



# TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION Monthly Meeting

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room, Exeter Town Offices at 10 Front Street, Exeter on **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order:**

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

### **Action Items:**

1. Consideration of alternate/voting member change
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Property Management
  - b. Outreach Events
    - i. Proposed Hike Challenge – Kyle Welch
  - c. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy, Tree, CC Roundtable)
    - i. Demonstration of Tree Inventory Program and Soliciting Volunteers
    - ii. Seacoast Green Challenge
3. Approval of Minutes: 8/13/24 Meeting
4. Correspondence

### **Other Business**

5. Next Meeting: 10/8/24, Submission Deadline 9/27/24

*Dave Short*

*Exeter Conservation Commission*

*Posted September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Exeter Town Website [www.exeternh.gov](http://www.exeternh.gov) and Town Office kiosk.*

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**TOWN OF EXETER  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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Date: September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
To: Conservation Commission Board Members  
From: Kristen Murphy, Conservation & Sustainability Planner  
Subject: September 10<sup>th</sup>, Meeting

NOTE: Don't forget to vote before the meeting because polls close at 8pm.

**1. Event Agreement**

Navigation Games, has applied to use the Henderson Swasey / Oaklands Town Forest area for a NJROTC regional orienteering competition. They have filed to allow for up to 12 schools but expect in more likelihood that it will include 6 school (30 cadets). At the time of this memo they are working on securing private land permissions.

***Suggested Motion:***

*Event Agreement*

\_\_\_\_\_ *We have reviewed the event agreement application and ARE IN SUPPORT of the application (as proposed) (with the following amendments):*

\_\_\_\_\_ *We have reviewed the event agreement application and ARE NOT IN SUPPORT of the application for the reasons as follows:*

**2. Alternate/Voting Member**

Kyle has offered to shift from voting member to alternate member status. To find a replacement, I have reached out to the longest tenured alternates. This agenda item is to officially request the select board make the modification to appointments.

***Suggested Motion:***

\_\_\_\_\_ *Send a memo to the Select Board requesting voting member Kyle Welch be moved to an alternate position with term to expire on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be moved to voting member position with term to expire 4/2027.*

**3. Property Management – no report**

**4. Outreach**

**a. Proposed Hike Challenge**

Kyle has been working on a proposal to create a Hiking Challenge. See details attached.

*Suggested Motion:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Authorize the expenditure of up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the Conservation Land Administration*

**5. Other Committee Reports**

- a. **Tree Survey Program** –Time permitting I will demo the new street tree inventory app
- b. **Seacoast Green Challenge** – A friendly competition with neighboring towns to see which community has the most residents using the higher renewable content in their Community Power subscription.

# Exeter Conservation Commission Event Agreement

**NOTE: This agreement is in addition to permits required by the Town of Exeter. Contact the Town Managers Office to determine any additional permit needs**

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please read, sign and initial below. A copy of the notice of Authorization will be provided to you upon signature by the Conservation Commission and should be in hand on the day of the event.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to comply with the following terms for the above referenced event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Event related activities do not involve private property, unless authorized in writing by landowner, with such permission provided to the Conservation Commission 2 days prior to the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) days prior to the event, the course conditions will be inspected. If trails are wet, the event will be cancelled or re-routed to avoid wet conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Inspection of trail conditions will be with the Conservation Commission's representative prior to and after the event. Trails will be returned to pre-event conditions within 7 days following the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ The event will be cancelled if rain occurs after the inspection or on the day of the race

\_\_\_\_\_ All litter will be removed within 24 hours following the event

\_\_\_\_\_ A map of the planned route and a copy of the Certificate of Insurance is attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Trail markings shall be non-permanent

\_\_\_\_\_ Organizers are responsible for providing police and traffic control, medical facilities and provisions for port-a-potties at their expense.

**NOTE: Submit application with sufficient time for staff to obtain the following approvals prior to presenting to the Conservation Commission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

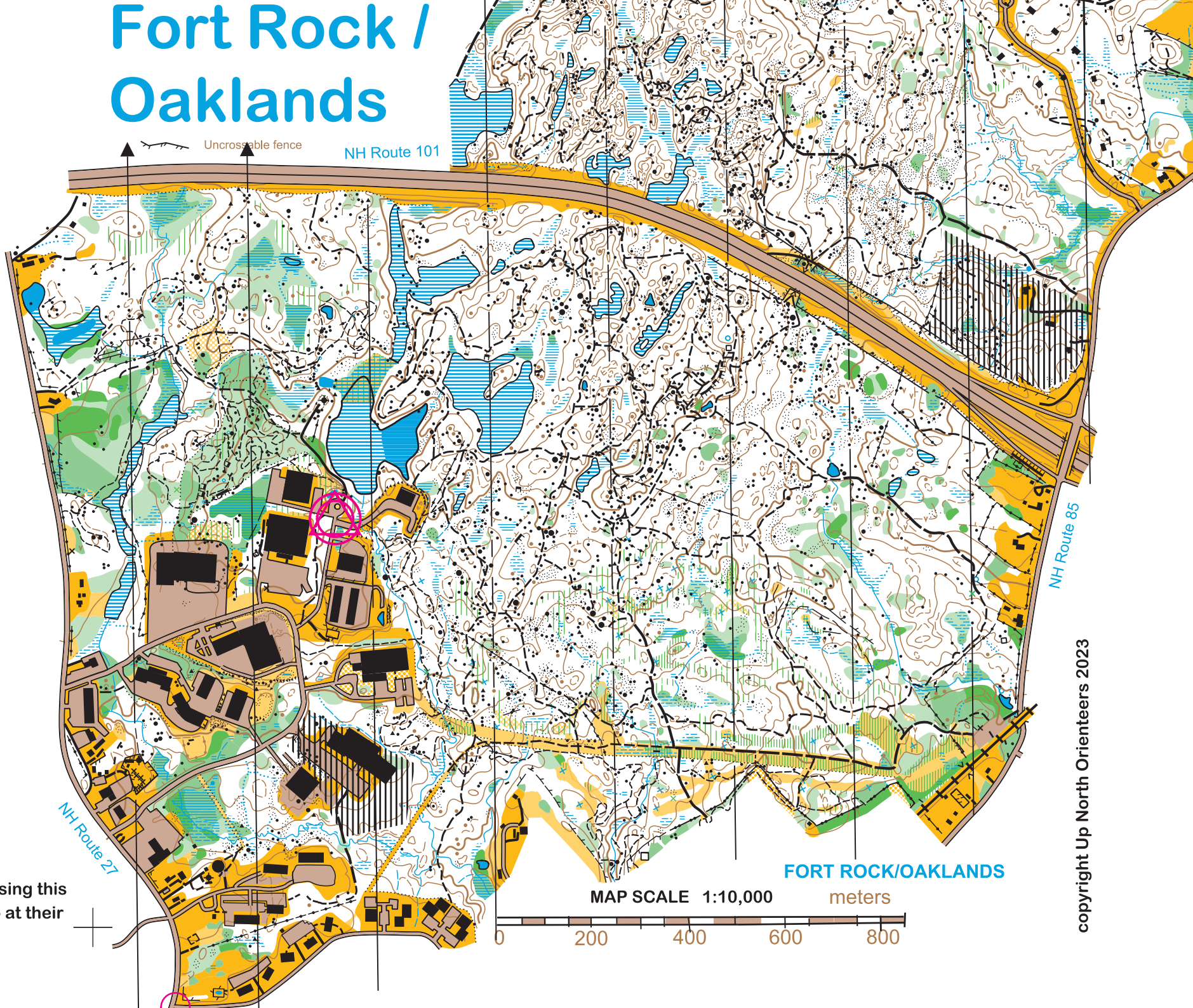
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Event Point of Contact

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Conservation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Fort Rock / Oaklands



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In order to join the "Hike Exeter" Club, all 6 of the Hike Exeter Routes must be completed under the following guidelines:

- 1) Upon completion of all 6 hikes, an application to join the Hike Exeter Club may be submitted, and once approved the hiker can receive their sticker at the start of the next Cons. Comm meeting or via mail.
- 2) Acceptable modes of completing the routes: Hiking, Running, Biking, XC skiing, Snowshoeing
- 3) Can a dog be a member of the club? Yes.
- 4) How can I prove which hikes I've done? This challenge relies on the honor system.
- 5) If multiple family members complete the challenge, does everyone have to submit a separate application? Yes. Assistance may be given to canine applicants.



**Application for Membership in the Hike Exeter Club**

Name: Wheeler (dog) Date: 9/5/24

Hike	Date	Weather	Wildlife encountered	Comments
Oaklands Loop	7/2/21	Hot, humid 95 F	Lots of squirrels, Beaver Dam but no beaver	Had to roll in mud to stay cool. (Bad Wheeler). with Mom, Dak, and Joe. 2 hrs.
Henderson Swasey	1/3/22	20 F 1' of new snow	Some rabbit tracks	snowshoes for my humans.
Gilman River Walk	6/1/22	75 F and sunny	Lots of ducks and a hawk!	Some muddy sections
PEA	4/2/23	windy! 40 F	Saw a deer next to the river!	Nice walk along river
Cubie Rd	9/1/24	75 F sunny	Chipmunks and squirrels galore	Nice grassy trail!
Jolly Rand	9/5/24	65 F windy!	Heard an owl but didn't see	Cool <sup>old</sup> Farm equipment abandoned along trail.

Signature of Applicant Woof!

My Routes / HEX#1 Oaklands Red Loop



### HEX#1 Oaklands Red Loop

Hiking Trail

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#### Details

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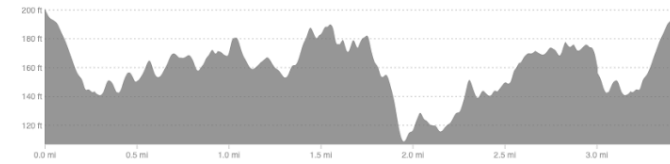
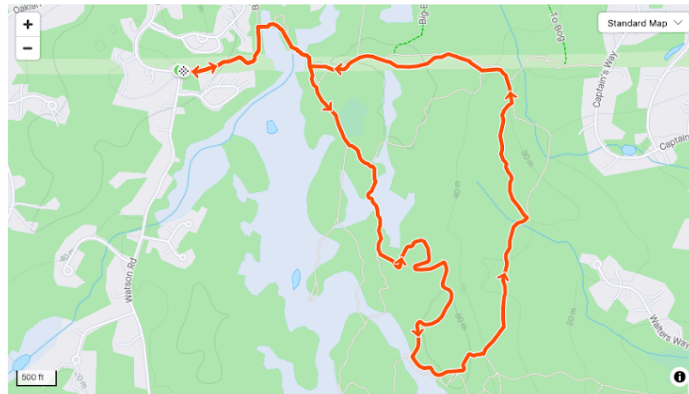
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#### Route and Elevation



My Routes / HEX #2: Henderson Swasey

### HEX #2: Henderson Swasey

Running Route

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#### Details

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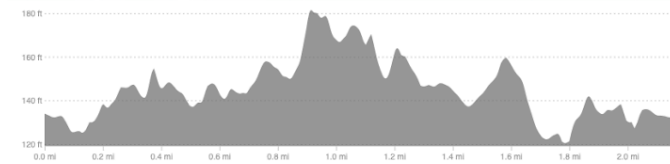
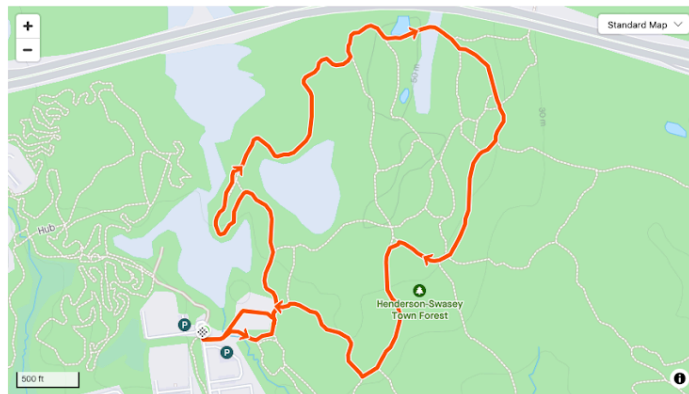
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#### Route and Elevation



#### Segments

Name	Distance	Elev. Diff.	Avg. Grade
<a href="#">western front</a>	0.84 mi	52 ft	0.7%



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My Routes / HEX #3 Gilman River Walk

# HEX #3 Gilman River Walk

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Easy

1.92 mi 11 ft

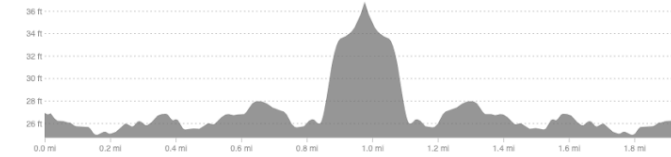
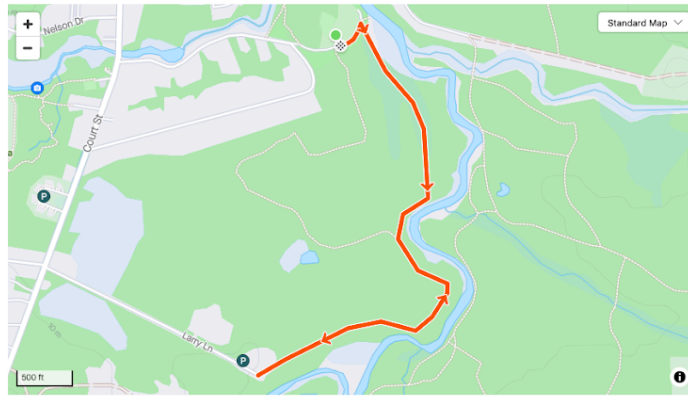
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## Route and Elevation



## Segments

Name	Distance	Elev. Diff.	Avg. Grade
Exeter River Trail Larry to Gilman	0.82 mi	-13 ft	-0.3%

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# HEX #4: PEA

Running Route

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3.92 mi 18 ft

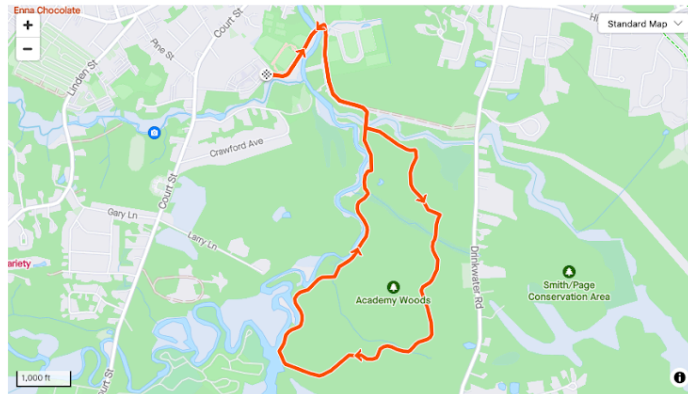
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## Route and Elevation



## Segments

Name	Distance	Elev. Diff.	Avg. Grade
Roots, rock, reggae	2.06 mi	20 ft	0.0%
Woods to Bridge	0.39 mi	7 ft	0.2%

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My Routes / HEX #5: Cubie Rd.

### HEX #5: Cubie Rd.

Running Route

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Details

📍 2.18 mi    ⚡ 29 ft

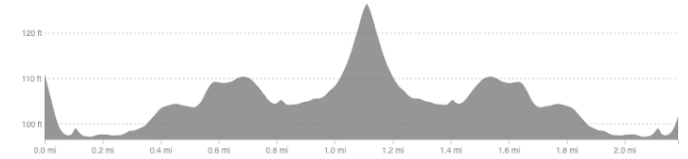
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#### Route and Elevation



#### Segments

Name	Distance	Elev. Diff.	Avg. Grade
Cuba North	1.08 mi	26 ft	0.3%
Cuba South	1.09 mi	-30 ft	-0.4%



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My Routes / HEX #6: Jolly Rand

### HEX #6: Jolly Rand

Running Route

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Easy

📍 2.54 mi    ⚡ 124 ft

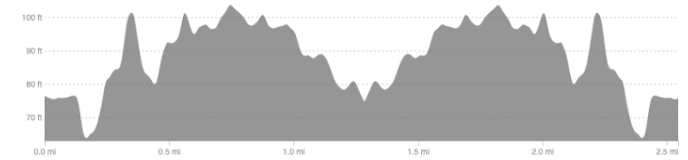
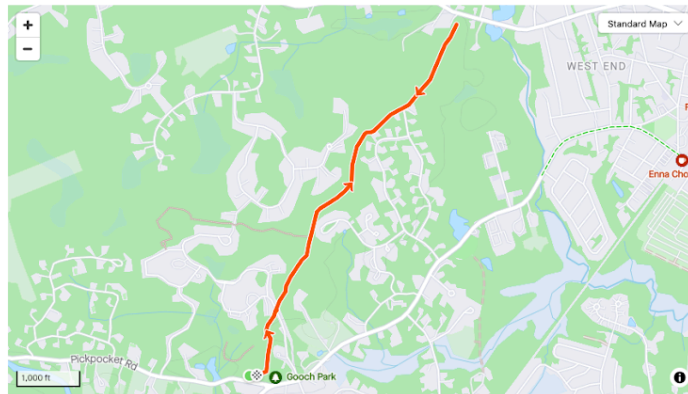
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#### Route and Elevation



#### Segments

Name	Distance	Elev. Diff.	Avg. Grade
Jolly Rand Trail	1.22 mi	39 ft	0.0%



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### Hike Exeter Challenge



Exeter Conservation Commission  
August 13, 2024  
Novak Room  
10 Front Street  
7:00 PM  
Draft Minutes

**Call to Order**

1. Introduction of Members Present (by Roll Call)

Present at tonight’s meeting were by roll call, Chair Dave Short, Vice-Chair Conor Madison, Trevor Mattera, Kyle Welch, Nick Campion, Keith Whitehouse, Alternate Valorie Fanger, Alternate Michele Crepeau, Alternate Bill Campbell, and Select Board Representative Dan Chartrand.

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation and Sustainability Planner

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, activated alternate Valorie Fanger, and introduced the members.

2. Public Comment

**Action Items**

1. Continued discussion of a Wetland and Shoreland Conditional Use Permit application for a proposed Vehicle Storage Area and Accessory Storage at Tax Map 52, Lot 112.2 for Foss Motors.

Chair Short read out loud the Public Hearing Notice.

Christian Smith of Beals Associates indicated that present with him were Brendan Quigley and Tim Foss. Mr. Smith presented the revised plan for a parking lot and building for Foss Motors. He noted that all pavement was out of the 150’ shoreland area and the building was reduced. There would be a retaining wall and stormwater and infiltration trench. He noted that he contacted Underwood Engineering (UEI) and stated that they concurred with their assessment on stormwater treatment.

Kristen Murphy read an email from UEI summarizing the meeting with Beals Assoc.,. She noted UEI was less concerned with underdrains with the decreased size. With regard to the removal of nitrogen, UEI indicated the underdrain had no effect on pollutant reduction which occurs in the layer above, in the filter course. She indicated the design had a removal value of 96% for total suspended solids and 75% for nitrogen and 77% phosphorous. UEI indicated the nitrogen requirement would be met if they kept up on maintenance and they arranged to have a landscaper vacuum the system twice a year.

Mr. Smith indicated he received no formal response from UEI.

44 Mr. Smith indicated that the parking area was shifted slightly toward GTE Road.  
45  
46 Ms. Fanger asked about the 150' shoreland versus the 300' shoreland area. Mr. Smith indicated that the  
47 entire property is in the 300' district and the design pulled things up as far outside the buffer as they  
48 could.  
49  
50 Chair Short read out loud a letter received from member Drew Koff who indicated that he felt the  
51 reduced design was minimal and not enough to change his mind. There was only a 10% reduction in  
52 building size, impact to wetland buffer, drain to drinking water supply and he is not supportive of the  
53 shoreland use permit. He would be okay with the parking lot but would like to see the building removed  
54 completely due to the proximity to and sensitivity of the reservoir.  
55  
56 Mr. Smith reviewed elevations and drainage area in the front of the building. He showed the diversion  
57 ditch and slightly higher shoulder.  
58  
59 Chair Short commented that the ditch disappears, after about 100', and no longer exists and water flows  
60 back.  
61  
62 Chair Short asked about the disturbance limits during construction and Mr. Smith indicated the darker  
63 arched line and limit of tree clearing.  
64  
65 Ms. Fanger asked about the percentage of impervious surface. Mr. Smith indicated there was existing  
66 impact of over ½ due to GTE Road. He pointed out the impervious surface on the roof and entryways.  
67  
68 Chair Short asked if there were any plans for a loading dock and Mr. Smith indicated no, there is a  
69 garage door in the rear and off GTE Road. There will be no big trucks making deliveries and the building  
70 would likely be underserved for a few years.  
71  
72 Ms. Fanger asked if there would be any auto servicing and Mr. Smith indicated no, only storage of new,  
73 dry auto parts.  
74  
75 Ms. Fanger indicated she was still concerned with wetlands and buffer impacts of 40,000 SF.  
76  
77 Brendan Quigley of Gove Environmental reviewed the impact areas shown on the plan in orange. He  
78 pointed out the swale created with GTE Road and a tiny pocket he referred to as a small hole in the field.  
79 He noted natural wetlands to the north. He pointed out the small pocket subject to buffer impact which  
80 he described as not super valuable but important to water quality. He pointed out stormwater  
81 treatment and that everything was reduced from the previous design. Mr. Quigley showed grading  
82 which would be restored with a seed mix.  
83  
84 Ms. Fanger indicated the entire building is in the permanent wetland impact area. Mr. Quigley agreed  
85 this was impacting the entire wetland and did not see any reason to focus on functions and values  
86 relative to the buffer itself if the wetland was filled.  
87

88 Mr. Campbell stated that while he was not voting, he found that developing a 20,000 SF building  
89 in the buffer is contrary to why we have a buffer. He showed a map of the original subdivision showing  
90 the buildable area and asked if the committee saw it.

91 Ms. Murphy indicated that she sent the 2022 subdivision showing how the parcel became a lot.  
92

93 Mr. Madison questioned the amount of reduction of impacts by reducing the building area from 22,500  
94 SF to 20,000 SF.  
95

96 Mr. Quigley indicated there was a 549 SF reduction in wetland impacts, permanent wetland buffer  
97 reduction of 9,700 SF, temporary buffer reduction would be the same for stormwater management, and  
98 the shoreland impact for the building would be reduced by 2,500 SF. He noted permanent shoreland  
99 pavement reduction of 7,585 SF, 150' surface setback for grading of 5,484 SF and addition of 46 SF of  
100 temporary impact shown in pink. The entire project was in the 300' shoreland area.  
101

102 Mr. Quigley referenced the site walk and that the wetland along the road was not in the woods but  
103 more of a grassy swale next to the road.  
104

105 Mr. Madison noted he was less concerned with wetland impacts than with the shoreland buffer zone  
106 and was not sure a 2,000 SF change was significant enough. He indicated that he appreciated their  
107 getting out of the 150' shoreland area but would like to see more reduction of the building size.  
108

109 Mr. Madison asked if there had been any state permitting and Mr. Smith indicated he would pursue  
110 local first to see if there were any revisions.  
111

112 Mr. Mattera agreed with Conor and Drew that the shoreland is important, as is the quality of water  
113 being protected. He stated that the building sticks out like a sore thumb. He would like to see a design  
114 that pulls out of the sensitive resources the ordinance is designed to protect.  
115

116 Mr. Whitehouse agreed and stated that during the site walk he could see where it's going in a rainstorm,  
117 the building is the thing and he was sorry but that he could not do it in his mind. He noted that he  
118 would support the parking lot but not the building.  
119

120 ***Ms. Fanger motioned that after reviewing the shoreland CUP application that the Commission is not in***  
121 ***support of the application due to the fact that it is not a minor encroachment of the building and***  
122 ***parking lot within the 300' protection area and impervious of over 10% and concerns with stormwater***  
123 ***impact.***

124  
125 ***Mr. Madison requested to revise the motion to take out the 10% based on Mr. Smith's answer.***  
126

127 ***Ms. Fanger withdrew her motion.***  
128

129 ***Ms. Fanger motioned that after reviewing the shoreland CUP application the Commission is not in***  
130 ***support of the application due to the fact that it is not a minor encroachment with most of the***  
131 ***building and parking lot within the 300' shoreland area protecting Water Works Pond and concerns***

132 **with stormwater impact. Mr. Madison seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the**  
133 **motion passed 7-0-0.**

134  
135 **Mr. Madison motioned that after reviewing the Wetland CUP the Commission is not in support of the**  
136 **application due to 5,000 SF of wetland impact.**

137  
138 **Ms. Fanger requested to revise his motion.**

139  
140 **Mr. Madison withdrew his motion.**

141  
142 **Ms. Fanger motioned that after reviewing the Wetland CUP the Commission is not in support of the**  
143 **application because we are asking for an alternative design to the site and also this design takes out**  
144 **5,000 SF of wetlands and 3,500 SF of wetlands buffer. Mr. Madison seconded the motion. A vote was**  
145 **taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.**

146  
147 Ms. Murphy recommended that a representative attend the Planning Board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7  
148 PM. Mr. Madison indicated he would attend.

149  
150 2. Major Impact Standard Dredge and Fill Wetland Permit Application for Dade Auto Holdings at 146  
151 Portsmouth Avenue., for a commercial auto dealership (Cindy Balcius, SRE, Inc.)  
152 Tax Map 51-1 3-3, 3-4

153  
154 Chair Short indicated that the applicant withdrew the dredge and fill application. Ms. Murphy noted  
155 that a site walk had been scheduled at 146 Portsmouth Avenue and the applicant emailed requesting to  
156 defer to a future meeting. Because the wetland clock started with the state, she recommended issuing  
157 a letter to the state voicing the Commission's concerns.

158  
159 Ms. Murphy indicated that the applicant did not file the local CUP application first and the state is not  
160 responsible for considering Exeter's local shoreland buffers. The applicant has been informed about the  
161 inaccuracy of their statement that the design meets the Exeter shoreland district regulations. The  
162 applicant showed the 150' shoreland and 300' shoreland intersecting on the plan and they can't. She  
163 discussed this with them this morning to clarify how the regulations apply, and that the wetland is  
164 contiguous, and they should take a look onsite. She informed the applicant that they would need more  
165 information. There is no stormwater management proposed for the 2-3 year time period that the fill  
166 will sit in place during the settling phase.

167  
168 Ms. Fanger stated she would question if auto service would happen there because its prohibited in the  
169 shoreland and she also questions if there would be underground storage of petroleum. She referenced  
170 the protected brooks in the impact area.

171  
172 Ms. Fanger asked if the applicant was required to apply with the state first and Mr. Madison explained  
173 there are different ways to apply for the permit while Exeter prefers that local be done first it is feasible  
174 to go to the state first. He indicated that they don't need Conservation Commission approval for dredge  
175 and fill. He noted for under one acre the time with the state is 50 days for approval and over an acre, 75

176 days. The Commission won't meet before the state deadline on 9/3. He recommended the Commission  
177 send a letter to the state then we will be copied on the response. Ms. Murphy recommended  
178 authorizing the chair to sign a letter to the state that reflects the commission's position. Mr. Madison  
179 will draft the letter indicating the Commission would like to see the Priority Resource Area (PRA)  
180 addressed as it is contiguous to the brook, the large stormwater concerns, the error in statement about  
181 meeting the town's shoreland regulations and interest in having the opportunity to meet with the  
182 application before action being taken by the state. Mr. Chartrand recommended including that the PRA  
183 is connected to the Great Bay area. Mr. Madison noted the brook is a prime wetland.

184

185 Mr. Mattera expressed concerns with the transitional marsh migration path. There is fresh water there  
186 and saltwater close by, but with sea level rise it will become brackish and saltish.

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188 **Mr. Mattera motioned to authorize the Chair, to sign a letter that reflects the concerns that includes**  
189 **the presence of a priority resource area as a wetland adjacent to the Tier 3 Stream, prime wetland,**  
190 **connection to Great Bay, concerns over stormwater during the settling, that the statement concerning**  
191 **meeting Exeter's shoreland protection district regulations when it does not, opportunity to discuss the**  
192 **application with the applicant before the state takes action, and potential impact to a transitional**  
193 **marsh migration pathway. Mr. Campion seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor,**  
194 **the motion passed 7-0-0.**

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#### 196 4. Committee Reports

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##### 198 a. Property Management

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##### 200 i. Research Request Approval – Fisher study Oaklands in Little River (REDC) see email from 201 William Chrisman

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203 Ms. Murphy indicated receiving and approval of an email requesting a fisher study at Oaklands  
204 Little River Conservation Area to have access to conduct the study with trapping and radio  
205 collaring to study population and habitat use. There would be low impact permission  
206 contingent upon no motorized vehicles, checking traps daily, no trace of equipment, labeling  
207 and identifying traps with contact and project information. Exeter would have no liability but  
208 would get a copy of the report.

209

##### 210 ii. Request for mowing expenditure - \$1,825

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212 Ms. Murphy reported that she received an estimate from Dave O'Hearn for mowing for \$1,825.  
213 He recommended a single late season mowing to keep up with woody growth.

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215 **Mr. Short motioned to authorize the expense for roadside mowing. Mr. Mattera seconded the**  
216 **motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.**

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##### 218 iii. Raynes Farm Updates (LCHIP Grant, LGT Restoration)

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220 Ms. Murphy reported that she received an estimate from LGT Restoration for exterior clapboard  
221 trim replacement and painting, for \$18,200 covered by the Moose Plate grant. She  
222 recommended including the fire suppression system installation cost and annual alarm  
223 monitoring in the budget and seeking funding from the Town for the remaining item, the  
224 staircase another time because LCHIP approval would not happen until after December.

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b. Trails

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229 Chair Short noted that due to a property transfer a portion of the trail crossing on the Oaklands Trail  
230 crossing Newfields would be closed because it went through Bill Connor’s property, but the new  
231 owner doesn’t want it. It is part of the red trail. Chair Short showed the location on the map and  
232 indicated where signs should go. Ms. Murphy will put it on the website and Facebook page.

233

234 i. Volunteer project request – Sig Sauer

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236 Ms. Murphy reported that she received a request from Sig Sauer for a volunteer project for ten  
237 people and Toby said bridge work is needed in the Town Forest.

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239 c. Outreach Events

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241 i. Tri-Town Kayak Event proposed for 9/21 or 9/28

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243 Ms. Murphy reported that she received a request from the Town of Brentwood for Exeter to  
244 participate in a tri-town kayak event on 9/21 or 9/28 starting at Pickpocket Dam and going  
245 upstream.

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247 Ms. Crepeau noted that Exeter River has a lot of snags and Squamscott would be better but is  
248 tide driven. Mr. Mattera indicated the times for the tides (computing the two-hour difference)  
249 at 6-6:30 PM on 9/21 and 1:00 on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

250

251 Mr. Chartrand recommended thanking them but explaining it would be tough to coordinate.  
252 Mr. Welch questioned if one location for the event would be better together.

253

254 d. Other Committee Reports (River Study, Sustainability, Energy/CPAC, Tree, CC Roundtable)

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256 Ms. Murphy recommended renaming the Facebook page because there is also information posted  
257 on energy and sustainability. She will recommend potential names at the next meeting.

258 5. 2025 Budget

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260 Ms. Murphy proposed a level funded budget with increases for the mowing and fire detection  
261 installation and annual alarm monitoring, \$13,515 for fire suppression system installation and \$700 per  
262 year for monitoring.

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264 Chair Short agreed it would be foolish to do all that work at Raynes and not protect a dry wooden  
265 structure. Mr. Chartrand indicated he would be happy to advocate for the increase with the Select  
266 Board.  
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268 Mr. Campion recommended keeping the \$2,050 land administration in.  
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270 **Ms. Fanger motioned that the Commission put forward the budget level funded with increases for fire**  
271 **suppression, and contract services line for the alarm monitoring and, roadside mowing. Chair Short**  
272 **seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.**  
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274 6. Approval of Minutes July 9, 2024 Meeting  
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276 Spelling of names were corrected.  
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278 **Chair Short motioned to approve the July 9, 2024 minutes as amended. Mr. Welch seconded the**  
279 **motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.**  
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281 7. Correspondence  
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283 a. SELT – Rider Property Survey  
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285 Ms. Murphy reviewed the adjustment to the map concerning the discrepancy on the  
286 Kensington side on the second page which shows Great Brook will be protected including an  
287 additional seven acres. There will be an expansion of the exclusion area.  
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289 b. Update – 8 Thistle – Public Comment at July meeting follow up  
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291 Ms. Murphy reported that the Planning Board had authorized once a year mowing. A letter  
292 went out. She noted that she could not waive regulations or what the Planning Board  
293 authorized. She would like the buffer discs replaced and would like to meet with the  
294 owners but has not heard back.  
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296 c. NH DOT Herbicide Application  
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298 Ms. Murphy reported receiving a DOT application for herbicide treatment on bridges. The  
299 deadline is August 16<sup>th</sup> to comment.  
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301 **Other Business**  
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303 Next Meeting; Date Scheduled 9/10/24, Submission Deadline 8/30/24  
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306 8. Adjournment

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308 MOTION: Chair Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Mr. Welch seconded the  
309 motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.

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311 Respectfully submitted,

312 Daniel Hoijer, Recording Secretary

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