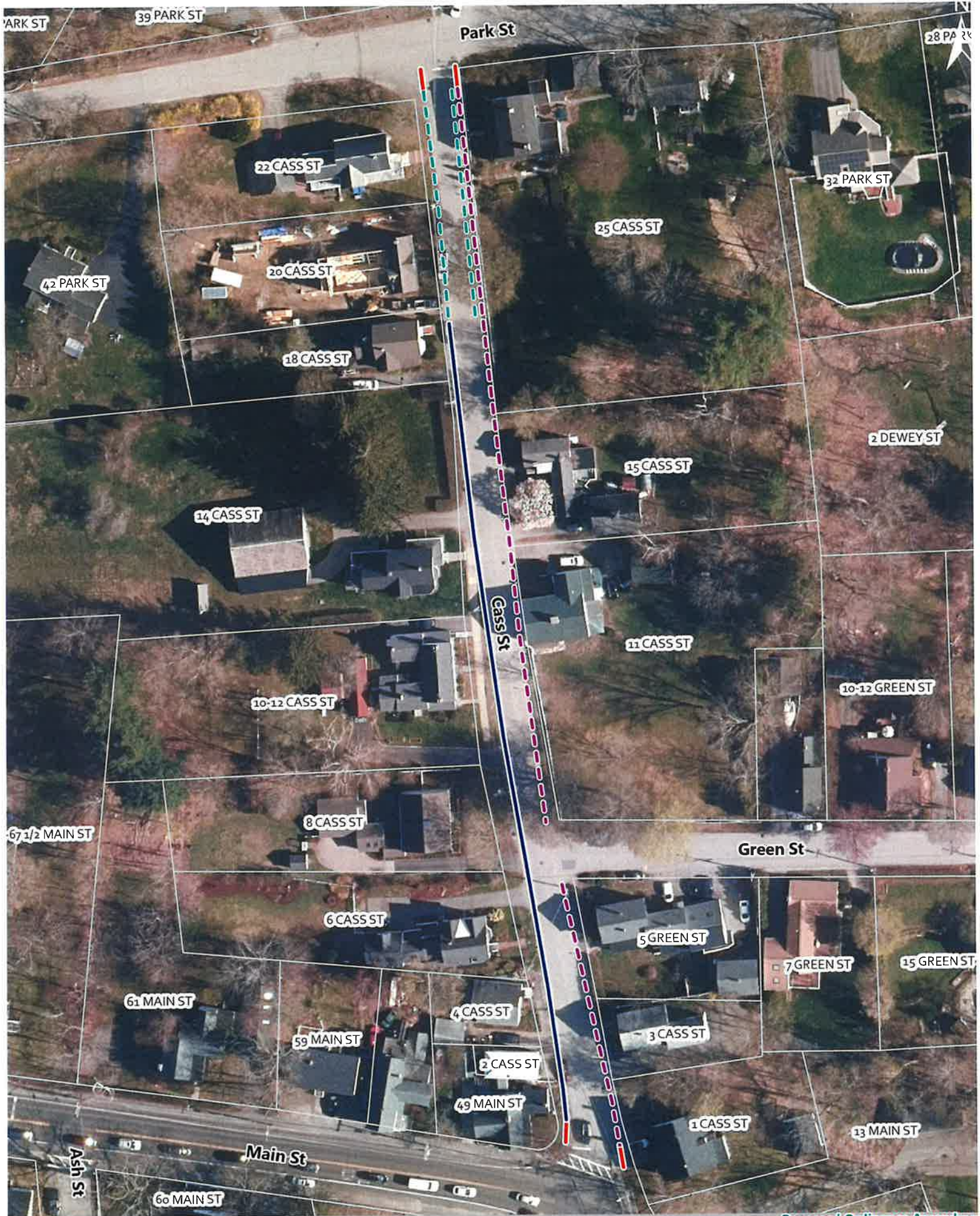
availability, traffic flow, enforceability, neighborhood and abutter concerns, and consistency with existing Town parking prohibitions on similarly situated streets.

Cass Street, in its current configuration, has inconsistent roadway widths and segmented pedestrian facilities that do not meet current accessibility standards. The roadway is also subject to seasonal solar glare conditions and is frequently utilized as a cut-through route. It should be noted that several properties along Cass Street currently rely on on-street parking within the public right-of-way due to shallow and/or narrow driveways. However, as reflected in the current ordinance, parking is prohibited on the easterly side of the roadway between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on school days.

Please note that Cass Street is included in the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for full reconstruction – including water, sewer, drainage, roadway, and pedestrian facilities – as part of the Green Street Neighborhood Reconstruction Project. Design for that project is currently planned for 2029, with construction anticipated in 2030. The Department will be recommending a one-year delay to that timeline as part of its 2027-2032 CIP request.

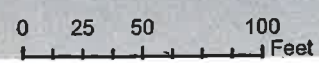
Attached for the Board's review are:

- A map showing the current and proposed parking restrictions;
- Street view photographs of Cass Street; and,
- A copy of the Green Street Neighborhood Reconstruction CIP Sheet



Cass Street Parking

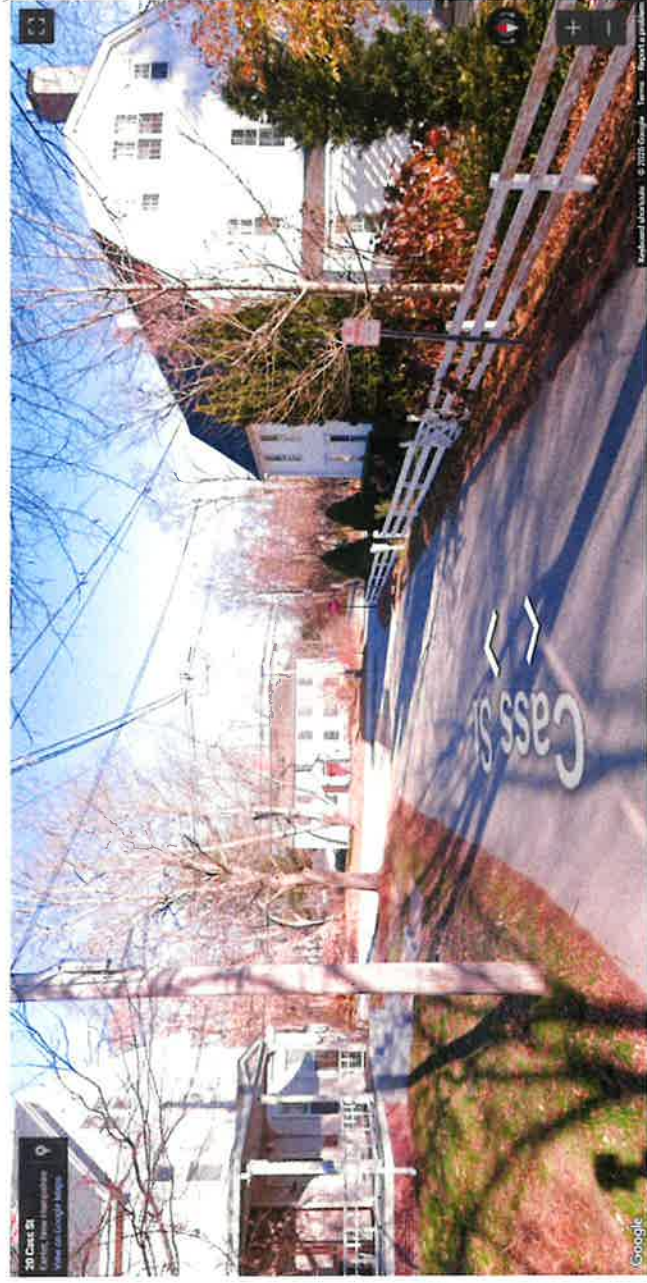
Proposed Ordinance Amendment
Parking Allowed
Parking Not Allowed
Parking Allowed (Excerpt between)



Cass Street looking South from Park Street



Cass Street looking North towards Park Street



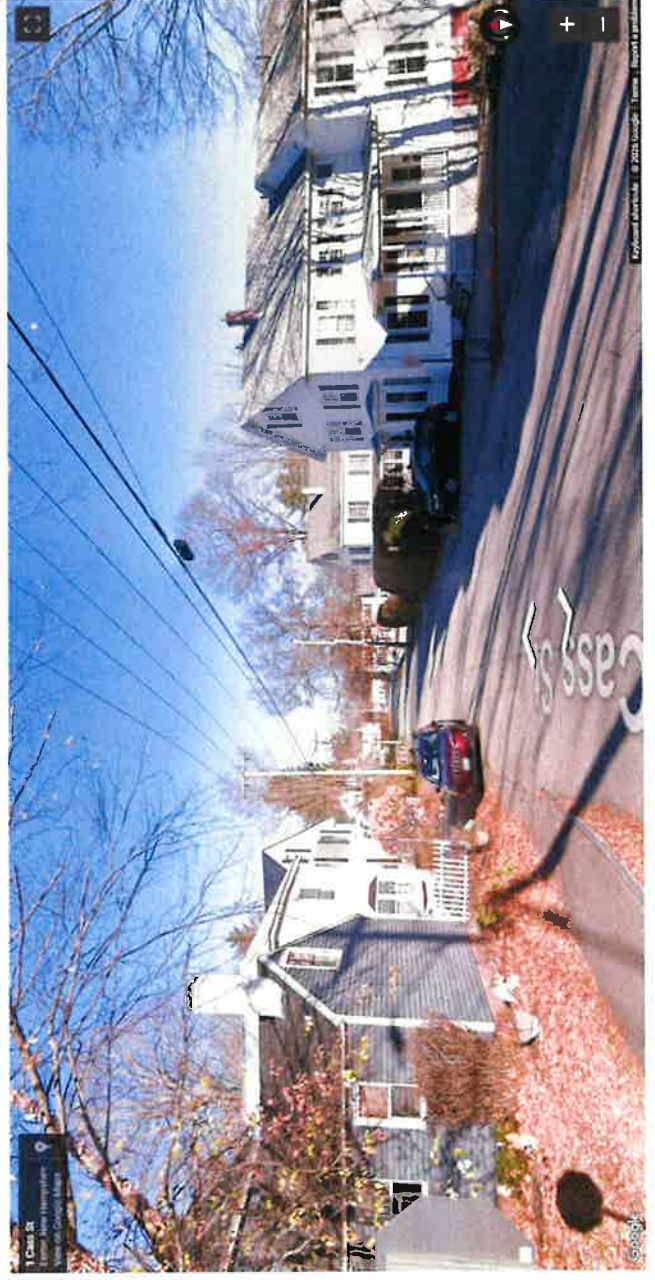
Driveway at 20 Cass Street



Cass Street at Green Street looking South towards Main Street



Cass Street looking North from Main Street





Town of Exeter, New Hampshire

2026 - 2031 CIP Project Request Form

Date Submitted: 8/4/2025

2029

First Year Funding is Requested: 2029

Project Title: Green Street Neighborhood Utility Reconstruction

Project Ranking: _____ of _____

Project Type: Utility Replacement

Useful Life (Years): 50

Project Cost: \$12,250,000

Master Plan (Y/N): No

Growth Related (Y/N): No

Service Related (Y/N): Yes

Externally Mandated (Y/N): No

Department: Public Works - Engineering

Contact Name: Paul Vlasich



Project Description

Where possible, the Public Works department prefers to replace several utilities at the same time in a street. For the purposes of this project, the Green Street neighborhood consists of: Green Street, Cass Street, Dewey Street and portions of both Park Street and Summer Street. The proposed improvements include 4,500 linear feet of new water main, an updated stormwater management system, 4,600 linear feet of sewer line replacement, and full-depth reconstruction of the roadway. Options for pedestrian improvements will be evaluated during design.

A distribution flow analysis and the Water System Asset Management Plan and have determined that existing water mains are undersized and have reached the end of their expected useful life. Additionally, an evaluation of the sewer and drain lines during the development of the Sewer System Asset Management Plan has determined that they are in poor condition and in need of replacement. These utilities will be upgraded to meet current standards and regulations. Design is anticipated in FY29 with construction beginning in FY30.

Costs:

FY29 Design -	\$750,000	(GF)	\$229,000	W	\$229,000	S	\$292,000
FY30 Construction -	\$11,500,000	(GF)	\$3,578,000	W	\$3,578,000	S	\$4,670,000
Total -	\$12,250,000						

Check all that apply

2026 - 2031 Source of Funding

- GO Bond/Borrowing
- Grants
- Taxes
- Water Fees
- Sewer Fees
- Impact Fees
- Revolving Funds
- Other

Project Benefits

- Reduces Liability
- Health or Safety
- Reduces Long Term Debt
- Other: _____

" Annual Operating Impact "

Salaries & Wages: _____
 Employees Benefits: _____
 Expenses: _____
 Other: _____

Total: _____

Estimated Project Cost: \$12,250,000

Estimated Fiscal Capital Cost

\$12,250,000

Total Capital Cost by Fiscal Year	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
FY26	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$11,500,000	\$0
Operating Budget Impact by Fiscal Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Expense (estimated) by Fiscal Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

PROPOSED CHANGES NOTED IN RED

MAY 2026

CHAPTER 1 PARKING REGULATIONS

100 Definitions

100.1 Abandoned Vehicles

For the purpose of this Chapter only, an abandoned vehicle is one that is parked in violation of any provisions of this Chapter for a period of time greater than 24 hours.

100.2 Bus or Taxi Stands

Areas and particular locations along traveled ways, which are officially designated by signs indicating that only buses and taxis may stand or stop at that location.

100.3 Crosswalk

Any portion of the roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

100.4 Districts

- a. Business District: The territory contiguous to a highway in which fifty percent or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of 300 feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.
- b. Urban Residence District: The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business district when the frontage on such highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.
- c. Rural Residence District: The territory contiguous to a highway not comprising a business or urban residence district, in which the frontage on such highway for a distance of one-half mile or more, is mainly occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business on any one side.

100.5 Fire Lanes

The portion of a traveled way established on private property, devoted to public use, where the parking of motor vehicles or other obstructions may interfere with the ingress and egress of Fire Department or other emergency vehicles at shopping centers, bowling lanes, theaters, hospitals, churches and similar locations.

100.5 (a) Exemptions

Restriction described in this section shall not apply to vehicles engaged in commercial loading and unloading where the vehicle is attended and no other means of loading are available.

100.6 Intersection

The area bounded by the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or the lateral boundary lines of two highways.

100.7 Official Time

Time designated herein shall be standard or daylight, whichever shall be in force.

100.8 Persons, Drivers, Pedestrians

- a. Person: Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.
- b. Driver: Every person who drives or is in physical control of a vehicle.
- c. Pedestrian: A person on foot.

100.9 Police Officer

An officer of the municipal police department or any person authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations or traffic regulations.

100.10 Railroads

- a. Railroads: A carrier of persons or property; cars operated upon stationary rails.
- b. Railroad Train: A steam engine, electric, diesel or other motor vehicle with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon stationary rails.

100.11 Right-of-Way

The privilege of the immediate use of the road.

100.12 Safety Zone

The area or space officially set apart within a roadway as a safety zone for the exclusive use of pedestrians and so marked or indicated by inadequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times.

100.13 Traffic

Pedestrians, draft animals, cattle, sheep, goats, vehicle or other conveyances while using the street for the purpose of travel.

100.14 Traffic Control Devices

- a. All signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with these regulations erected pursuant to proper authority for the purpose of

regulations, warning or guiding traffic.

- b. Traffic signals, mechanically or electrically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and proceed, erected pursuant to authority.

100.15 Traffic Movements

- a. Stop: When required, means complete cessation of movement.
- b. Stop or Stopping: When prohibited, means any stopping of a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with the other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control sign or signal.

100.16 Traveled Ways

- a. Street or Highway: The entire width between boundary lines of every public way or place of whatever nature used by the members of the public for the purpose of vehicular traffic.
- b. Private Road or Driveway: Every way or place in private ownership and used for traffic by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner.
- c. Roadway: That portion of the street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel whether defined by a curbstone or not.
- d. Curb: The lateral boundaries of that portion of the street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel whether defined by a curbstone or not.
- e. Sidewalk: That portion of the street between the curb lines and adjacent property lines, intended for pedestrian use.
- f. Alley: A public, narrow passage or way between buildings within the compact area of the town.

100.17 Vehicles

- a. Vehicles: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.
- b. Motor vehicles: Every vehicle that is self-propelled.
- c. Authorized Emergency Vehicles: Fire and Police Department vehicles and such other vehicles so designated by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles or the Board of Selectman of Exeter, New Hampshire.

100.18 Weekdays

Shall mean Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

101 No Parking Zones

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

101.1 Parking Prohibited in Specific Places

- a. on a public sidewalk
- b. on a public crosswalk
- c. within an intersection
- d. in front of a public or private driveway
- e. within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or sprinkler supply head
- f. within 30 feet of an intersecting street or road
- g. within 75 feet of a fire station entrance
- h. along the side of or opposite any street or excavation or obstruction when such parking will obstruct traffic.
- i. upon any bridge or elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel
- j. at any place where official signs prohibit parking or stopping
- k. within any designated fire lane
- l. on the road side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb, of any street
- m. on the roadway when the vehicle, parallel parked, has its right wheels more than 12 inches from the curb or edge of the road.
- n. on railroad tracks
- o. on the travel portion of any roadway so as to obstruct the movement of traffic in the travel lane.
- p. at a designated bus or taxi stop.
- q. on a public way when any wheel of a parked vehicle is beyond the painted lines in the roadway
- r. in any posted area on Town Property
- s. upon any roadway when the principal purpose is displaying the vehicle for sale
- t. in zones designed for handicapped parking.
- u. in a designated loading or unloading zone
- v. in a Town Office parking lot weekdays from 0600 to 1800 hours without valid permit

101.2 Parking Prohibited on Specific Streets

Auburn Street	Both sides of the street for a distance 350 feet easterly from Portsmouth Ave.
Bow Street	Southerly side of street from Court to South. Northerly side from Court to Clifford.
Browns Court	East side of street
Buzell Avenue	East side of street

Cass Street	Both sides of Cass Street for a distance of 170' South of Park Street. Easterly side of street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.
Center Street	West side of the street between Front Street and the Municipal Parking Lot. East side of the street 120 feet north from Front Street.
Charter Street	East side of street from Front Street to a point 90 feet south of Vine Street. West side of street between Vine and Myrtle Streets
Chestnut Street	East side of street from Pleasant Street to Jady Hill Avenue and west side of street from 380' north of String Bridge to Jady Hill Avenue.
Clifford Street	East side of Street. Loading zone on west side of street.
Cottage Street	East side of street.
Court Street	East side of street from South Street to Front Street. West side of street from intersection of Front Street to 180' feet south of Maple Street. Southeast side of street from Elm Street to Elliot Street. Northeast side of street no parking for 320 fee from Elm Street to Elliot Street.
Elliot Street	West side from Front Street to Grove Street.
Elm Street	West side of street from 15' north of Gilman House parking lot entrance to 15' south of entrance to Student Center/Library/Dining Hall driveway; 15' north and south of entrance to parking area behind Elm Street dining hall.
Epping Road Extension	Both sides of street the length of Epping Road Extension.
Front Street	South side of street for a distance of 60 feet west of Linden Street and between Elm Street and Post Office driveway. North side from Kossuth Street to B&M Railroad Crossing. From Arbor Street to hydrant across from Inn at Exeter. South side from point approximately 100 feet east of Pine Street for approximately 25 feet in easterly direction. South side from Elliot Street westerly for 50'. South side from Elliot easterly for 220'. South side from Elm Street westerly for 50'. North side from Tan Lane westerly for 50'. North side from Tan Lane intersection easterly for 80'. Northerly side of street from approximately 100 feet west of the PEA arches to Tan Lane.
Garfield Court	Entire side of street.
Gill Street	North side of Gill Street (extension) for a distance of 50 feet from Linden. Entire south side of Gill Street (extension). Entire west side from Front Street.

Gilman Street Green Street	Both sides from Court Street to the entrance to the foot-bridge. Southerly side of Green Street, entire length 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only. Both sides 100 feet from intersection of Green and Cass Streets.
Hall Court	Both sides of street from High Street to Hall Place.
Hall Place	Both sides of street from Pleasant Street east 340 feet and 100 feet southerly.
Hampton Road	Both sides of street from High Street to Exeter/Hampton town line.
High Street	Both sides of street from Clifford Street to Portsmouth Avenue. North curb line from Portsmouth Avenue to Hampton Road. South curb line from 180' east of Gardner Street to Hampton Road. South curb line from 180' east of Gardner Street to Hampton Road.
Highland Street	South side from Portsmouth Avenue to Prospect Street.
Kossuth Street Lincoln Street	Both sides of street. Westerly side of street beginning 175 feet from the corner of Main Street and running approximately 530 feet southwest along Lincoln Street.
Linden Street	East side of street from Pine Street to Gary Lane. West side of street for a distance of 200 feet south of Gill Street and for a distance of 80' south of Front Street.
Main Street	Both sides of street from Harvard to Winter Street. North side from Water to Cass Street; south side from Spring to westerly property boundary of Main Street School. South side from railroad tracks to Harvard Street.
Maple Street	South side of street.
Marlboro Street Marston Street Mill Street	West side of street West side of street Southerly from Front Street for 75 feet.
Pickpocket Road	North side of the street for a distance of 450' west of Kingston Road.
Pine Grove Road	Within rotary, either side.
Pleasant Street	East side of street, from High Street to Hall Place. West side of street for a distance of 50 feet south from Library parking lot entrance.
Portsmouth Avenue Prospect Avenue	Both sides of street. East side of street from Auburn to Highland Avenue
Prospect Street	North side of street and south side for distance of 100 feet from Portsmouth Avenue.
Railroad Avenue	West side of street from Front to Winter Streets.
River Street	West side of street.
Rockingham Street	North side of street.
Spring Street	West side of street.

School Street	Westerly side from Front Street to Garfield Street.
South Street	Both sides from Court to River Street Extension. Southerly side, between Court Street and Senior Citizen's parking lot.
String Bridge	Both sides of street from Water Street to Chestnut Street except 60 feet allowed on northerly and southerly sides opposite library.
Swasey Parkway	West side of the street from Newfields Road to turnaround.
Tan Lane	East side of street.
Union Street	Westerly side from Front Street to Garfield Street.
Vine Street	North side of street, from Charter to Sanborn Streets.
Water Street	West side of street, from Main Street to Green Street, and from Center Street to the driveway of the Exeter Town Hall. West side of street from Park Street to Main Street. East side of street utility pole # 767 and utility pole # 770. Two loading zones designed & posted in front of # 33 & # 159 except for loading purposes limited to 30 minutes.
Waterfront Park	Entrance to boat ramp except while loading/unloading.
Westside Drive	Both sides of street, 180 feet east of the intersection of Front Street.
Woodlawn Circle	West side, 440 feet from Chestnut Street intersection.

101.3 Winter Parking

All night parking is permitted on Pleasant Street provided proper application is made to the office of the Town Manager and permit is issued in compliance with rules established by the Board of Selectman & Town Manager. All night parking is permitted in designated areas, as marked, in Town Lots (Water St., Kossuth/Front streets, Train Station and Center Street) without a permit. Winter parking ban is December 1 through March 15 each year. For questions regarding snow removal, contact DPW or Police Dispatch.

101.4 Parking Prohibited

It shall be unlawful to park a boat trailer, utility trailer or camper in any municipal parking lot between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00AM with the exception of the parking allowed under Section 103.8.

102 Restricted Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle contrary to any of the following provisions of this section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

102.2 Winter Parking Ban

Within the Town of Exeter, from December 1 to March 15, no parking is permitted on any public street between 12 midnight and 6:00AM. Refer to 101.3 for parking areas in town's R-O-W.

102.3 Parks and Commons

In any town-owned park, common, playground or recreational area between the hours of 9:00PM and 6:00AM

102.4 School Hours Restrictions

On the following streets during the normal school hours: Linden Street. West side from a point 200 feet south of Gill Street to the intersection of Gary Lane.

102.5 Public Safety Complex

Parking lot unless on official public safety business.

102.6 Snow Emergency

In the event of a predicted or on-going severe winter snowstorm requiring enhanced actions maintaining snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the DPW Director, a "Snow Emergency" shall be called by the Police Chief. The Chief shall contact the news media, including local radio station(s) to notify the public that a ban exists and shall specify the start of the snow emergency and shall estimate when same will be called off. It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public R-O-W during a snow emergency. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing and/or removal operations shall be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

102.7 Emergency/Special Event Temporary Parking Restrictions

The Chief of Police is authorized and empowered, in coordination with the Town Manager, to make and enforce temporary parking regulations to cover emergencies, special conditions and special events.

103 Limited Parking

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle contrary to the time restriction in this section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

103.1 Two – Hour Parking Limit

Center Street	Both sides of street from Water Street to the municipal parking lot.
Front Street	Center Isle at the Bandstand: Westerly side from Water Street to the driveway of Congregational Church. Easterly side from Water to Court Street. Northerly side of the street beginning 20 feet from the corner of Spring Street and running approximately 220 feet southwest along Front Street.
Lincoln Street	Westerly side of street beginning 175 feet from the corner of Main Street and running approximately 530 feet Southwest along Lincoln Street.

Spring Street	From William's Court south 100' to Front Street, on east side.
String Bridge	Both sides from Water to Chestnut in 60' of spaces allowed opposite Library.
Water Street	Both sides from Clifford Street to Main Street except between Center Street and Town Hall driveway.

103.2 Two – Hour Parking Limit School Hours

103.3 One – Hour Parking Limit

Franklin Street	In front on Long Block on the northerly side.
Front Street	North side of street for a distance of 80 feet west of Railroad Avenue.

103.4 One – Hour Parking Limit School Hours

Gill Street	North side of Gill Street (extension) from Gill Street to 50' from Linden. Entire east side from Front Street.
Linden Street	West side of street from Front Street to Gill Street.

103.5 30 – Minute Parking Limit School Hours

Linden Street	West side in the designated spaces.
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103.6 30 – Minute Parking Limit

Bow Street	South side adjacent to the Public Safety Complex.
Front Street	Monday through Saturday: North side from the driveway of First Congregational Church to Center Street. South side from Court Street to 5 spaces east of driveway of the U.S. Post Office. In front of 148-152 Front Street, south side.
Front Street	During State and Federal Elections, Primary and General. Center Isle at the Bandstand; Westerly side from Water Street to the driveway of Congregational Church. Easterly side from Water to Court Street.

103.7 15 – Minute Parking Limit

Front Street	South side, 4 spaces east of Post Office entrance, Monday through Saturday.
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103.8 Restricted Parking – Vehicles with boat trailers

Robert H. Stewart Park	4 designated spaces reserved for vehicles w/boat trailers
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between April 1st and November 5th.

103.9 Restricted Parking – Motorcycle Parking Only

Front Street	1 designated space in front of 14 Front (up to 2 motorcycles)
Water Street	1 designated space in front of 55 Water St. (1 motorcycle only)
Water Street	1 designated space on southerly side of municipal parking lot (up to 3 cycles)

103.10 Robert H. Stewart Park: Parking space at island to Boat Launch for Harbor Master.

110 Penalties

A person violating any provision of Chapter 1 of the Traffic Code shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense, except that optional procedures set forth in Section 110.1 may be used in lieu of court proceedings for violations of Chapter 1.

110.1 Procedures in Paying Penalties for Extended Time Parking Tickets

The operator or owner may, within 72 hours of the time when a notice of a violation of Chapter 1 was attached to the vehicles, pay to the Clerk of the Exeter Police Department by mail or personal appearance the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars, for the first offense, as a penalty in lieu of court proceedings, except in reference to 101.1 (t) where the penalty is a minimum of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars per offense (eff. 1/1/04). In the case of a second offense in the same day, the fine shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars and in the case of a third offense in the same day, the fine shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Failure by the operator or owner to make such payment will result in a second written notice of the violation. Failure by the operator or owner to make such payment within five (5) days after the second notice is sent, may result in the issuance of a summons to the operator to appear in Exeter District Court to answer to charges of violating the ordinance.

110.2 Owner Responsibility

A person shall not allow, permit or suffer a vehicle registered in his name to stop, stand or park in violation of any ordinances of the Town of Exeter controlling the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles and the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima-facie responsible for such violation.

110.3 Towing

The Police Department is authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing service, any abandoned vehicle, or other vehicle illegally parked in a place where it creates or

constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant, blocks the use of a driveway, either public or private, or obstructs or may obstruct snow removal operations in a safe place, and shall be restored to the owner or operator upon payment of all fees for towing and storage.

DRAFT

Abby M. Pitou.

RECEIVED

OCT 27 2025

Town of Exeter

Town Manager's Office

Exeter, New Hampshire

Established 1638

Safety

Cass Street is an older Community with homes built in the early

★ speeding + glare. 1700's and 1800's (or All of Cass St.)

★ No parking from 20 Cass St. driveway to Park Street.

★ Blind corner from Park to Cass + cars create hazard on 4-5 worst western glare

★ 75 to 80' Cass west side of street. This Petition to Limit Parking Cass Street

The intent of this Petition is to protect all (4-5 pm worst) walkers, bicyclists - specifically children and the elderly population when not in vehicles but wish to go for walks, and get about by means other than vehicles. Cass St. and Park St. is a dangerous intersection. - Right now, many of our older population do not feel safe walking in this area. If they do not have a license, people stay indoors which is not healthy

1	Joan C. Widmer	2 Sterling Hill Lane, #224 Exeter NH 03833
2	STEVE JORDAN	1 TAMARIND LN EXETER
3	James D. Oskow	3 Pearl Ln Exeter N.H. 03833
4	BOB BOSCHER	10 COTTAGE ST
5	Chin Juma	6 Dearborn Brook Cir Exeter 03833
6	Cindy Strowman	13 Washington St Exeter
7	Aileen Kaefer	5 Chesnut St Exeter
8	L. Robert Gilman	39 Front St.

both mentally + physically

L. ROBERT GILMAN

9	Adrian Vines	12 Cass St Exeter, NH ⁰³⁷³³
10	Kay & Kayoko Tazawa	22 Cass St. Exeter, NH
11	Rita Stoller Rita Stoller	5 OAK ST EXETER NH
12	Sam M. Duce	58 PARK ST
13	Kathy Kristin King	63 Park St. Exeter
14	ANNMARIE HOY	69 Park St. NH
15	Francisc Elise	75 Park St.
16	Sarah Stray	83 Park St.
17	Rachel Bendroth Rachel Bendroth	91 Park St Exeter
18	Rebecca Bendroth Rachel Bendroth	91 Park St. Exeter
19	Susan EIT Bendroth SUN EIT Bendroth	91 Park St. Exeter
20	Ray Ridgley	50 Newfields rd EXETER
21	Tom Powley	8 Locust Ave
22	JEFF McLYNCH	16 Epping Rd.
23	Ref. Finta PRATT	10 Locust Ave
24	BJ Winter	12 Locust Ave
25	Duncan Douglas McCallum	13 Locust Ave.
26	ROBIN McCALLUM Robin McCallum	13 Locust Ave
27	Amy & Lip Swozyński	22 Locust Ave
28	Jane & Jane O'Sullivan	19 Locust Ave
29	Jeanne O'Sullivan	19 Locust Ave

James
Team

30	Mariam Cary Almon	18 Locust Ave Exeter, NH 03833
31	Laura Wetland	27 Chestnut St Exeter, NH 03833
32	Lynn Walterick	11 Locust St 03833
33	Heather Sheehan	15 Locust Ave Exeter NH
34	Jared Sheehan	15 Locust Ave Exeter NH
35	Roy Wyman	5 Cass St. Exeter NH
36	Julia Lavine	8 Cass St. Exeter
37	Davit R (Prend)	8. Cass St. Exeter
38	Reggie Bandy	Reggie Bandy
39	Kenneth E. Dampell	6 Dewey Blvd
40	Jessica Christoferson	12 Meadowood Dr. Exeter - frequently walk the
41	BETH KILINC	13 MAIN ST, EXETER NH WALKER
42	Julie Dallaire ^{Traverse} Julie Travers	316 Water St. Exeter
43	Daniel Danyl ^{Daniel} Danyl	297 Water St. Exeter WALKER
44	Jessica O'Leary	15 South St. Exeter walker
45	Kelly Martindale ^{Kelly Martindale}	1 Wadleigh St. Exeter wheelchair
46	Jerry Schmitt ^{Jerry Schmitt}	29 Cherry St Exeter walker
47	Sheila Roy	3 Salem St Exeter 03833
48	J. Provencher	Po Box 986 Exeter, NH
49	Al Anderson	75 Walside Dr
50	Nancy Cooper	27 Highland St. Exeter

51	Christie Davis (walker)	69 Water St. Exeter NH
52	Christine Nickerson (walker)	61 Acadia Ln, Exeter, NH
53	Rachel Spinale	16 Summer St, Exeter walker
54	Jilyana Andrews	16 Summer St Exeter NH 03833
55	Janice Goodwin	High St #15 Exeter
56	Susan Spinale, walker	18 Summer St. Exeter NH
57	Al Spinale (walker)	18 Summer St. Exeter NH
58	Kathy Kelsey Tustin	20 Weddige St.
59	John Bouchard	9A Salem St, Exeter
60	James Julia Hangell	Salem St Exeter on
61	Thonatan Ramose	11 Salem St Exeter
62	Elizabeth E. Wilf	15 Summer St. Exeter NH
63	John DeCicca	12 Summer St
64	Robert Kelsall	87 Hayes Park, Exeter
65	Jim Mann Jerry Goodreau	9illard St, Exeter
66	John Donahue	5 Phinney Lane

67 Ronald Evans RON EVANS 15A SUMMER ST
(cyclist)

Abby Pitou

Automobile Safety on Cass Street is the reason that I submit this petition due to parked cars on Western side of Cass Street. I am advocating for NO Parking Signs along the Western side of Cass Street. At first, I presented this, in the petition to neighbors "No parking from Park Street to the far south of 20 Cass", but many said that they did not think "ANY parking on Cass Street, was what they wanted".

I can only attest to what I see near my home, and because I am near the intersection, I see the hazard.

Signage is the quickest and least expensive, immediate way to preserve safety.

This is the problem:

Driving up from Park Street and turning left onto Cass Street
Is a blind turn (intersection design and afternoon Western Glare).
The bridge is out.

People are angered and accelerate down Cass Street. The G Forces of this turn cause cars to move to Western side of street.

Parked cars on Western side of Cass are a Hazard. There are NO Parking signs on other, East side of road (during daytime hours).

"Studies of cars parked on one Side of road highlight increased crash risk due to reduced road width, obstructed visibility, and disruption of traffic flow from parking / unparking vehicles and opening doors. This can lead to congestion and accidents". (Co-Pilot)

Our Community:

Older People

Children

Handicapped (Able bodied)

The older people in our community are forced indoors which is poor for their health mentally and physically. Children are further led into a cellphone world. The Able Bodied need to get outside and enjoy the world.

I myself, almost saw an older woman with her dog hit by a car. That is why I was moved to present this petition,

Signage (NO PARKING) should be along the Western side of the road to preserve safety and mobility of our community members.

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Town Manager's Office

September 28, 2025

Dear Exeter Office of the Town Manager;

We are residents of the Cass Street neighborhood in Exeter with concerns about the actions of Ms. Abigail Pitou. While we have prided ourselves in being a close community, we are concerned and fear that there will be repercussions if this matter is not addressed forthwith. Effectively, Ms. Pitou is constructing a lawn onto the public roadway in front of 20 Cass Street. She is now petitioning the Town to erect a No Parking zone in front of the property without a legal basis. While we appreciate that a private citizen cannot adversely possess against a municipality, these actions result in a private citizen improperly commandeering public property (the Cass Street roadway) for their own use and enjoyment and to the detriment of others.

Since August 2024, we have unsuccessfully attempted to converse with Ms. Pitou about our concerns, which include her continued use of orange cones to prevent parking on the street in front of the house. Last year, neighbors appealed to the Town to address loam and seed that Ms. Pitou had dumped on a 3 ft by 72-foot area—effectively seeding over asphalt onto the public roadway. Those concerns went unresolved. This year, Ms. Pitou has extended the area by pushing the cones further into the roadway and dumping piles of dirt, broken bricks, and stones in the area. This is worrying, as it creates a safety hazard on the public roadway. It compels walkers and cyclists to divert into traffic and drivers/passengers to turn into the other side of the road. We are concerned and fear this is an ongoing, deliberate attempt to block an area of the public roadway. The proximity to the schools and the uncontroverted fact that children travel the street to school is particularly problematic.

Recently, Ms. Pitou had the DPW install a "No Parking Here To Corner" sign in front of the property, prohibiting anyone from parking there. This was in violation of the local and state ordinances that provide 'prohibited areas shall be within 30 feet of a stop sign or intersecting street'. Neighbors requested that the Town measure the distance and reinstall the sign at the appropriate location. The initial signage was removed and we believe another sign will be correctively installed 30 feet from the corner, at the junction of Park and Cass Streets.

Ms. Pitou has approached us and is now requesting signatures on a petition to double the distance for the No Parking sign to 60 feet. This will personally benefit her by creating a no parking zone in front of her house. She claims that the petition is a safety petition. Notably, there has been no issue with safety in front of her house (except with her own actions set forth herein) and, in fact, since the Park Street bridge has closed, the traffic flow in this neighborhood has been significantly reduced.

Under **Chapter 5 Highway Use Regulations** for the Town of Exeter, we assert Ms. Pitou is in violation of the following:

502 Highway and Sidewalk Obstruction

No person, firm or corporation shall place any object, item or material, or allow or cause any object, item or material to be placed, upon any town-maintained street, roadway, right-of-way, sidewalk or parking lot, so as to obstruct vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Such objects shall include, but not be limited to, snow, ice, dirt, gravel, sand, signs or other obstructions.

504 Excavation of Town Streets, Rights-of-Way

No person, firm or corporation shall excavate, construct, alter or conduct any operations that alter or damage any town-owned or maintained streets, roadways, sidewalks, parking lots or rights-of-way without a valid permit issued by the Public Works Department.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that street parking on Cass Street, or any other public road, is available for anyone to use legally. The area in front of a person's house is not their private property to control. This understanding is derived from New Hampshire law and Exeter town ordinances.

Under **Chapter 1 Parking Regulations** for the Town of Exeter, we believe Ms. Pitou is in violation of the following:

100.11 Right-of-Way

The privilege of the immediate use of the road

The Town of Exeter's official website, states that these Town Ordinances "contain a codified version of the ordinance, rules and regulations governing the Town of Exeter. Though restrictive, they are designed to ensure peace and dignity in the community and are promulgated with the safety of all persons in mind."

We respectfully ask that you require Ms. Pitou to cease and desist in any unlawful attempts to expand her property into the public roadway of Cass Street and that you require her to immediately remove the impediments that have been placed on the roadway that are impacting the community. We attach photo evidence for your consideration in this matter.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Residents of the Cass Street Neighborhood

1 Kelley J Richards Kelley Richards 25 Cass Street
2 Robert G. Richards ROBERT G. Richards 25 Cass Street
3 Kayoko Tazawa Kayoko Tazawa 22 Cass Street.

cc: Beth Cadorette, Principal, Main Street School

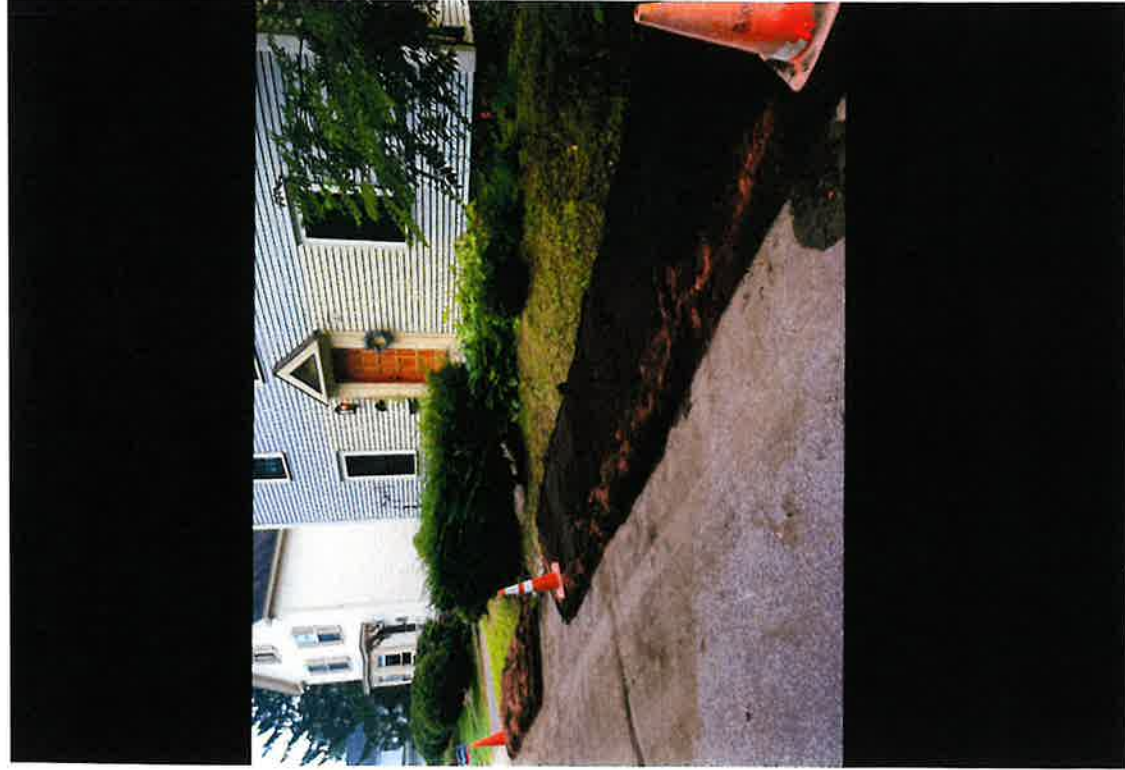
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5	[Signature]	Ron Wybranowski	5 Cass St
6	[Signature]	Kyle Moynihan	5 Green St.
7	[Signature]	Carol Antolino	8 Green St.
8	Narlene Zahn	DARLENE ZAHN	17 GREEN ST.
9	Michelle Dione	Michelle Dianne	15 Green St.
10	[Signature]	Kaitlin Aubin	284 Water St.
11	[Signature]	Chad Aubin	284 Water St.
12	[Signature]	Keith Wheeler	284 Water St.
13	David Short	David Short	1 Dewey
14	Jeanne Short	Jeanne Short	1 Dewey
15	[Signature]	Michael Sillan	4 Dewey
16	Jane Sullivan	Michelle Sullivan	4 Dewey St.
17	COTNEY PAWELCZYK	Tracy TM	7 DEWEY ST
18	Kenneth E. Daniels	KENNETH DANSELL	6 Dewey St
19	[Signature]	ERICA WAZA	25 PARK ST.
20	W. Edmonds	Wegon Edmonds	25 park st.
21	[Signature]	Anne He Maccaill	326 Water St.
22	Curt Maccher	Curt Maccaill	326 Water St.
23	Julie Traversa	Julie Traversa	316 Water St.
24	Charles Traversa JR	Charles Traversa	316 Water St
25	Jacqueline R. Rockel	Jacqueline Rockel	Park St
26	Simone Thunders	SIMONIDA THURBER	32 Park St.
27	Karen Lemire	Karen Lemire	3 Summer St.
28	[Signature]	Tom Coats	37 Hill St
29	Richard Page	Richard Page	18 Cass St.
30	Robert Baker	Robert Baker	7 Smith Ave
31	[Signature]	Chris Baker	7 Smith Ave.
32	Maryn C. Page	Maryn Page	18 Cass St
33	Christina (Pony) Manly	Christina Page	18 Cass St.
34	[Signature]	Elizabeth Morse	4 Cass St.
35	Benjamin Morse	Benjamin Morse	4 Cass Street
36	W. Scott	Caroline W 14 Cass St, Green NH	

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37	Susan L Heald	14 Cass St. Exeter, NH
38	Tonya L MEYERS	14 CASS ST - EXETER, N.H.
39	Tom Rose	6 WASS ST EXETER, NH
40	Sue Rose	6 WASS ST EXETER, NH
41	Ella Victoria Richards	Ella Victoria Richards 25 Cass St
42	Chloe Richards	25 Cass St.
43	Tania Albert	5 Dewey St.
44	Dale Albert	5 Dewey St.
45	Heather Wheeler	Heather Wheeler 284 Water St.
46	CHRISTOPHER THURBER	32 PARK ST. Albany
47	Patricia Henderson	Petricia HENDERSON 10-12 Cass Street
48	Margaret C. Schoene	Margaret C. Schoene 22 Green St.
49	Abigail Henry	286 Water St.
50	Christyne Henry	Christyne Henry 286 Water St.
51	Brian Henry	286 Water St.
52	Shimily Dohan	Shimily Dohan 288 Water St.
53	DM Dohan	288 Water St.
54	Ali Bowen	26 Summer St.
55	Lindsay Spennett	1 Salem St.
56	Malcolm Smart	1 Salem St
57	Al Spinale	18 Summer St
58	Jessica Purdy	8 Summer St.
59	Julia Lavine	8 Cass St.
60	David Prend	8 Cass St.
61	Barbara Rimkunas	Barbara Rimkunas 15 Cass St.



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Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Exeter, NH
Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b,III(a)

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a public hearing consisting of three (3) readings in the Nowak Room, 10 Front Street, Exeter for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b,III(a) for a proposed change to traffic control signage on Wadleigh Street at Forest Street. The first reading will be Monday, May 18, 2026. The second reading will be Monday, June 1, 2026. The third reading will be Monday, June 15, 2026. Each reading will begin at 7:00 PM.

Dated: May 8, 2026

Exeter Select Board
Niko Papakonstantis, Chair



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TO: Exeter Select Board

FROM: Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

CC: Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager

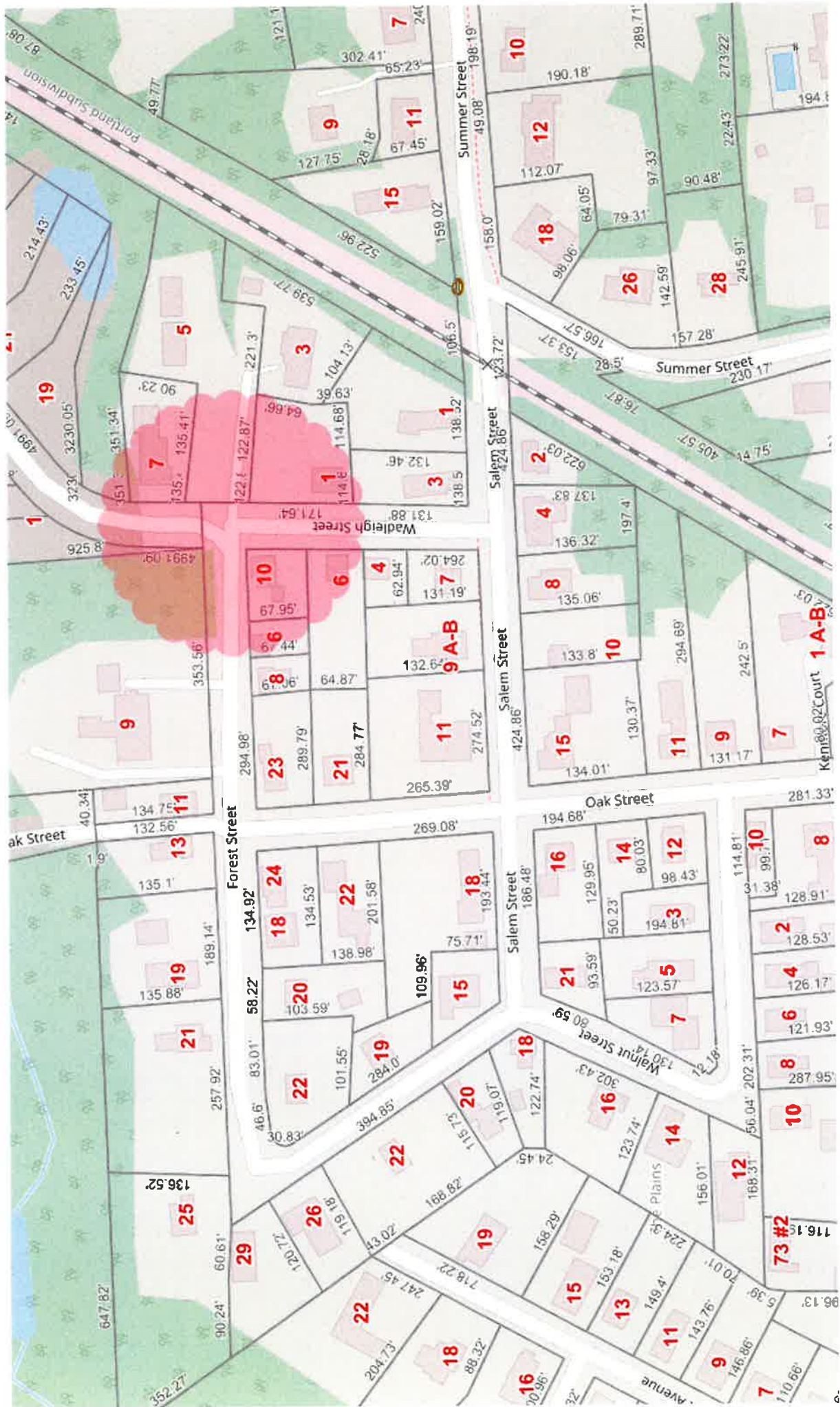
DATE: May 15, 2026

RE: Change to Traffic Control Signage – Wadleigh St./Forest St. Intersection

The Public Works Department has received concerns from several neighborhood residents regarding traffic operations and driver behavior in the vicinity of the Wadleigh Street/Forest Street intersection near the new Rose Farm development. Residents have requested consideration of increased traffic enforcement, additional traffic-calming measures, and conversion of the intersection to a three-way stop in an effort to address perceived speeding and unsafe driver behavior.

Staff has reviewed the request and discussed the matter internally with the Police and Fire Departments. While prior traffic observations and enforcement activity have not identified a significant speeding issue, staff recognizes the neighborhood concerns that have been raised.

Currently, the intersection operates as a two-way stop, with stop control on Wadleigh Street and at the Rose Farm development exit. Given the residents' request and the potential traffic-calming benefits associated with additional stop control, the Select Board may wish to consider a three-way stop configuration at this intersection. This change would also be consistent with traffic control at other nearby intersections within the neighborhood, including the two intersections immediately to the west and south of this intersection.



Forest Street looking towards Wadleigh



Wadleigh Street looking north towards Rose Farm



Town of Exeter	Policy Number 89-18	Adopted by Board of Selectmen
Subject: Requirement for Placement of Regulatory Traffic Devices and Signage on Public Ways	Adoption Date: 1/16/89 Revision Date: Effective Date: 1/23/89	Supersedes:

1.0 Purpose of the Policy:

2.0 Departments Affected:

3.0 Definitions:

4.0 Policy:

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 VII & VIII, it is the policy of the Board of Selectmen to review and act upon the placement of all regulatory traffic devices and signage in and on all public ways.

5.0 Procedures:

The request for such a review may come from the Planning Board, the Public Works Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department or from citizen petition.

The Town of Exeter Planning Board procedures will be amended to reflect action by the Selectmen.

6.0 Severability:

To the extent this policy is in conflict with State law, State law will prevail.



Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Fwd: Abutter Input RE Wadleigh-Forest Traffic Control Change Hearing

Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>

Thu, May 14, 2026 at 4:16 PM

To: Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Cc: Caroline Amport Piper <camport@gmail.com>

Melissa,

Please make sure the email from the Pipers and the attached comments are included in the packet for Monday night.

Many thanks,

Niko

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From: **Caroline Piper** <camport@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 14, 2026 at 3:34 PM

Subject: Abutter Input RE Wadleigh-Forest Traffic Control Change Hearing

To: selectboard@exeternh.gov <selectboard@exeternh.gov>

CC: Nate Piper <pipernp@gmail.com>, Caroline Piper <camport@gmail.com>

Dear Exeter Select Board,

Attached please find comments we would like to be considered as part of the upcoming readings related to the proposed change to traffic-control signage on Wadleigh and Forest Street.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Caroline & Nate Piper



Piper Input Submission_Exeter Select Board About Stop Sign Proposal 5.14.26.pdf

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May 14, 2026

To: Exeter Select Board
Submitted via email: selectboard@exeternh.gov

From: Caroline & Nate Piper
8 Forest Street, Exeter

RE: Proposed Change to Traffic-Control Signage—Wadleigh Street at Forest Street

To the Exeter Select Board,

We would like to register our strong support for the conversion of the intersection of Wadleigh and Forest Streets to that of a three-way stop-controlled intersection.

The intersection in question is visible from our property and several rooms in our home. We have witnessed firsthand the safety issues that have arisen as a result of the new road and the resulting change in traffic patterns, which have been amplified by an increase in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The addition of a third stop sign would have several benefits:

Speed Control

As a result of the Rose Farm development, traffic has increased significantly along Wadleigh Street. Many vehicles entering from Salem Street are already traveling in excess of the posted speed limits and continue to increase their speed along the straightaway as they enter the Rose Farm development.

The addition of a stop sign at the intersection with Forest Street would help to mitigate this problem by requiring vehicles to deaccelerate, rather than accelerate, as they approach the intersection.

The stop sign that was installed on the Forest Street side of this intersection has dramatically reduced the speed of cars approaching the intersection from the Forest Street side and whereby increasing safety as vehicles traveling in different directions interact in the intersection.

Driver Safety

Converting the intersection to a three-way stop would increase driver safety in each direction by making the intentions of oncoming vehicles clearer. As currently designed, the Wadleigh to Forest bend in the road is treated as a throughway and few cars signal it as a

left-hand turn. As a result, vehicles existing the Rose Farm sometimes proceed into the intersection after making a brief stop only to discover that the oncoming traffic was turning left across their travel lane.

A similar dynamic existed before the Forest Street stop sign was installed—with one incident nearly resulting in a head on collision. The stop sign on the Forest Street side has resolved issues between cars on the two approaches with stop signs. Addition of a third would solve the remainder of this issue.

Pedestrian Safety

The Rose Farm development has increased pedestrian traffic in the adjacent neighborhood as walkers and bikers (particularly those with pets and small children) who live elsewhere have identified the Rose Farm development as a new destination. There are no sidewalks on Wadleigh Street, nor on most of Forest Street. As such, there are often pedestrians in the roadways and in the Wadleigh/Forest intersection as they approach the development.

Bringing traffic to a stop in all directions would increase safety for everyone in the roadway.

Clarification of Roadway vs. Driveways

This intersection is further complicated by a shared driveway that terminates opposite Forest Street, giving the illusion of a four-way intersection. The installation of the stop sign on Forest Street, opposite the driveway, has greatly reduced the number of (speeding) vehicles that mistakenly continued up the driveway, rather than turning right onto Wadleigh Street. Installing a third stop sign on Wadleigh Street would further clarify this for drivers.

Thank you for reviewing this matter and for working to further ensure the safety of Exeter's residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline & Nate Piper



Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Wadleigh Street 3-Way stop signs

3 messages

Anne Kenny <amkennyart@comcast.net>

Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 8:03 PM

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

Good evening,

I am unable to make your public meeting on the Wadleigh Street proposal for a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of a new housing development. This new developer bought and leveled two homes to make available a new street to our neighborhood and completely changed the quiet, less traveled Wadleigh Street.

I want to state for the record that I am in favor of the 3-Way stop signs, even a 4-way is fine with me. I have been a resident in this neighborhood for approximately 10 years. The neighborhood was a special one with very little traffic in the side roads off Oak Street. Many children ride bikes and scooters around. There are several basketball hoops on driveways. It has been a family friendly neighborhood.

I and my spouse ride our bicycles around the neighborhood and enjoy walks for the last 10 years including Wadleigh Street. Wadleigh Street, which use to be somewhat of a dead end street, is now open to an increase in cars and will increase significantly due to the large new home development. In addition, trucks and construction vehicles are using this road.

Drivers honestly do not realize how fast they are driving. They are not use to looking for kids on bikes and scooters like those of us in this neighborhood. A 3 or 4-Way sign would go a long way in safety and emphasizing that we are a family neighborhood. This proposal is reasonable and in keeping with Exeter's support for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Everyone benefits. The new housing development also benefits for their children and themselves enjoying our old/historic neighborhood. This is a no-brainer.

Thank you for your time,
Anne Kenny

3 Walnut St.
Exeter

Sent from my iPhone

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Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 8:26 PM

For the packet.



Melissa Roy
Interim Town Manager
Town of Exeter

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10 Front Street, Exeter, NH, 03833

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From: **Niko Papakonstantis** <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 8:24 PM
Subject: Fwd: Wadleigh Street 3-Way stop signs
To: Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

For the packet

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

From: **Niko Papakonstantis** <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 8:22 PM
Subject: Re: Wadleigh Street 3-Way stop signs
To: Anne Kenny <amkennyart@comcast.net>

Hello Anne,

Thank you for your correspondence. I appreciate your thoughts.

The Select Board will conduct Public Hearings on the matter in the near future - most likely our May meetings.

Respectfully,

Niko

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Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Fri, Apr 17, 2026 at 8:09 AM

Got it.

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Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Senior Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office
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Combined Sewer Overflow Cleaning and Inspection Project Update



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exeter Select Board

FROM: Steve Dalton, Water & Sewer Superintendent

CC: Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager
Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director

DATE: May 15, 2026

RE: Clemson Pond CSO Project Update – Request for Sewer Reserve Funds

In March 2025, the Town approved Warrant Article 9 – Use of Excess Bond Proceeds for Clemson Pond Cleaning and Inspection in the amount of \$500,000.

The first phase of this project involved evaluating the two 36-inch Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) barrels that extend from Swasey Parkway, beneath the Squamscott River, and discharge into Clemson Pond. Each barrel is supplied from a separate location. The southern barrel receives flow from a structure located on Water Street at the base of Spring Street. The northern barrel receives flow from a structure located in the northern parking area of 277 Water Street, generally between Dewey Street and Park Street.

The southern barrel was successfully dewatered, cleaned, and inspected between February 2, 2026 and February 13, 2026 with no significant issues identified.

The contractor began dewatering operations on the northern barrel on February 16, 2026. Due to several weather-related delays, work progressed intermittently. On March 5, 2026, shortly after work resumed, it was discovered that the material being removed had a noticeable odor, and work was temporarily halted.

Following further investigation, it was determined that contaminated material from the decommissioned manufactured natural gas plant, now owned by Unitil, had migrated into the northern barrel due to its proximity to the contaminated area.

AECOM, currently under contract with Unitil to mitigate issues related to this contamination, was contacted by the Town on March 6, 2026. They responded immediately by coordinating the mobilization of frac tanks to treat the liquid and roll-off containers to collect contaminated material removed during the barrel cleaning process. Three frac tanks were delivered and set up on Swasey Parkway by March 13, 2026. These services were provided at no cost to the Town.

Cleaning of the northern barrel resumed on March 16, 2026. The work was anticipated to be completed by March 27, 2026. However, the use of frac tanks and roll-off containers significantly changed the cleaning process and introduced additional steps and delays.

The project became difficult to track due to weather delays, determining how to proceed after the contamination was discovered, sampling and laboratory testing requirements necessary for proper disposal of contaminated liquid and material, and equipment malfunctions.

A spreadsheet was maintained to track both current expenditures and estimated future costs. At the time the March 2026 invoice was received, the project remained within the approved \$500,000 budget.

On April 15, 2026, a call was placed to Insituform to request the disclosure of any outstanding uninvoiced costs. At that time, the Town was informed of additional charges related to the coffer dam required at Clemson Pond to access the CSO barrels, as well as additional costs for a power generator associated with maintaining dewatering operations within the protected area.

Upon learning of these unexpected costs, the project was immediately suspended with approximately 125 feet of the northern barrel still containing contaminated material. Insituform subsequently removed the coffer dam, completed site restoration work at Clemson Pond, and fully demobilized from the site.

The anticipated total cost to date is \$623,731.04, which is \$123,731.04 over the original budget. The actual invoice to date has not been received at this time. This anticipated cost includes \$551,350.04 of the work completed to clean and inspect the CSO barrels, project engineering, and other required project tasks. The \$623,731.04 does not include the cleaning and inspection of the remaining approximate 125 feet of the northern CSO barrel containing contaminated material. Quotes have been solicited to complete the remaining cleaning and inspection work in this barrel.

Town staff is currently working with Unitil and AECOM to reconcile and categorize the costs associated with the contamination mitigation. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 11:00 am.

The Public Works Department recommends the following motion:

Motion to approve the use of sewer reserve funds in the amount of \$123,731.04 to pay for the work that has been completed to date for the Clemson Pond Cleaning and Inspection project.

Letter of Support Request



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Grant Committee

Re: SAA4

To Whom It May Concern:

The Exeter Select Board is proud to provide its full support for the Town of Exeter's application to the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. for the proposed ----- Project.

The Town of Exeter is committed to improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, emergency responders, motorists, older adults, children, and individuals with disabilities. The ----- Project represents a transformative opportunity to connect key destinations throughout Exeter through a coordinated network of safer transportation infrastructure and multimodal improvements that will better serve residents and visitors alike.

Exeter has experienced continued growth in pedestrian activity, bicycle use, tourism, and regional traffic demands. At the same time, the community has identified several corridors and intersections where safety improvements are critically needed. The ----- Project will allow the Town to proactively address these concerns by creating safer and more connected routes between neighborhoods, schools, municipal facilities, recreation areas, and the downtown commercial district.

The Select Board recognizes that transportation safety is fundamental to community vitality and quality of life. Investments through the SS4A program will help Exeter reduce roadway conflicts, improve mobility options, support economic activity, and advance the Town's long-term planning and sustainability goals. Just as importantly, this project reflects extensive local collaboration and aligns with the community's vision for a safer and more accessible transportation network.

The Town of Exeter has demonstrated its ability to successfully manage and deliver complex public infrastructure projects through strong coordination between municipal departments, engineering consultants, regional partners, and community stakeholders. The Select Board is confident that the Town has both the commitment and organizational capacity necessary to effectively implement this project and maximize the benefits of federal investment.

On behalf of the Exeter Select Board, we strongly support this application and respectfully request favorable consideration for funding under the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to improving transportation safety in communities across the nation.

Town Clerk Appointment Recommendation



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exeter Select Board
FROM: Melissa Roy, Interim Town Manager
DATE: May 18, 2026
RE: Town Clerk Appointment

As the Board is aware, Town Clerk Andie Kohler will be retiring effective May 22, 2026. In preparation for this transition, I respectfully request that the Select Board appoint Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Shupe to serve as Town Clerk effective May 22, 2026, upon being sworn into office by Andie.

Pursuant to RSA 41:18, when a vacancy occurs in the office of Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk may be appointed until the next annual election. At the conclusion of that term, the individual serving as Town Clerk must seek election by the voters in accordance with New Hampshire law.

Over the last several years, Jen has been intentionally preparing herself to step into the role of Town Clerk. She has completed professional development opportunities and pursued Clerk certifications to further strengthen her knowledge and qualifications for the position. In addition, she has worked closely with Andie to gradually assume many of the day-to-day operational responsibilities within the Clerk's Office to ensure continuity of services and institutional knowledge.

During this past election cycle, Jen took on an expanded role in election administration so she could gain a greater understanding of the critical processes and responsibilities necessary to facilitate a seamless and successful voting day. Her dedication, professionalism, and willingness to continue learning have positioned her well to assume this important role.

Importantly, Andie has personally nominated Jen to succeed her as Town Clerk and has expressed her full confidence and support in Jen's ability to lead the office moving forward. Having worked side-by-side with Jen throughout this transition process, Andie believes the office is well-positioned for continued success under her leadership.

The Town is fortunate to have someone with Jen's experience, commitment, and institutional knowledge ready to step forward. Staff and residents alike can expect the Town Clerk's Office to continue operating smoothly and to provide the same high level of customer service that the community has come to expect.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Select Board appoint Jennifer Shupe, current Deputy Town Clerk, to serve as Town Clerk effective May 22, 2026, pursuant to RSA 41:18, to fulfill the remainder of the current Town Clerk term, contingent upon being sworn into office on May 22, 2026.

Tax Abatements, Veteran's Credits & Exemptions

Permits & Approvals

Pair Point Park Committee Donation Acceptance



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TO: EXETER SELECTBOARD & MELISSA ROY, INTERIM TOWN MANAGER
FROM: COREY STEVENS, FINANCE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PAIRPOINT PARK DONATION ACCEPTANCE
DATE: MAY 18, 2026

In your packet this evening is a roster of donations that were collected during the month of April related to the Pairpoint Park project. In addition, I've included a Donation Acceptance Form in the amount of \$5,250.00 for Board signature if the donations are approved. Please consider accepting these donations toward the park project.

Move that the Selectboard accepts the donations received during the month of April 2026 totaling \$5,250.00 for the design and construction of Pairpoint Park and direct the funds to be held by the trustees of trust funds in the Pairpoint Park Fund. Disbursement of the funds shall be made by authorization of the Town Manager for the purpose of designing and/or constructing Pairpoint Park.

Corey

**PairPoint Park
Design & Construction Donations
April, 2026**

Last Name	First Name	Amount Paid
Pratt	Rob	\$50.00
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Fwd: Jady Hill Ave road work

Niko Papakonstantis <npapakonstantis@exeternh.gov>
To: Melissa Roy <mroy@exeternh.gov>

Tue, May 12, 2026 at 7:18 PM

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

From: Janet Moaratty <moaratty@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, May 12, 2026 at 6:01 PM
Subject: Jady Hill Ave road work
To: <selectboard@exeternh.gov>

I am contacting you regarding the work being done by the Earth company on Jady Hill Ave. I have lived on Jady Hill Ave for more than 25 years.

I don't even remember whether this is year two or three of this work. The road is a mess and has been all winter.

The flashing sign still says "EXPECT DELAYS APRIL 4 - 10; however, it is May 12 today. They just show up whenever.

What set me off today was when I left my house this afternoon at around 4:45 pm which is a very busy time of day, they had a one lane road with no signage and no flag man. Please understand that visibility in that area is not good. There were at least three workers with at least one just standing watching. This individual could very easily have directed traffic as there were cars going in both directions. This was a dangerous situation.

They were still there when I returned shortly after 5.

I am contacting you because the last time I had a question about this "project " I called the DPW and left a message. I never received a call back but my name and contact information was given to the contractor without my permission. Please do not repeat that.

I have never complained about this road work and have tried to just deal with it, but am hoping that someone might have a word with the contractor.

Thank you,

Janet Moaratty

Sent from my iPad



Bulletin #19: Costly Local Liability Bill Still Alive

1 message

NHMA Advocacy <advocacy@nhmunicipal.org>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Fri, May 8, 2026 at 12:20 PM

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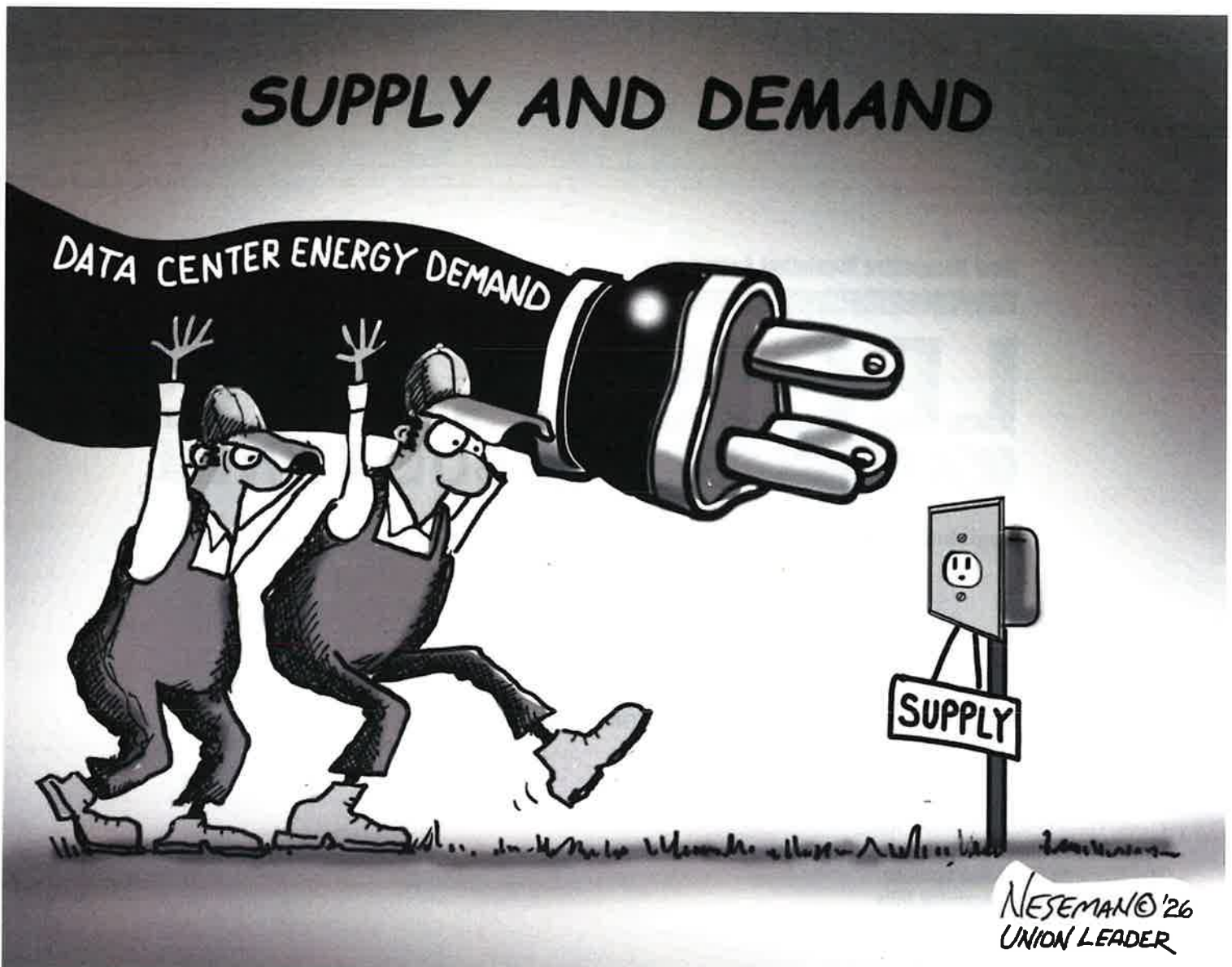
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Costly Local Liability Bill Still Alive

HB 1064, a bill **opposed** by NHMA that **eliminates municipal immunity regarding negligence that results in personal injury or property damage**, was **passed** by the Senate on Thursday and referred to the **Senate Finance Committee**. The bill had been recommended as refer to interim study by another committee, but this action gives the Senate a few more days to work on the bill, which has the potential to **blow a huge hole in municipal budgets**. **Senate Finance** will hold an executive session on **Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. in State House (SH) Room 103** to report the bill out of committee; it will be acted on by the full Senate on **Thursday, May 14**.

While intended to expand liability and improve compensation for injured parties, the bill goes too far and **creates serious financial risks for cities and towns**. Significantly raising liability caps will increase insurance and risk pool costs, which will lead to a combination of **property tax increases and reductions in municipal services**. Additionally, **HB 1064** limits a municipality's ability to claim immunity as a defense in negligence claims, meaning municipalities will have greater financial exposure. **Small communities will be disproportionately impacted**, as a single large claim could force cuts to public safety, roads, or education. Further, mandatory indemnification removes important local discretion and weakens accountability.

Contact the **Senate Finance Committee** and encourage them to take a deep breath and **study this issue rather than trying to rush a last-minute amendment with no opportunity for stakeholder input**. Also contact **your local Senator** and tell them regardless of the committee recommendation, **HB 1064 should be studied or tabled**.



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Oppose Committee Power Play on Data Centers

The location and regulation of data centers is a national conversation that hit close to home this week when a House committee voted on party lines to roll out the welcome mat.

The growing use of AI, and to a lesser extent, cloud computing and other digital services, has increased the demand for data centers, which provide the physical infrastructure that supports these technologies. While data centers *may* provide increased property tax revenue and a limited number of new jobs, they also bring **increased energy demand and water usage along with noise considerations**. NHMA believes the location and regulation of data center--much like landfill siting--is ultimately a local issue that should be debated and decided by those most affected.

The **House Municipal and County Government Committee** recommended that **SB 439** be passed with a late amendment. As amended, the bill **limits how cities and towns can regulate data centers**. Under the proposal, data centers would be allowed "by right" in commercial and industrial zones and municipalities could not impose rules that are more restrictive than those applied to other uses in the same zoning district--despite the outsize infrastructure and environmental impacts associated with massive data centers.

The original version of the bill had proposed statewide standards, including restrictions to certain zones, requirements for setbacks and noise limits, and the ability for towns to enact additional local rules. It also required developers to demonstrate that sufficient electric grid capacity was available. The Senate already gutted the bill before passing it, essentially inverting the intention of the original proposal, which is why the sponsor asked the House to kill it. Rather than abiding by that request, the committee amended the bill to make it even worse. The bill will be voted on by the House on **Thursday, May 14**, and we're asking members and concerned citizens to contact their **local House members to oppose the ought-to-pass as amended (OTP-A) recommendation on SB 439** and instead **support killing the bill, tabling it, or referring it to interim study**. Opening the door to data centers will have long-term impacts on New Hampshire that deserve robust analysis and bipartisan buy-in.

... But Wait, There's More

The same committee this week resurrected a pair of bills **opposed** by NHMA that the Senate referred to interim study only a few weeks ago, amending them to a pair of Senate bills and recommending them as OTP-A. These bills also will be voted on next week on the regular calendar.

The text of **HB 1505** was added to **SB 643**, a proposal **already opposed** by NHMA that requires municipalities to hold a public hearing and conduct a roll call vote when seeking to override a tax or spending cap--and requires cities and charter towns to include the roll call vote on the override on the property tax bill! The new amendment requires municipalities to submit documentation to the department of revenue administration proving they are in compliance with local budget and tax caps.

The text of **HB 1526** was added to **SB 653**, which deals with county government. The new amendment overhauls the process for adopting a local budget committee in RSA 32:14 and other statutes and repeals and replaces the straightforward language in current law, making it so the question wouldn't be a warrant article taken up at the business session, but would be acted on with no context in the voting booth.

While you are bending your local reps' ears on SB 439, it wouldn't hurt to ask them to vote against these bills, as well.

Into the Home Stretch

Timelines are shrinking, nerves are fraying, and things are getting a little testy as the 2026 legislative session winds down. This can be a bad time for municipalities, as bad bills that were already killed regenerate as non-germane amendments to unrelated bills and a few well-placed whispers can gum up perfectly good bills. While diving into the *Bulletin* every week is a good thing, it's more important than ever as the legislative window closes.

We're also heading into committee of conference season. These committees are formed for those bills where both bodies liked the idea of the bill but didn't agree on amendments made by the other chamber. Small groups of senators and representatives--referred to as conferees--will meet to discuss each side's position and try to come to a compromise. If the House and Senate conferees, voting separately, unanimously agree, the committee of conference report is sent to the House and Senate, where each body can agree or disagree in one final vote. No other actions or further floor amendments can be made. We'll delve deeper into committees of conference and how to follow them next week, but we're mentioning them now because there are already a few municipal bills going to conference, including **SB 564**, a concerning dead-end road bill **opposed** by NHMA that we **wrote about previously**. The General Court website has a page listing committees of conference that you can **view here**.

Key Dates

Thursday, May 14--Deadline to act on all bills from the other chamber.

Thursday, May 21--Deadline to form committees of conference.

Thursday, May 28--Deadline to sign Committee of Conference Reports. (4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, June 4--Deadline to act on Committee of Conference Reports.

Decision Day for Remaining Bills

The deadline for the Senate to act on all remaining House bills and the House to act on all remaining Senate bills is **Thursday, May 14**. Here are some of the bills NHMA will be watching when each chamber meets next week. On some of these bills, we're asking you to contact either your local senator or House delegation, but you can-and should-reach out on any bill that you believe will positively or negatively impact your municipality in a significant way.

Senate

HB 1010, relative to multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land, is on the regular calendar as OTP-A. As amended by the House, this bill made significant positive updates to the 2025 universal zoning mandate, requiring municipalities to permit multi-family residential uses on all land zoned to permit commercial uses, and representing a balance between land use regulation and development. However, the Senate amendment removes key provisions from the bill and **expands the current universal mixed-use zoning mandate**. Further, it:

- **Adds language requiring** municipalities to permit residential development in commercial zones by right, rather than allowing municipalities to require a conditional use permit or special exception approval.
- **Removes language clarifying** how legal nonconforming structures could be converted into residential uses, and language ensuring that all state-mandated residential development in commercial zones remains subject to local site plan review regulations.

NHMA **opposes** this bill and encourages members to **contact their local senator** before next Thursday's session and **request that this bill be killed, tabled or referred to interim study**.

HB 1300 is on the regular calendar as OTP-A. The bill would mandate a local school tax cap question and related limitations on central office administrative expenses in school districts be included in the November 2026 state election on a separate ballot. NHMA **opposes** this bill because it does not contain a state appropriation for the cost of these additional ballots, meaning a city or town will be required to pay for the ballots.

HB 1469 is on the consent calendar as OTP-A. The bill, **supported** by NHMA, amends RSA 328-B (Massage) and RSA 328-H (Bodywork & Reflexology) to create establishment licenses for these businesses. Currently, only individual massage therapists must be licensed, but the state does not currently require separate licenses for massage parlors or the establishments where they operate. This bill is an important intervention to prevent human trafficking in our communities and it provides municipalities and law enforcement with additional tools to address unlawful massage businesses statewide.

HB 1491, *see below*.

House

SB 418, prohibiting municipalities from requiring licenses for the production and sale of homestead food products (a.k.a. the “pickle bill”) is on the consent calendar as OTP-A. NHMA **opposes**.

SB 435, which clarifies the relatively confusing language in current zoning statutes and replaces the term “unnecessary hardship” with “unreasonable restriction,” is on the consent calendar as inexpedient to legislate (ITL). NHMA **supports** the bill and **opposes the ITL motion**.

SB 439, *see above*.

SB 440, relative to the adoption of energy efficient and clean energy districts by municipalities, is on the consent calendar as ought to pass (OTP). NHMA **supports**.

SB 508, which requires municipalities to stamp and accept revised plans submitted by an applicant within 10 business days of submission, is on the regular calendar as OTP. The acceptance of the plans would be contingent upon the revised plans reflecting specific requests made during the planning board’s initial review, and the planning board would be prohibited from making any further requests to ensure the plans are compliant with local regulations. NHMA **opposes**.

SB 643, *see above*.

SB 653, *see above*.

SB 661, *see below*.

Risk Pool Update, Part XII

While the Senate continues to fine-tune a House risk pool regulatory bill with key stakeholders, a House committee this week unanimously backed the Senate risk pool bill, **SB 661**, as part of an apparent legislative compromise.

Pools are created by political subdivisions to reduce risks and associated insurance costs. Across the country, two primary types of risk pools exist: assessable and non-assessable. The Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP) recognizes both models.

The **Senate Finance Committee** is holding onto the House risk pool bill, **HB 1491**, and will meet **Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. in SH Room 103** for an executive session. Because the deadline to act on all House bills is **Thursday, May 14**, whatever comes out of Senate Finance will be placed on a “supplemental calendar” in order for the Senate to act on the recommendation next week; supplemental calendars are not uncommon at this time of year.

The latest iteration of **HB 1491** appears to compliment **SB 661**, which defines assessable pools and regulates them under RSA 5-B through the Secretary of State. **HB 1491**, based on a draft amendment, would allow non-assessable pools to be regulated under RSA 420-B by the NH Department of Insurance. The nitty-gritty details are pretty complicated, but the bottom line is, if both bills are enacted into law, two types of risk pools could continue to exist and municipalities would be able to choose which type of pool they prefer--or choose to participate in neither. Either way, both models would be properly regulated by an appropriate entity.

If this compromise comes together, it will be a major accomplishment attributable to the good-faith efforts of legislators, regulators, and the pools. If your community has been impacted by assessments or is concerned about the long-term viability of risk pools, please reach out to your **local Senator** and **House delegation** to share any thoughts and concerns.

Senate, House Roundup

The Senate and the House held sessions on Thursday.

Senate

HB 1588 was **passed as amended**. The amended bill, **opposed** by NHMA, has become **one of the most anti-local control bills of the session**. The bill would:

- Effectively **exempt** all proposed residential development on land zoned to permit commercial uses from all zoning ordinances except those ordinances regulating frontage, setbacks, and height.
- **Prohibit** municipalities from adopting zoning ordinances for residential development in commercial zones that differ from those for commercial development.
- **Mandate** that municipalities reimburse private property owners “reasonable attorney’s fees” if they go to court over whether a proposed residential development in a commercial zone is legal and conforming.

The bill returns to the House, which must now decide to concur, non-concur or request a committee of conference. **Contact your local House members and members of the House Housing Committee** and request the House **non-concur on HB 1588**.

HB 1064, *see above*.

HB 1184 was **passed** as amended. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA, outlines procedures for issuing, extending, and challenging no trespass orders (NTO) on public property. The amendment provides a more workable duration for an emergency NTO (45 days) and a more reasonable standard (majority vote of the governing body) for extending the NTO. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1131 was **passed** as amended. The amended bill, which NHMA is **neutral** on, amends the method of adopting the official ballot referendum form of town meeting (“SB 2”) by placing the question at the top of the warrant. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1195 was **passed**. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA due to unaddressed technical issues, expands the current statewide zoning mandates for commercial and home-based childcare operations. The bill will go to the governor.

HB 1079 was **passed** as amended. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA due to technical issues, allows accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to be built within or attached to certain non-conforming structures. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1540 was **passed** as amended. The bill, **supported** by NHMA, regulates ADUs in protected shoreland districts. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1681 was **passed** as amended. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA, establishes standards for innovative housing structures, including tiny houses, tiny houses on wheels, and yurts; authorizes their use as single-family or accessory dwelling; sets construction, inspection and off-site manufacturing requirements; and directs related rulemaking under the state building code and wastewater and modular building statutes. The bill is a local option; however, the bill's requirements for assessing innovative housing structures needed to be significantly updated to address technical flaws. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1224 was **killed**. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA, places draconian requirements on the default budget calculation for SB 2 towns.

HB 1319 was **referred to interim study**. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA, enables towns, village districts, or school districts to adopt or rescind a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools.

HB 1355 was **referred to interim study**. The bill, **opposed** by NHMA, eliminates the default budget from the official ballot referenda and prevents the purpose of a petitioned warrant article from being amended.

HB 164 was **passed** as amended. The bill, **supported** by NHMA, authorizes the state to create and maintain a website for electronic records and allows municipalities to store electronic records on the website. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1021 was **passed** as amended. The member-requested bill, **supported** by NHMA, amends the date to provide written notice to a municipality of a taxpayer's election to be assessed under the low-income housing tax credit program. The bill returns to the House.

HB 1187 was **passed** as amended. The original bill, **opposed** by NHMA, mandated a town clerk's office to be open a mandated number of days to allow candidates for state representative to file their candidacy for a special election. The amendment removes the mandate and requires the town clerk to post contact information for election officials authorized to accept the declaration of candidacy. The bill returns to the House.

House

There were no Senate bills with significant municipal impact on the House calendar this week.

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