

## **SELECT BOARD MEETING**

Monday, July 8, 2024

6:00 pm

Nowak Room, Town Offices

10 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833

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### **AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Non-Public Session - RSA: 91-A:3 II (a, d, I)
3. Recognition: Jay Perkins, Sr. (45 years), Joseph Pelchat (45 years)
4. Swearing In – Fire Department: Captain Matthew Slattery; Lieutenant Ryan Hart; Lieutenant Michael Morin
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting: June 24, 2024
7. Appointments/Resignations
8. Discussion/Action Items
  - a. Squamscott River Siphons Update – Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director
  - b. Economic Development Update – Darren Winham, Economic Development Director
9. Regular Business
  - a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
  - b. Permits & Approvals
  - c. Town Manager’s Report
  - d. Select Board Committee Reports
  - e. Correspondence
10. Review Board Calendar
11. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Select Board

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AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## **Recognition**

## Swearing In

## **Approval of Minutes**

Select Board Meeting  
Monday June 24, 2024  
6:30 PM  
Nowak Room, Town Offices  
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Chair Niko Papakonstantis, Vice-Chair Molly Cowan, Clerk Julie Gilman, Dan Chartrand, Nancy Belanger, and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6:30 PM.

2. Non-Public Session

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(I). Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll-call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

The Board went downstairs to the Wheelwright Room for the non-public session.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger motioned to exit non-public session. Ms. Gilman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

3. Fire Department - Swearing In

Town Clerk Andie Kohler swore in Donald Matheson as Assistant Fire Chief and Ryan Booth as Deputy Fire Chief.

4. Proclamations/Recognitions - Police Officer Albert L. Colson Day

Police Chief Stephan Poulin was present to discuss the proclamation, honoring a Police Officer who served Exeter in 1914-1924. This year is the 100th anniversary of his death.

Mr. Papakonstantis read the proclamation:

*Whereas, on this day, July 3rd, one hundred years ago, in 1924, Exeter Police Officer Albert L. Colson was killed in the line of duty;*

*And Whereas, Officer Albert L. Colson, along with a friend and neighbor, Arthur C. Bennett, reported to the home of J. Parker McDuffy on Franklin Street due to Mr. McDuffy notifying the police that after being greatly annoyed by local boys the night before Independence Day the previous year he would protect himself against any intruders;*

*And Whereas, upon arrival, Officer Albert L. Colson saw Mr. McDuffy sitting on his steps with a shotgun on his lap. After speaking with Mr. McDuffy, Officer Albert L. Colson tried to disarm Mr. McDuffy, who pulled out a revolver and shot Officer Albert L. Colson in the abdomen;*

*And Whereas, Officer Albert L. Colson died almost instantly;*

*And Whereas, Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chose an profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities in answering all calls to public service, making communities safer through commanded dedication;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter, do hereby proclaim and affirm July 3, 2024 as Police Officer Albert L. Colson Day within the Town of Exeter, NH. All people are hereby called upon to promote gratitude, respect, and support for Law Enforcement Officers who serve and protect our citizens and uphold the law.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Exeter to be affixed this 24th day of June, the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four. Signed, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair, Exeter NH.*

5. Public Comment

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

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: June 10, 2024

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to approve the Select Board minutes of June 10, 2024 as presented. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Appointments and Resignations

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to accept with regret the resignation of Renay Allen from the Energy Committee. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Squamscott River Siphons Update –

Public Works Director Stephen Cronin was present to give an update on the siphons project. Mr. Cronin said we continue to make steady progress. On June 10, the second siphon passed the pressure test. After that we started work on the inlet and outlet structures. The outlet structure is now connected to the 2 HDP siphons. Last Friday we started on the installation of the inlet structure. Final adjustments were made today and it's now in. Next, work will be done on the Swasey side. We'll continue work on the mill side through next week, except on the holidays July 4 and 5, and then continue the week of July 8. After that will be site restoration and cleanup. The contractor will bring a second crew in to expedite the completion of this project.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if any equipment can be moved from Swasey. Mr. Cronin said we'll know more after a progress meeting this week.

Ms. Gilman asked if there is a final day set so that we could plan on a ceremony. Mr. Cronin said we could arrange that.

- b. Pickpocket Dam Decision

Paul Vlasich, Town Engineer, and Engineer Jacob San Antonio of VHB were present to discuss Pickpocket Dam.

Mr. Papakonstantis said if there are any individuals from Brentwood here, the Board does not object to you speaking.

Mr. Vlasich read from the draft minutes of the River Advisory Committee regarding the vote for dam removal. Five of the members voted for dam removal and two abstained. Mr. Papakonstantis said he was one of the members of the River Advisory Committee that abstained, since he knew he would have to vote tonight.

Mr. San Antonio said this process started in 2011 when the State issued a letter of deficiency, and the town has since done numerous studies. The Dam Bureau has called for a decision by June 1 of this year. Paul Vlasich worked with the Bureau to extend that, but we must either modify or remove the dam by the end of 2027.

Several alternatives were considered. Alternative 1 was raising the top of the dam and building up the earthen embankments on the sides of the river. Alternative 3 was adding an auxiliary spillway to allow the flood to pass safely. Alternative 4 was dam removal, including removal of the lower weir, fish ladder, and a sediment island. He showed renderings of that option: there would be about a 10-foot water level reduction above the dam, which would taper to nothing [no reduction] around Haigh Road. He discussed the environmental, social, and economic impacts of each alternative. Regarding costs, Alternative 1, raising the dam, would cost about \$3.7M. Alternative 3 would cost about \$3.5M. Alternative 4, dam removal, would be about \$1.5M.

Regarding the schedule, we'll be looking for funding in Spring 2025, then move into the design and permitting phase, with construction to begin Summer 2007 and to be completed in Fall/Winter 2027.

Mr. Papakonstantis said whichever preferred alternative is decided on tonight would be written up as a warrant article. It would go to the Budget Committee in the fall and the budget hearing in January, then to Deliberative Session in February, and the legislative body would ultimately decide on it. He asked Mr. San Antonio to further discuss the timeline.

Mr. San Antonio said we assume funding would be secured in spring 2025 and available in summer 2025, and then we'd start the design process. There would be an initial review with soil samples and boring along the length of the embankments and collecting sediment data. There would also be a bit more surveying. The permitting phase would begin in the winter of 2026, which may take six months to a year. That's when the public meetings would occur for the different permits and notifications to abutters would be sent. We'd bid the project at the end of 2026 to allow for a summer 2027 construction.

Ms. Belanger asked how much leeway we have on the Fall 2027 completion date. Mr. San Antonio said that's the current request for action, but as long as the town is moving forward to a solution, they'll usually extend the dates.



Mr. Papakonstantis said after May 28 when Mr. San Antonio presented the feasibility study to the Select Board, he and Ms. Roy met with the Brentwood Select Board and told them this would be on the June 24th Select Board agenda. He asked if Brentwood would be interested in collaborating financially on the dam project but never heard back.

David Kovar of 38 Cross Road asked what is the legal definition of abutters and would it be possible to expand this definition. People who thought they were abutters were not notified. Also, what would the ballot look like next year?

Mr. Papakonstantis said the Select Board will choose one of the preferred alternatives tonight and that would be the one on the ballot, as a yes or no question. When he and the Board's counterparts in Brentwood met at the beginning of May, we talked about our obligations but also what more we could do. At that time, we decided to notify the Town of Brentwood of public meetings and they could notify their abutters if they wished.

Attorney Adam Dumville, Exeter Town Counsel, said the legal definition of abutter is anyone directly abutting the property at hand. Expanding the notice to everyone else will be done by the town, either by direct mailing, publication in newspapers, posting on the town website, or communications with the town of Brentwood. There are other notice requirements through the permitting process.

Mr. Kovar said his understanding is that an abutter shares a property line with the project. He's across the road from the project, so he feels like an abutter but he doesn't get notified. He appreciates that they have a plan for this going forward.

Robert Spahn of Brentwood said if you look at the graphic of the river and how it would change, the impact of this project will affect river abutters for several miles into Brentwood. Are they not abutters to be notified? Attorney Dumville said that notification in the newspaper will solve any issues with notifying abutters. Mr. Spahn asked who reads newspapers. He said this process started in 2011, and the first time abutters received the opportunity to comment was February 2024. Brentwood was founded in 1742, 90 years after the first dam was at the Pickpocket site. There's been a dam there for 370 years and the ecosystem that's developed will be drastically altered if the dam is removed.

Mr. Papakonstantis said we've had one public hearing to allow for public testimony. Prior to that, we've had posted River Advisory meetings and taken comments at those. All of those were posted. The issue was brought to the Select Board in October 2023, which was posted. There's been one public hearing but several public meetings, and there will be plenty of public meetings going forward as part of the permit process. We'll go above and beyond what's legally required to notify people.

Denise and Paul Pouliot, who were present remotely via Zoom, said they spoke on behalf of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki people. Ms. Pouliot said for nearly 10,000 years, we had fish and water flowing. Removing that dam will return the ecosystem back to the way it should have been. Mr.

Pouliot said we've partnered with many community action groups in the Great Bay area. We see this as an environmental and social justice issue. These dams were banned in Europe because they recognized the destruction that the dams have on foodways. They were put in in New England because of greed and commerce. We support removing the dam totally.

Jim Breeling of 7 Nelson Drive said the difference between the dam-in and dam-out options is \$2M. Fiduciary responsibility is one of the reasons he supports dam removal. Consider the lens that a property owner versus a scientist would use to judge the environmental impacts. The feasibility study had limited scope, and there's actually a benefit to the entire Exeter River watershed and critical Great Bay Estuary watershed. Indirectly, the Atlantic fisheries also benefit. In support of the First Nations people that spoke, keeping in mind the environmental stewardship look of seven generations into the future, we should support and encourage that. To the point about it being a 300-year-old ecosystem, the water stored behind the dam is neither the habitat of the river or a naturally occurring lake, so that ecosystem is not well designed for species of either habitat. The dam-out option will restore the river ecosystem that has been there since the last ice age.

Catherine Edison of Conney Road said when the water goes down 10 feet, there will be a difference in the property line along the river for 6 miles up the dam. Who will pay the difference in the taxes? The town said "consult your attorney" and we didn't get any other guidance. Will the town maintain that area themselves?

Attorney Dumville said when you're looking at your deed or surveys, the change in the river level should have no effect. The deed was based on the conditions that existed at the time the deed was originally drafted and signed. It shouldn't have an impact on taxes.

Ms. Edison said she's against dam removal. Even if you don't have to legally contact the abutters beyond the direct abutters, your conscience should tell you it will be a wonderful thing to contact everyone affected.

Jay Garnett of 2 Stoney Water Road said she has 125 feet of frontage on the river. When it drops 10 feet, will she pay any more in taxes? When it starts to erode, will she pay less taxes? Attorney Dumville said there should be no change. Ms. Garnett said 286 people have now signed her petition not to remove the dam. Does their opinion matter, or will it ultimately be up to the voters? When it is on the ballot, is it going to be dam removal or keep the dam? If they vote not to remove it, what's the next step? 83% of that river footprint will disappear. A lot of animals will die that have been there for 370 years. Maybe we created this and the Native Americans don't like it, but what's there is there. Taking it away will kill a lot of animals. Why can't we just fix it?

Mr. Papakonstantis said everyone's opinion matters. We've taken opinions both orally and in writing. There was a long opportunity for people to submit comments. All of those comments were addressed in the feasibility study, particularly the questions and answers, because everyone's opinion does matter.

When he reviewed the petition submitted in May, most of the names were not from NH. That doesn't mean that he doesn't respect their opinion. Ultimately, what we decide will go on the warrant article. We're making a decision based on the evidence of experts, the questions folks have asked, and the testimony we have heard. It will be up to the legislative body of Exeter to cast a vote on the preferred alternative. Folks in Exeter determine the fate of the preferred alternative because they're the ones paying the taxpayer dollars. At the end of the day, the registered voters in Exeter have the final say. If the preferred alternative does not pass, it would come back to town staff and the Select Board to determine the next steps. The Public Safety complex passed this year, where it didn't pass the year before.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for further public comment, but there was none. He closed public comment and brought deliberations back to the Board.

Ms. Gilman said we've posted and tried to get as much information out there as possible. She feels comfortable making a decision tonight. We've had a lot of stuff come at us about our lack of transparency and notification. She wonders what Brentwood has done with their people. She's seen in their meeting notes that people have talked about it. Some pushback has to go upriver. We've done our due diligence. This process, as we know from the Great Dam project, does involve a lot more public input.

Mr. Chartrand said he was torn when we were considering removing the Great Dam. He was on the Select Board at the time. Municipal affairs are not done with a scalpel, but with a sledgehammer. Knowing what he knows now, he wishes that he had been in the vanguard on dam removal. There was a great effort to stabilize the banks. It was an unqualified success. The deoxygenated water behind that dam that no living thing can pass through is similar to Pickpocket. It's not a biome; nothing can live in it and it's very difficult to pass through it. He liked the Great Dam but what we have now is so much more beautiful and alive. It's hard to imagine that it won't be the same at Pickpocket Dam. Removal is his preferred alternative.

Ms. Belanger said we've done our due diligence. The realistic approach to this is overall what's best for our town. Change is difficult for all of us.

Ms. Cowan said she's learned that it matters when we don't take care of our infrastructure. We're not making this decision because we want to, we're making it because we have a letter of deficiency. She appreciates how hard these decisions can be but she doesn't see another choice. The other alternative is a huge investment for something that science tells us is not the right thing.

Mr. Papakonstantis thanked Mr. Vlasich for his work on this over the years, and recognized the members of the River Advisory Committee. He thanked folks from Exeter, Brentwood, and other communities who have commented. He also recognized Brentwood for giving the Board an opportunity to reach out.

**MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand said that upon review of the feasibility study, all of the preferred options, as well as all the public comments, both written and oral, we move to authorize the town manager or designee to implement a CIP and warrant article to remove the dam; we also seek to obtain all outside funding, including but not limited to State and Federal funding. Ms. Belanger seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

c. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Theresa Walker, Rockingham Planning Commission

Emergency Management Director Eric Wilking and Theresa Walker of the Rockingham Planning Commission were present to discuss the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Wilking said FEMA requires that the town maintain a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The original was from 2008 and should be renewed every 5 years. In the process of updating it, we met several times as a working group including public officials. On April 17, the draft plan was handed to Theresa to craft it.

Ms. Walker said FEMA requires a plan, and the town is not eligible for disaster relief if it's not in place. The town of Exeter was awarded grants to work on the plan, with a match of staff time. The first part of the plan discusses the natural hazards that impact Exeter; the second part talks about what we have in place to address them; and the third part is what additional steps we could take. We're not obligated by FEMA to do any of these things. To this version, we added infectious disease due to Covid. NH Homeland Security in Concord used to have the authority to review these plans, but now the FEMA office in Boston must also review them, which adds an extra hurdle. There are new requirements about transparency and making sure that vulnerable populations are aware of this. She recommends a 30-day comment period, with comments directed to Fire Chief Pizon. After that, we can send a draft to Concord and they will send it to FEMA. After they approve it, it comes back to the Board for adoption, and it's good for another 5 years. Tonight we're requesting a public comment period and that the town makes people aware of their ability to comment. After July 24 she will review any comments and send it to the State. It doesn't come back to the Select Board until after that approval.

Melissa Roy thanked Theresa Walker, who also acted as a neutral third party to moderate the Pickpocket Dam public meeting.

d. Public Works Projects Update

Stephen Cronin, Public Works Director, was present to give an update. Mr. Cronin said this is primarily infrastructure projects. The Kingston Road project is a NH DOT roadway and pedestrian safety project. It includes widening of the road out to Pickpocket Road and extending the sidewalk to Tamarind Lane, as well as a signalized crossing at RiverWoods. Construction started April 18. The first phase of widening is completed; next they'll be widening the shoulders,

installing drainage, and paving the sidewalk and shoulders. That project should be completed by the end of July.

Ms. Belanger asked about the pedestrian crossing. Mr. Cronin said it's similar to the ones at PEA but uses a push button. It will be a yellow light, not a red.

Mr. Chartrand said the personnel on that project are outstanding. There's very little traffic backup and it feels very safe.

Mr. Cronin said regarding Webster Ave Pump Station, we had a preliminary meeting April 10th and are reviewing some construction documents. We expect that the first phase of construction will start mid-July. We'll move on to the installation of a forcemain. There will be some heavy equipment in that area with noise. The abutters will be apprised of the schedule.

Regarding septage receiving, we issued a purchase order for the equipment and have been waiting for a delivery date. We have started the bid solicitation process for a month and will be back July 22nd to award installation. We would start construction immediately.

Regarding intersection improvements, for Columbus/Winter/Railroad, VHB provided three options and the town chose the least costly alternative with the least impact. Work began April 29 with geometric changes and curb-line adjustments. We've completed that work and have done loam and seeding. That project is complete.

Ms. Gilman asked if we proposed a stop sign on Railroad Ave. Mr. Cronin said no, that was not part of the project.

Mr. Cronin said regarding the intersection at Front/Linden/Pine, we're continuing to advance the design of a roundabout. We're on our fourth design concept. It will ultimately result in some property impact. We're working with one specific abutter; if we're not able to proceed we'll come back to the Select Board. Inspections showed that the sewer lines need replacement, so we'd be looking to replace those. The earliest construction would be spring 2025.

Regarding the Linden Street Bridge, we opened construction bids January 29 but they were higher than the existing appropriations. We asked DOT for additional Bridge Aid but it's not available. We tried to reduce the scope, but ultimately there are things that can't be eliminated. We've added a supplemental funding request to the 2025 CIP. If approved, construction would begin later that year. We're north of \$1M, but that includes turning back the initial town appropriation.

Regarding the Westside Drive utility project, we had some design changes that delayed that. We held a neighborhood meeting in March and residents expressed concern with groundwater levels. They asked us to re-look at the monitoring wells and make sure that the drainage system will address those. We did make some design changes and modify the stormwater BMPs, and had to go back to the State to review. We met with the State June 20th and they had some follow-up comments and questions we're working on. We're

hoping to have an approved design in the fall, bid it over the winter, and start construction in Spring of 2025.

Mr. Chartrand said there's been significant constituent inquiry here and he appreciates how Mr. Cronin has addressed that.

Mr. Cronin said regarding the new groundwater source on PEA property off Drinkwater Road, DES approved our permit in March. We've been working with PEA on a letter of intent and option agreement. This summer, we'll drill and test a new production well in July and August, which will tell us what the new source will be rated for. If that's viable, we'd bring that source through DES approval. There would be an article on the 2025 warrant, and construction would begin in 2026. This includes the rehabilitation of the Larry Lane well. The whole project will cost \$6M.

Regarding the Surface Water Treatment Plant conceptual design approved last year, he's been working with Paul Vlasich on a Request for Qualifications, and we hope to advertise that in July for a month.

e. ARPA Request for PFAS-Free Turnout Gear

Fire Chief Pizon and Assistant Fire Chief Matheson were present to discuss this request. Assistant Chief Matheson said when we respond to a fire, our skin is exposed to different chemicals, although our lungs are protected by our breathing apparatus. There are 8 kinds of cancers that we get as firefighters, and some of those rates are 200% higher than the general population. We do post-decon where we rinse off with water and the gear is sealed and taken back to the fire station. At the station, it's put through washing cycles, dried, and put back together. PFAS in our firefighting gear is also a problem. They're in drinking water and have a high persistence and toxicity. Some studies say 70% of firefighters will get cancer. The gear is an outside shell and two inner layers. In 2017, we switched our outside shell to a PFAS free shell, but in the middle, that layer contains the PFAS. In the vapor barrier, it gets onto our skin. There are no levels of PFAS that are considered safe. We wear PPE for all calls, not just fires. We don and doff this gear numerous times a day. One vendor came out with a material that is PFAS free which passed approval and is certified by UL. We've been working on a proposal with Bergeron Protective Clothing.

Chief Pizon said on May 3, he met with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager regarding the PFAS-free gear. He wasn't comfortable with making a giant CIP request this year. On May 4 we instituted a spending freeze at the Fire Department, and \$26,000 of equipment to be replaced or procured will wait until 2025. Our goal is to secure funding for a single set of gear for each of our members and replace the second set at the regularly scheduled replacement time. Backup gear will only be worn during the time the primary gear is being cleaned. We got a bulk pricing opportunity. A single set of gear is \$3,988. For 32 sets, one set for every employee, it would be \$127,616. If we were to buy 35, it drops to \$3,622 per set, or \$126,770.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked what will be sacrificed with a freeze on spending. Assistant Chief Matheson said some equipment like saws, kits for technical rescue equipment, a battery-operated extrication tool, replacement iPads, and similar items. We can survive without them. Chief Pizon said we looked for items that would not sacrifice peoples' safety.

Ms. Belanger asked about the cleaning. Assistant Chief Matheson said about 2 hours. Chief Pizon said we feel comfortable with the backup set.

Finance Director Corey Stevens said he took the EMS fund off the table. For ARPA, we have \$130,000 funds left after the \$12,000 earmarked for the Swasey Park design, or \$142,000 total. If we were to take \$25,000 out of suppression, we would need \$101,700 from ARPA.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked about the deadline for ARPA funds. Mr. Stevens said we must obligate the funds by the end of 2024 and spend them by the end of 2026.

Ms. Belanger asked if there's something in the pipeline for the \$29,000 that would be left in the ARPA fund. Ms. Roy said we have people and departments that could come up with something. If the siphon project finishes by the end of July, we'll start getting questions about Swasey Parkway. We're coming back with a proposal for Iron Wood, and had thought we might use ARPA money. We'd only have \$29,000 left. In the upcoming year, we'll go through a revaluation, and have three union contracts we're negotiating. We're trying to be cognizant of the budget for next year.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if the Board agreed not to touch EMS funding, and they said yes. Mr. Stevens said after next year the fund will start to build back up again, but for the next 12 - 24 months it will be lean.

Ms. Roy asked if the number from the FD is \$26,000 or \$29,000? Chief Pizon said he was trying to make round numbers. It would be \$26,770 out of our budget and \$100,000 out of ARPA, for \$126,770 total.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to purchase 35 sets of PFAS-free turnout gear for the Fire Department, for a total not to exceed \$126,770, with the funds of \$26,770 to be paid by the 2024 General Fund Fire Department budget, with the remaining \$100,000 to be paid from the town's local ARPA funds, and further to authorize the Town Manager or his/her designee to sign any appropriate paperwork. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Cowan asked about the PACT Act, which covers smoke inhalation related to military service. Chief Pizon said he will look into it.

## 9. Regular Business

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

- i. There were no abatements or exemptions considered at this meeting.

### b. Permits & Approvals

- i. Epping Road Contract Award

DPW Director Steve Cronin said he's requesting to award the contract for construction of Epping Road near-term improvements to Severino Trucking, and to modify our contract with VHB. In 2021, VHB was contracted to design improvements from Continental to Route 101, including sidewalks, drainage, and widening turn lanes. Last year, we worked with Severino to come up with cost savings on the project and an estimate on construction, but it came to \$1.4M. The existing Epping Road TIF plan only allows \$1.1M. We asked them to come up with short-term improvements for this construction season and we can amend the financing plan next year. They will be widening the road and improving the drainage in preparation for new sidewalks and other improvements. If approved, the work would start this summer and be completed mid-October.

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to award a contract to Severino Trucking Company for the construction of Epping Road near-term improvements in the amount of \$800,000, and to amend the existing contract with VHB to include construction phase engineering services in the amount of \$69,900. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ii. E911

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Fritz presented a memo from Doug Eastman regarding a new public way cul-de-sac off Watson Road. This is for a 12-lot subdivision of the former Carlisle property. The proposed name is "Signature Circle," which was one of the options provided by the builder. We vetted it and there were no conflicts.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gilman moved to name the newly created public street providing access to a 12-lot subdivision off of Watson Road as "Signature Circle" and to number the proposed dwellings accordingly in compliance with Chapter 14 of the Town Ordinance as depicted on the attached map. The tax map parcel is 33-26. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

iii. Dog Warrant

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the Select Board to sign the 2024 Dog Warrant. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

- i. Ms. Roy said we held our biweekly leadership meeting.
- ii. She and Finance Director Stevens met with various departments that may be affected by proposals in the Keegan Report. We hope to bring a presentation to the Board at the end of July.
- iii. The Town Offices had an employee luncheon last week, which featured the annual service awards.
- iv. She met with Darren, Niko, and Dave Cowie about local businesses' concerns about parking related to the Ioka building project. This is a work in progress.
- v. The town celebrated Juneteenth with a day off last Wednesday



- vi. Last week during the heat emergency, although it was a holiday, the lifeguard staff and concession staff came in 9 - 5 so the community could enjoy the pool.
- vii. She continued to work on various personnel issues.
- viii. Mr. Papakonstantis recognized Mr. Bisson and Mr. Tovey. He said he asked them to find staff to provide at least a few hours of staffing, and they exceeded expectations by staffing it through the hottest part of the day. Our summers are not going to get any cooler. The library cannot always be the only option, and they were closed on the holiday as well. We should identify cooling locations or mechanisms for these heatwaves. Ms. Gilman said cooling and warming should be in our hazard mitigation plan.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Belanger attended a Recreation Advisory Board meeting. People should at the amount of programs Parks and Rec makes available. They're working on a grant for senior programming. The Planning Board met to continue a previous agenda because that applicant wasn't ready. It was a quick half-hour meeting. She said that Gwen English reported that Kristin Murphy received a Hayden Award at the Rockingham Planning Commission's annual dinner for significant contributions to the community.
- ii. Ms. Gilman gave an update on State issues.
- iii. Ms. Cowan had no report.
- iv. Mr. Chartrand had no report.
- v. Mr. Papakonstantis met with the Swasey Parkway Trustees for a quick meeting. He also attended the employee appreciation lunch and presented Melissa Roy an award for her 5 years of service. He said the owners of the Ioka are working with Darren and the local businesses. Ms. Belanger asked how much longer it will take, and Mr. Papakonstantis said we don't know. Mr. Chartrand said he's astonished by how long this process has taken. It has a big impact on downtown businesses. Whatever we can do to be conscious about when they take the spaces and how long, that would be good. Mr. Papakonstantis said he met with Mr. Sharples to debrief on the Rugg property and informally contemplate next steps.

e. Correspondence

- i. Two emails regarding Pickpocket Dam
- ii. An NHMA Legislative Bulletin

10. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19, Tuesday September 3, September 16, and September 30. Ms. Roy said she leaves for vacation June

28 and she's out the week of the 4th, returning on July 8th. Corey Stevens will step into her place.

11. Non-Public Session

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 93-A:3II (a) and (c). Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

The meeting entered non-public at 9:29 PM.

**MOTION:** Mr. Chartrand motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger motioned to exit non-public session. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

12. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ms. Belanger motioned to adjourn. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The Board stood adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanna Bartell  
Recording Secretary

## **Appointments/Resignations**

## Discussion/Action Items

## **Squamscott River Siphons Update**

## **Economic Development Update**

# Memo

**To:** Select Board  
**From:** Darren Winham, Director  
**Date:** 7.3.24  
**Re:** EconDev Update July 2024

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Exeter's Economic Development Director will provide an update on various economic development projects throughout town at the July 8 Select Board meeting. Topics will include the Gateway project on Epping Road, the Ioka buildout, new interest in the creation of a train station, a documentary putting "human faces" on the regional affordable housing crisis and an upcoming Business Retention and Expansion program.

## **Tax Abatements, Veteran's Credits, Exemptions**





## Permits & Approvals

## **Town Manager's Report**

## **Select Board Committee Reports**

## Correspondence



June 14, 2024

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Exeter  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, NH 03833

**Re: Programming Advisory**

Dear Members of the Board:

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services, we wanted to notify you that the Pac-12 Network is ceasing operations on June 30, 2024. As a result, the Pac-12 Network will no longer be available as part of our lineup. As a function of this change, we have implemented a channel slate (advising of unavailability) on the channel and activated [www.xfinity.com/programmingchanges](http://www.xfinity.com/programmingchanges) to help keep our customers informed during this period.

Customers are being notified of this information by bill statement message.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. For your convenience I can be reached at **Bryan\_Christiansen@comcast.com**.

Sincerely,

*Bryan Christiansen*

Bryan Christiansen, Director  
Government & Regulatory Affairs  
New England Region

*Town Manager's Office*

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# Curbside Collection

**Trash and recycle pick-up will be delayed Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day. Thursday's route will be complete on Friday, and Friday's route will be complete on Saturday. Please have your trash and recycling out before 7am to ensure it will not be missed.**

The Town of Exeter offers a curbside collection of household trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and limited leaf and grass pick-up through a contract with Waste Management (WM) of New Hampshire. You can find your collection day by clicking on the Curbside Collection Schedule attached below.



Household trash must be in "Town of Exeter" Blue Bags and placed at the curb by 7:00 AM on your regular pick-up day. There is no limit on the number of blue bags. Bags must be tied and not exceed weight limit stated on the bag (approximately 45 lbs for a large bag).

Blue bags can be purchased at: Public Works Office, Arjay's, Convenient Grocer, Deep Meadow Variety, Gerry's Variety (cash only), Hannaford, Market Basket (Epping/Stratham), and Shaw's.

Large Bag - \$2.50 (33 gallon)  
Small Bag - \$1.25 (15 gallon)

Regular trash, recyclables & bulky waste items are collected on the same day as your regular pickup. If your trash or recycling was missed please contact WM at 800-847-5303.

## Pick-up delay Information:

Holidays observed by Waste Management:

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day

Pick-up will be delayed one day after inclement weather or if the holiday falls on a weekday.

(i.e.: for a Monday holiday if your scheduled trash/recycling pick-up day is on Monday it will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's pick-up will be on Wednesday, Wednesday's pick-up will be on Thursday, Thursday's pick-up will be on Friday and Friday's pick-up will be on Saturday.)

For up-to-date collection schedules, the Public Works Department has a 24/7 information line which can be reached at 603-418-6450.

## Bulky Waste

One (1) Bulk Item (with \$5 sticker) may be placed curbside each week on your regular trash collection day (of the town's curbside collection program). Bulk stickers can be purchased from the Public Works Office, Town Office, or you can purchase bulk stickers online. Large household items may be disposed of such as:

- Couch (sectional/modular couches 1 sticker per piece)
- Chair
- Table
- Mattress
- Box spring

If the item in question is not listed here, please review the "How do I dispose" list in the attachments below. Email [publicworks@exeternh.gov](mailto:publicworks@exeternh.gov) if you have any additional questions.

**Bulk curbside pick-up does not include:**

- White goods or metal items must be disposed of properly at the Transfer Station (washer, dryer, dishwasher, treadmills, etc.)
- Appliances with freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.)
- Construction debris (window, door, carpet, toilet, sink, etc.)
- Electronics (TV, computer, vacuum, etc.)

## Leaf & Grass Disposal

Waste Management will pick up leaves and grass twice each year once in the spring & once in the fall. Dates will be established each year. The collection will be limited to 12 leaf bags per residence. Leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves & grass can also be taken to the Transfer Station during normal hours of operation (no permit required).

Leaves and grass are composted at the Transfer Station. The finished compost is free to Exeter residents.

**SPRING: APRIL 15TH - 19TH 2024**

**FALL: NOVEMBER 18TH - 22ND 2024**



# Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside by 7 am on your regular pick-up day during the 2nd week in January in most years. All decorations, including garland, must be removed. Tree pick-up does not include wreaths. Local farms may also be interested in your tree to feed their goats!

# Sharps Disposal

To safely dispose of sharps, needles, or syringes place in a durable plastic bottle such as a laundry detergent bottle. Once the jug is 3/4 full, write SHARPS on it, tape the lid so it will not accidentally open, and dispose of in your household trash.

# Recycling

The Town of Exeter established a contract with Waste Management for curbside collection of recyclables. Exeter's blue recycling containers must be used for Waste Management to pick up recyclables. Any overflow must wait until the following week or drop off at the Transfer Station (permits required, \$20 for the calendar year). Recycle bins are available to purchase at the Public Works Office:

- **\$75 ~ 65 gallon totes (with a cover & wheels) ~**  
Cash, check - payable to Town of Exeter, or credit cards are accepted (\$2.50 or 2.99% whichever is greater fee applies to credit card sales)

**Single Stream Recycling:** All items can be placed in your recycling container together. No need to separate!

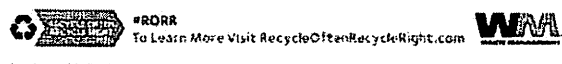
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic bottles and containers - #1, #2, #5 (caps on)
- Steel and tin cans
- Newspaper
- Glass food and beverage containers (caps off) brown, clear, or green
- Mail (mixed paper)
- Magazines
- Uncoated paperboard (ex. cereal boxes, food and snack boxes)
- Aerosol cans - cap removed (dispose in trash)
- Phone books
- Old corrugated containers/cardboard (uncoated)

**Items that are NOT recyclable in our program (even if it has a recycle symbol):**

- X Cardboard cartons (usually containing juice, milk, or broth)
- X Plastic bags and any bagged recycled materials #3, 4, & 7 (visit [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org) for ways to recycle these)
- X Mirrors
- X Light bulbs (bring to Transfer Station with a permit) or Arjay's Ace Hardware
- X Windows, dishes, Pyrex, ceramics, and porcelain
- X Unmarked plastics (toys, shelves, containers, chairs, etc.)
- X Styrofoam (even with a recycle symbol - not recyclable in our program)

Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:

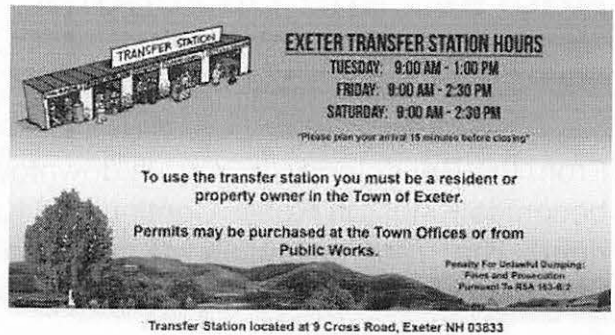


- X Foam packaging #6
- X Unclean food containers (better to throw away than to create a pest problem)
- X Shredded paper

For items that are not recyclable, there could be ways to re-purpose or re-use!

# Transfer Station

4/18/24: The pit at the Transfer Station remains closed until the flooding dissipates. There is a designated area to dispose of brush and leaves. The Transfer Station attendant will advise where to go upon arrival. We appreciate your cooperation and patience while wait for the flooding to dissipate.



## Transfer Station Information

2024 Transfer Station permits (\$20) are available for purchase! Permits and stickers are available to purchase from the Public Works Office, Town Office, or through the Town web service. Once you check out you will receive confirmation, and **stickers and permits are mailed to you.**

Click here to purchase Transfer Station permits and disposal stickers

A printable version of our Solid Waste program can be found in the attachment below. To utilize the Transfer Station you must be a resident or property owner in Exeter. Please have proper identification ready when entering (residents: a driver's license or for property owners: a tax bill).

Some items require the purchase of a permit, item sticker, or both. The cost of disposing of many items can add up! Local charitable organizations (Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc.) will gladly accept gently used items. For bulky trips, it may be cost-effective to utilize the Raymond Transfer Station (603-895-6273).

To buy a Permit you must be a resident or property owner in Exeter and show ID at the Town Office. License plate numbers are required for permits. The yearly permit must be affixed to the lower corner of the car's windshield on the driver's side.

**Calendar year permits: \$20**

**5-Day permit: \$5**

For questions email: [Publicworks@exeternh.gov](mailto:Publicworks@exeternh.gov)

## **Transfer Station Hours:**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

## **October 15th - December 15th Transfer Station Hours:**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Sunday Noon - 4:00 pm

## Address and Directions

9 Cross Road  
Exeter, NH 03833

From the Bandstand, drive from downtown on Front Street. Front Street (Route 111) becomes Kingston Road. Continue on Kingston Road (Route 111) to 9 Cross Road (on the right). The Transfer Station will be approximately 1/4 mile on the left. **STOP for the attendant** to check your vehicle for hazardous waste or other banned materials.

Items that can be dropped off at NO COST with proper ID:

- Used oil - not mixed with any other substance including gas or antifreeze
- Leaves - if bagged biodegradable brown paper bags must be used
- Christmas Trees - tinsel, lights, and ornaments must be removed
- Books
- Calculators
- Cell phones for Soldiers - any cell phones, ipads, tablets, mp3 players - used or broken, including device chargers
- Compost with Mr. Fox Composting bins at the Transfer Station

Items that require a Transfer Station permit:

- Brush - Landscapers/Contractors will need to purchase load tickets per trip. Load tickets must be purchased in advance at the Public Works Office. There is no limit to the number of tickets contractors can purchase.
  - Small load: Up to a full-size pick-up truck or single axle trailer \$25.00 (each load)
  - Large load: One-ton truck or double axle trailer \$50.00 (each load)
- White goods - (non-refrigerant) appliances, washer, dryer, paper shredders, etc.
- Metals - ferrous: steel, iron, bicycles, metal grills, snow blowers and lawn mowers (with gas and oil removed)
- Metals - non-ferrous: aluminum, copper, brass, etc.
- Wood - no painted or treated, no larger than 4' in length, no plywood, T-111 or particle board
- Ash - wood or coal stove ash
- Propane tanks - #20 or less

- Recyclable materials - plastics labeled #1, #2, & #5. Please follow guidelines for recyclables.
- Household Trash - must be in Exeter Blue Bags
- Batteries - Rechargeable (not household) only (automobile, toy, and tool batteries) - see Battery document below
- Mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats, electric switches, mercury button cell batteries, and fluorescent lights. These items can also be collected on Hazardous Waste Day.

## Items that require both stickers and permits:

Disposal stickers (Electronic, Construction, & Appliance) can be purchased at the Town Office, Public Works Office, or Arjay's Ace Hardware. Disposal stickers can also be purchased online as well.

Construction Debris Bags and Town of Exeter Blue trash bags can be purchased at the Public Works Office and Arjay's Ace Hardware.

## Electronics (\$10)

Due to the hazardous materials in most electronic goods, they must be disposed of with care. A \$10 electronics sticker can be purchased at the Town Office or Public Works for the disposal of any electronic goods at the Transfer Station. Best Buy and Staples have electronic recycling programs for most electronics.

These items include:

- Computers - monitors, hard drives, printers, laptops, tablets, battery packs or battery back-ups.
- Televisions
- Scanners, copy, and fax machines

## Freon (Appliance) sticker - \$10

- Refrigerators - Doors, non-metal parts (bins, shelves) MUST BE removed and placed in blue trash bags. Metal components can be placed in the metal dumpster.  
\*Check the Unitil link below for updates on their periodic refrigerator rebate program.
- Freezers
- Air Conditioners
- Water Coolers
- Dehumidifiers

## Construction Debris - \$8 (each item)

Small quantities of construction debris can be disposed of at the Transfer Station with the appropriate bag or sticker. Town Office and Public Works have Construction Stickers to purchase; Arjay's Ace Hardware has both Construction Bags and Stickers. For large loads, we recommend utilizing the Raymond Transfer Station as they allow non-residents to use the facility and charge by weight.

Construction Bags (\$8 each): small items: drywall, shingles, insulation, etc. Liquids must be solidified.

Construction Stickers (\$8 each): doors, windows, toilets, sinks, bundled wood (treated/painted) or carpet.

## Items NOT Accepted at the Transfer Station

- **Bulky Items** - (couch, mattress, etc.) if you utilize blue bag pick-up, 1 Bulky item can be picked up per week (\$5 bulk sticker)
- **Hazardous Waste** - Usually on a Saturday in October hosted by Rockingham Planning at the DPW Complex
- **Tires** - Raymond Transfer station (603-895-6273) will accept tires for a fee or check with local tire dealers
- **Antifreeze, brake fluid, or other auto chemicals** - collected on Hazardous Waste Day
- **Asbestos**
- **Sharps/Syringes** - "Sharps by mail systems" can be purchased at your local pharmacy for safe disposal or place sharps in a durable plastic bottle such as a laundry detergent bottle. Once the jug is 3/4 full, write SHARPS on it, tape the lid so it will not accidentally open, and dispose of in your household trash.
- **Pharmaceuticals** - Exeter PD now has a prescription drop off box in the lobby

## Free for Residents

- Compost
- Wood Chips

Contact Public Works for availability.

## Waste Management Dumpster Bag

A Waste Management dumpster bag (link below) is another great option if you have a lot of items to dispose of. The dumpster bag can hold up to 3,300 pounds of debris. The bags can be purchased at stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's for \$30\*. Once you fill the bag notify Waste Management to pick it up! It's that easy! Waste Management fees for pick-up are about \$270 - price may vary.

# HELPSY - Textile Recycling

Clothes aren't trash! The Town has partnered with Helpsy to offer residents a sustainable method of recycling clothing and textiles, helping residents reduce their solid waste. Residents can schedule FREE curbside pick-ups of clothing and textiles in advance at [www.helpsy.co/exeternh](http://www.helpsy.co/exeternh). After filling out a request form online, a driver will be scheduled to pick up on the selected date. Clothing should be clean, dry, odorless, bagged and left at the curb prior to 7 am the morning of pickup. There is a 3-bag minimum per pick-up.

## 3 Drop-off locations:

1. 32 Court St Park
2. 4 Hampton Rd Recreation
3. 9 Cross Rd at the Transfer Station

## Items acceptable for collection:

Anything you wear, sleep in, or dry yourself off with! This includes any type of material composed of natural or synthetic fibers such as products made from wool, silk, linen, cotton, polyester, leather, vinyl, hemp, and rayon. The following items can be donated in any condition (torn, worn, stained, missing buttons, broken zippers, etc.) as long as they are clean, dry, and odorless.

- Clothing & Fashion Accessories
- Men, Women, Children sizes
- Dresses, shirts, pants, suits, socks, pajamas, slippers, bras, underwear
- Coats, gloves, hats
- Belts, ties, scarves, bathrobes
- Wallets, purses, backpacks, totes
- Shoes / sandals/ flip flops/ boots/ sneakers/ cleats/ slippers
- Towels / sheets/ blankets / comforters
- Halloween costumes
- Curtains / drapes
- Placemats / tablecloths and linen
- Throw rugs
- Stuffed animals

## **NOT accepted:**

- X Breakable housewares or glass
- X Electronics: TVs, computers, monitors
- X Furniture
- X Building materials
- X Scrap Metal: bed frames, curtain rods
- X Large appliances
- X Mattresses
- X Pillows
- X Encyclopedia sets, Phone Books, Magazines

## Exeter has made an impact!

### Textiles Collected and Diverted from the Landfill:

Year	Pounds	Tons
2023	17,415	8.7
2022	6,861	3.4

## HELPSY's site:

HI, WE'RE HELPSY.

We're the largest textile collection company in the Northeast US. Unlike most used clothing businesses we have an environmental mission: to keep clothes out of the trash. In just the last year we collected 25 million pounds of clothes. The impact of the clothes we collected is the following:





- 320 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- 20 billion gallons of water
- The electricity usage of 10,000 American homes

We are proud to be a Public Benefit Corporation and a Certified B Corp with an environmental mission. We believe that the tragedy of clothing filling our landfills and incinerators needs to stop.

To fight this battle, we work with partners large and small to place clothing collection containers, schedule collection drives, engage with cities and towns, manage unwanted inventories, and spread the word that *CLOTHES AREN'T TRASH*.

# Composting with Mr. Fox

The Town of Exeter is working with Mr. Fox Composting to collect compostable materials at the Transfer Station (Cross Road).

There are 64-gallon covered carts dedicated to food waste composting. Residents are required to provide their own container (pail/bucket) which can be purchased at any local hardware or home improvement store. Compostable paper or starch-based (green) bags provided by the resident are optional. The Town is not selling buckets or bags at this time. There is NO charge to participate in the Food Waste Composting program. Plastic bags, biodegradable bags, and foam are NOT allowed. All acceptable items for commercial composting can be placed in the same container.



## Compostable Items:

- Meat, meat bones
- Brown paper napkins & towels
- Muffin wrappers
- Eggshells
- Teabags (staples removed), ground tea
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Sugar packets
- Bread
- Seafood (including shells)
- Fruits & vegetables (pits & nuts too)
- Flowers & floral trimmings
- Corks
- Soiled pizza boxes
- PLA#7
- Certified BPI packaging
- Wooden stirrers

### Transfer Station Regular hours:

Tuesday: 9 am - 1 pm

Friday & Saturday: 9 am - 2:30 pm

### Oct. 15 - Dec. 15 Transfer Station hours extended:

Tuesday: 9 am - 1:00 pm

Friday: 9 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday: 8 am - 2:30 pm

Sunday: Noon - 4:00 pm

## What is Compost?

Compost collected at the Transfer Station is picked up by Mr. Fox Composting and brought back to their headquarters where the materials are treated and monitored for quality. The formula for quality compost includes maintaining an adequate moisture level, oxygen flow, particle size, and temperature to ensure the microorganisms effectively break down organic materials.

Compost is a dark, crumbly, earthy-smelling, biologically stable soil amendment produced by the aerobic decomposition of organic materials.

## Why Compost?

Composting food waste and other compostable items has many benefits for households and the environment.

- Reduces household waste and eliminates bad odor in household trash
- Extends landfill capacity by diverting organic materials and saving space in landfills.
- Reduces solid waste management costs. Food scraps are one of the largest and heaviest portions of the waste stream, making their recovery increasingly cost-effective compared to disposal.  
\*\*Reduces the number of blue bags you use (saving \$\$)!
- Protects the climate by reducing methane emissions from landfills
- Recycles organic materials into valuable soil
- Composting is nature's way of recycling

Composting is a resourceful way to recycle the food scraps and yard trim you generate at home all year and manage your waste more sustainably. The finished compost improves plant growth and promotes higher yields of agricultural crops.

**Compostable Materials Collected:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Tons</b>
2021 (est. April)	16,564	8.3
2022	19,666	9.8
2023	22,406	11.2
2024	13,045	6.5

## Composting is easy:

If you're NEW to composting there are different ways to compost. You can utilize the Mr. Fox Compost bins at the Transfer Station, you can create a small space in your yard for a compost pile, or you can purchase a composting bin from a retailer. It's important to do thorough research before composting at home. The list of compostable items above cannot all be composted in backyard compost.

Composting is easy when utilizing the Mr. Fox bins at the Transfer Station. Here are a few tips:

- Purchase compostable green bags (made up of starchy materials)
- Collect food scraps and other items listed above
  - Utilize a container with lid (i.e. coffee can or other small container)
  - Use a 5gallon bucket with lid outside of your home to collect your full bags
  - If you can't make it to the Transfer Station quickly, freeze the compost until you can
- Drop off your compost at the Transfer Station during normal hours of operation (Tuesday 9-1, Friday & Saturday 9-2:30)