

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 14, 2025
6:30 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 Interviews:
 - a. 250th Celebration Commission (Term: 12/31/2026) - Barbara Rimkunas 6:30 pm
 - b. Arts & Culture Advisory Commission (Term: Voting 2027; Alt. 2028) – Tom Coakley 6:40 pm
 - c. 250th Celebration Commission (Term: 12/31/2026 – Kathy Corson 6:50 pm
3. Recognition
 - a. Police Department CALEA Accreditation
 - b. Officer Stephen Petroski – 40 Years of Service
4. Proclamation
 - a. Arbor Day Proclamation April 25, 2025
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: March 31, 2025
7. Appointments/Resignations
 - a. Board/Committee/Commission Re-Appointments
8. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Public Hearing E911 – Meeting Place Drive
9. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits & Exemptions
10. Permits & Approvals
 - a. Police Department – NHDOS Grant Agreement Amendment
 - b. Donation Acceptance – Police Department Comfort Dog Program
 - c. Police Detail Fees
 - d. Resolution Opposing NH SB297: An Act Relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs
 - e. Request for Tax Interest Refund

f. Use of Sewer Reserves – WWTF Clarifier

11. Town Manager's Report
12. Select Board Committee Reports
13. Correspondence
14. Review Board Calendar
15. Non-Public Session 91:A-3, II (a)(b)(c)
16. Adjournment

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Select Board

Posted 4/11/25 Town Office, Town Website

Persons may request an accommodation for a disabling condition in order to attend this meeting. It is asked that such requests 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

Interview
April 14, 2025
6:30 pm
CONFIRMED

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: 250 Committee

New

Re-Appointment

Regular

Alternate

Name: Barbara Rimkunas Email: curator@exeterhistory.org

Address: 15 Cass St., Exeter, NH 03833 Phone: 603-244-6320

Registered Voter: Yes No

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

Co-Executive Director Exeter Historical Society

If this is re-appointment to a position, please list all training sessions you have attended relative to your appointed position.

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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: Barbara Rimkunas Date: 03/27/2025

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

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



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

April 14, 2025
6:40 pm
Interview
CONFIRMED

**Statement of Interest
Boards and Committee Membership**

Committee Selection: Arts & Culture Advisory Commission

New Re-Appointment Regular Alternate

Name: Tom Coakley Email: N338AV@gmail.com

Address: 10 Chestnut St., #1107, Exeter Phone: 808.260.5816

Registered Voter: Yes No

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

Recently re-located to Exeter. Former publisher of Exeter
New-Letter, Hampton Union. Former Exeter Co. FC. Board
Member. Former Seacoast United Way Board member.

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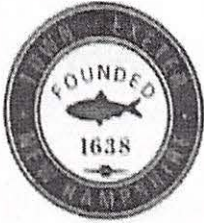
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I certify that I am 18 years of age or older:

Signature: Thomas Coakley Date: MARCH 25, 2025

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:

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



Town of Exeter

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

Mon. Apr. 14, 2025
6:50 pm
CONFIRMED

Statement of Interest Boards and Committee Membership

Committee Selection: 250th Celebration Committee

New Re-Appointment Regular Alternate

Name: Kathy Corson Email: kathykcorson@gmail.com

Address: 3 Folsom St Phone: 603 886 9600

Registered Voter: Yes No

Statement of Interest/experience/background/qualification, etc. (resume can be attached).
Committee members have asked me to apply.

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I certify that I am 18 years of age or older:
Signature: Kathy Corson Date: 4/1/25

To be completed by Select Board upon appointment:
Date Appointed: _____ Term Ending: _____ Full: _____ Alternate: _____

Recognition

Police Department – CALEA Accreditation

Employee Service Award – Officer Stephen Petroski 40 years



TOWN OF EXETER
EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

Officer Stephen Petroski

In appreciation of 40 years
of committed, reliable, courteous, competent, and
extraordinary dedication and service
to the residents of the Town of Exeter.

Presented by the Select Board this 14th day of April, 2025

Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair
Molly Cowan, Select Board Vice Chair
Nancy Belanger, Select Board Clerk
Julie Gilman, Select Board Member
Daniel Chartrand, Select Board Member

Proclamation

Town of Exeter, New Hampshire
A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

 **Arbor Day**

April 25, 2025

- Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
- Now, therefore,* I, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter, do hereby proclaim the 25th of April, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Town of Exeter, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and
- Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
- Dated this* 14th day of April, 2025

Niko Papakonstantis,
Select Board Chair, Exeter, NH



Approval of Minutes

Select Board Meeting
Monday March 31, 2025
6 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, Town Manager Russ Dean, and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Roy were present at this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 6 PM.

2. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A3II(l). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0. The Board went downstairs to the Nowak Room for non-public session at 6:02 PM. The Board emerged from non public session. Mr. Chartrand moved to seal the minutes until the matter concludes. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion carried and the minutes are sealed.

3. Board Interviews

- a. Maisie Sanderson for the Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Advisory Committee
- b. Timothy Willis for the Facilities Advisory Committee
- c. Jay Childs for the Budget Recommendations Committee

The Board reconvened in the Nowak Room at 7 PM.

4. Public Comment

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

5. Proclamations/Recognitions

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for a moment of silence for long-time town volunteer Lionel Ingram, who passed away recently.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: March 17, 2025
 - i. Corrections: Ms. Belanger said that Niko Papakonstantis was also sworn in that evening.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025 as amended. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- b. Regular Meeting: March 24, 2025
 - i. Corrections: Mr. Papakonstantis made several edits to the post-non-public motions.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to approve the minutes of March 24 as amended. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Appointments

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Maisie Sanderson as an alternate Pairpoint Park Stakeholders Advisory Committee, term to expire April 2026. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to appoint Timothy Willis as an alternate to the Facilities Advisory Committee, term to expire April 2028. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to appoint Jay Childs to the Budget Recommendations Committee. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion/Action Items

a. Chamber Lease

Mr. Chartrand recused himself from this discussion and vote.

Mr. Dean said the Chamber has leased space at the Town Hall for one-year terms. In the extension provision, that can be extended up to 60 months by mutual agreement. Rent is \$6,000 a year. Ms. Belanger said the property tax averages \$2,668.50 and utilities average \$897 a year. She proposed a change in the language in paragraph 12: "Prior to making improvements to the leased space, the lessee shall seek prior approval from the lessor. It is acknowledged that the judge's bench is in good condition and this will be maintained throughout the term of the lease."

Jennifer Wheeler, President of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, said we have called this space home since 2017. We support local businesses and grow partnerships. We're the connection point between business and community. Being in the hub of downtown is important.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to authorize the renewal lease agreement between the town of Exeter and Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce as amended from April 1 2025 - April 1 2026 and authorize the Town Manager or their Designee to sign the agreement. Ms. Gilman seconded. Mr. Chartrand did not vote. The motion passed 4-0.

b. Public Hearing – Stanton K9 Grant Acceptance – Chief Stephan Poulin, Police Department c.

Mr. Papakonstantis read the notice of public hearing:

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board of the Town of Exeter will hold a public hearing in the Nowak Room, 10 Front Street, Exeter beginning at 7:00 PM on the 31st day of March, 2025, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b,III(a) for the following: To accept granted monies to the Exeter Police Department in the amount of \$32,000 from Stanton K-9 Foundation to be used for items listed in the model budget, including "Green Dog" and trained for the purpose of work/police work. The dog should come with a 1-year

health guarantee, along with a guarantee of success in completing a K-9 training course; Initial Training/BPD K-9 Handler course (or comparable facility); In service training, K-9 handler; Cost of cruiser conversion for K-9 team use; Outdoor 6'x12' kennel and doghouse at handler's home; Miscellaneous training and handling equipment (collars, leashes, bite sleeves, exercise balls); K-9 bulletproof vest; Dog food, 3 years @ \$650 per year; Vet care allowance, 3 years @ \$1,000 per year; Reserve for contingencies 10%; Reserve for future K-9 skills training. Dated: March 4, 2025

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

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

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chief Stephan Poulin said the PD once had a Patrol K9 unit which ended in 1992. He's very cautious with this kind of endeavor. It requires a handler that has the right temperament and living conditions. In 2024 we hired Connor Kennedy, a US Marine, who served with a contractor in a K9 capacity. He came to us with the idea of being a Police K9 handler. This would be dual purpose: search and rescue and narcotics detection.

Deputy Chief Josh McCain said the timing is right for our Department. We're getting a 15-month-old Belgian Malinois that has started training. The handler and coordinator went to meet the dog and the breeder steered us towards one because he has the right temperament for our town. We applied for a grant and were selected to receive it. This is going to be a success for our town. We're already using K9s in Exeter from outside jurisdictions, which prolongs the time of the interactions.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if there would be another Officer cross-trained as a handler. Chief Poulin said no, these dogs don't have two different handlers in law enforcement work. They're with their handler 24 hours a day.

Ms. Belanger said the State Police currently cover that service. Do we reimburse the cost of that? Chief Poulin said anyone could cover that service. We do not reimburse them. Ms. Belanger asked about wages or a stipend for the officer, noting that the grant doesn't cover them. Chief Poulin said there's overtime incurred. A patrol K9 handler gets 3.5 hours per week of overtime. We foresaw that during our budgeting process and have a line item for his overtime. There would probably be an insurance premium as well. We would seek volunteers or sponsorships through local vets and businesses. Deputy Chief McCain said there's no stipend. Chief Poulin said he [Connor Kennedy] remains a Patrol Officer at his regular step. If he's called out with the dog, that's overtime. Deputy Chief said he can only be called out for overtime for specific criteria.

Mr. Chartrand said he appreciates the care the Department has taken with tailoring this program to Exeter's specifics.

Amanda Kelly of 24 Prospect Street asked if the Board had done research on this. According to the ACLU there are cons to a K9 program as well. Chief Poulin said we're aware of the hazards of such a tool but there are more hazards with the taser we all carry. We need to make sure the program is solid and the Officer is vetted. There will be constant supervision. The comparison is apples to oranges with how Policing is done in other parts of the country. There are legitimate issues from the ACLU. We don't take it lightly to implement such a program.

Mr. Chartrand said Ms. Kelly's concerns are legitimate. The Chief and Assistant Chief's track record assures him that they know how to do this. The approach of our Police Department is different than those case scenarios.

Ms. Cowan said she's not worried about it but she does think about the current climate we're in. This would be an important tool for the missing persons scenario. She worries about who we're looking for right now. Chief Poulin said the strictness of this policy prohibits it being deployed to a protest. Ms. Cowan said there's free speech. There are takings that are happening in communities. Mr. Papakonstantis said the Chief's track record assures him. They know the community. He feels comfortable that they've done their due diligence.

Ms. Belanger asked if the Board determines this is not working, how would it get rescinded? Mr. Dean said the Board would have to raise it with the Police Department. Chief Poulin said they would entertain the discussion. He doesn't believe the Board can dictate the operations of the Police Department. Ms. Cowan asked what would happen if Chief Poulin were compelled to do something he doesn't agree with. Mr. Dean said if there's an issue at the Board level, it starts with the Town Manager and there's a recommendation made on what to do with the program. Chief Poulin said the Department does a deep dive looking for biases in each incident every year. There is no evidence of biases in the Police Department. He doesn't see going against the Board unless it was a completely ridiculous request. If there's an issue that's that bad, he would already be considering getting rid of it.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the Stanton K9 establishment grant, and further authorize the Exeter Police Chief to sign the document. Mr. Chartrand seconded. Ms. Cowan voted nay. The motion passed 4-1.

c. Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Scott Bogle of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) and Town Planner Dave Sharples were present to discuss the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Sharples said this was recently finalized by the Master Plan Oversight Committee. The Town contracted with RPC to have Scott Bogle to develop the plan. This was an action item in our 2018 Master Plan, to identify areas where connections and improvements can be made.

Mr. Bogle did a presentation on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. He said the study's goals were to identify concerns, desires, and priorities among residents and downtown businesses around walking, bicycling, and safety; assemble design strategies for future infrastructure investment; explore funding sources; and come up with recommendations.

They looked at existing conditions and produced a series of maps on sidewalks, lane and shoulder width, crashes, bicycle level of stress, and school zones. Exeter has a vibrant downtown, especially for walking. There are events that bring pedestrians downtown. In-town elementary schools make walking and bicycling viable for young kids. There are beautiful walking paths along Swasey Parkway and the Town Forest trail network. The town has made investments in improving the downtown sidewalk network and crossing improvements. There are areas of town where there is work to be done. Those tend to be along auto-oriented commercial corridors and state highways transitioning to developed areas. There are several locations with very long crossing distances. NH DOT's policy for lane width on State Highways is 11 feet, but some roads have 12 feet or more. By narrowing the lanes, there's traffic calming and it allows more shoulder width for bicycle travel. Federal standard is 4 feet for a shoulder or 5 feet next to a curb. Some are 2 feet or less. They also mapped crash locations over 20 years.

They conducted community engagement with a town-wide survey that got 882 responses. They had a table at the farmer's market and at the polls; conducted focus group interviews; and met with the town staff and the Master Plan Oversight Committee. 69% of the survey's respondents were town residents. The primary concerns were a lack of sidewalks or lack of separation from traffic, driver distraction, and lack of crosswalks. If Exeter could improve by having more separated biking/walking paths, 52% would be much more likely to walk or bicycle. The most common requests were a connection to the Swasey Town Forest trails; a connection to CMS; a connection to the Jolly Rand trail; improvements to the neighborhoods off of Court Street; connections to playgrounds; and safety improvements. Mr. Chartrand asked if the Kingston Road sidewalk project addressed the Jolly Rand Trail concerns. Mr. Bogle said no, this was specifically along Brentwood Road.

Mr. Bogle said the study established several goals: to improve safety for walking and biking with an emphasis on downtown and destinations like schools, parks, and playgrounds; improving visibility at crossing points; accessibility for people of all ages and abilities; enforcement related to speeding and driver distraction; ongoing operation and maintenance of facilities; increasing walking and biking in Exeter through community outreach, schools, wayfinding and amenities; encouraging mixed-use development; and including pedestrian and bicycle access in site plan review for new development.

Regarding speed, small speed differences make a big difference in survivability of a crash. It's important to enforce speed limits.

The study prioritized “the 5 E’s”: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation, and used that framework to consider 50 projects. The proposed infrastructure improvements, arranged in order of short to long term projects and cost/benefit. At Front and Railroad, the town could tighten up the intersection and create accessibility ramps on either side. At Water/Center, there could be a bump out and flashing beacons for cars to see. At Front/Winter near the playground, the town could close off that triangle and add a crosswalk. There could be similar improvements at Park Street Common.

Ms. Belanger asked if having kids ride their bikes on Guinea Road to CMS would be dangerous. Could kids share the road with cars? Mr. Bogle said the bridge has enough width but there's a structural load issue with putting in sidewalks. The town could do delineator posts.

Ms. Belanger said that on page 33, “Bellmore Ave” should be “Bell Ave.”

Mr. Papakonstantis asked for public comment.

Andrew Elliot of Washington Street said this work is the right thing to do. He's advocated for sidewalks and biking. He fears for his life crossing some of those roads. Regarding prioritization, was it in order of recommendation? Mr. Bogle said the list was organized by short term, medium term and long term; within that it was by priority and increasing order of cost. Mr. Elliot said walkability, bikeability, and community feeling are a big part of why people move here.

Mr. Bogle discussed various grants that the town has applied for or has the possibility of applying for. Mr. Sharples said we had another road safety audit at Exit 9. We already submitted an application for Railroad Ave and Front Street. We'll try to fit these projects in as we can. Most of these would wait until there's a water/sewer project and a reconstruction of the roadway.

Amanda Kelly asked why the report says that “Complete Streets” is not a set of criteria. Mr. Bogle said a “complete street” would look different in Boston, Exeter, or Brentwood. It means thinking about the needs of every user of that street. On a rural road, there may not be a need for sidewalks, but you could widen the shoulder to increase safety for bicycles. In a downtown area, it could incorporate pedestrians and bicycles. The town also contracted with RPC to develop a Complete Streets policy and design guidelines, which will identify types of roads in town and recommended treatments. Mr. Sharples said there's some overlap with Complete Streets but it's more focused than this. This is transportation networks. That has to be completed this year because it's done with ARPA funds.

Ms. Kelly said she's excited to see this come out. It's one of the final pieces of the 2018 Master Plan. She's looking forward to hearing the Select Board and town officials put together projects for the CIP.

Mr. Chartrand said people are taking their thoughts about these reports from newspaper headlines. He hopes that folks read the report or at least the summary. Mr. Sharples said this will be on the website tomorrow.

Mr. Elliot said we have a list of suggestions now. Can we make a metric so we know how many we can get done every year? Mr. Papakonstantis said there are all kinds of variables. This will be a challenging budget season. A delay can be completely out of our control.

d. Planet Playground Brick Program Fundraiser

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Bisson was present to discuss fundraising for Planet Playground. They're planning a "Buy a Brick" program to enhance fundraising efforts. This is an affordable option for families to leave a legacy. He found Polar Engraving which offers free personal engraving and a donor website. We have the final say on what's written. All payments are through Parks and Rec. The brick has three lines of 15 characters each; there's an option to do clip arts but he'd rather stay away from it, although we could do the Town Seal or the Parks and Rec logo. The cost to the town is \$25/brick, and he's thinking about charging \$100 a brick.

Ms. Belanger asked if this is ADA friendly and Mr. Bisson said yes, they'll be flush with the pavement.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked who would do the paving. Mr. Bisson said his Parks Foreman has experience laying brick. He'd do it unless it was a big job.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to allow Parks & Rec to implement a "Buy a Brick" program with proceeds for Planet Playground enhancements and renovation. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

e. Styrofoam Recycling Truck Rental Donation Acceptance

Conservation & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy was present to discuss fundraising. The Sustainability Advisory Committee is committed to holding styrofoam collection events until we get our densifier. Ideally they would be held quarterly. Any funds for this come from the Sustainability line item for the Planning Department. With the new release of the donation policy, we're seeking authorization to approve donations up to \$400. Other communities have had fantastic results with an optional donation. \$400 would cover two truck rentals. Mr. Stevens said the group could collect more than \$400, but it would have to go towards styrofoam.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to have the Select Board accept all cash donations for the purpose of defraying transportation costs related to Exeter's styrofoam recycling event to be held on April 26, 2025. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Chartrand moved to authorize the Conservation and Sustainability Planner to expend donations collected at the April 26, 2025 styrofoam recycling event up to the cost to transport the collected styrofoam; any further disbursements to be made by decision of the Select Board. Ms. Belanger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

f. SB297 Update and Sign-On Letter

Mr. Dean said SB297 is in the Health Trust's hands. There have been meetings between them, House Leadership, and the Policy Director of the Governor's Office. Health Trust believes it's poor legislation. This bill would take the model of the risk pool and dissolve it. It makes it into a narrow band of required reserves along with a strict assessment and one year replenishment requirements. If losses are worse than expected, it would be difficult to meet steep rate increases. It creates conflicting rights and responsibilities for groups that cannot be reconciled.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked if the Board was ok with the letter drafted by Mr. Dean that was in the packet. Ms. Belanger said yes, but she would also like to see something put together for residents showing them what the costs would be. Mr. Dean said we calculated it would be around \$130,000.

Mr. Chartrand asked how long the Health Trust has been in existence. Ms. Roy said since 1985. Mr. Chartrand said they're trying to fix something that's been going for 40 years that doesn't need to be fixed. Ms. Cowan said the State has no money. There's a downshifting of any costs to the local communities. Mr. Chartrand asked if there's any financial stake of the State in this. Mr. Dean said it's just a longstanding issue between the Secretary of State's Office and Health Trust.

g. Select Board/Committee/Commission Assignments

Mr. Papakonstantis said we kept everything status quo until Ms. Gilman was present. Molly Cowan will be the alternate for Rec Advisory and Tax Exemption Committee, while Ms. Gilman will be the primary rep for the Tax Exemption Committee.

9. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 19/16/26 in the amount of \$152,251; 32/12/3 in the amount of \$152,251; 87/14/17A in the amount of \$152,251; and 99/24 in the amount of \$152,251 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for 64/105/88 in the amount of \$236,251 for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/132B. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 73/49/43. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/321. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny an Elderly Exemption for 104/79/109. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to deny a Veterans Credit for 65/158. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 31/8; 104/79/323; 75/17/24; and 65/149 in the amount of \$500 each for tax year 2025. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Veterans Credit for 31/8 and 65/149 in the amount of \$2,000 each for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Chartrand said he asked Mr. Dean to look into this religious exemption, and they are using this condo as a parsonage for a Church in Greenland, which is permitted under the RSA.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Religious Exemption for 69/3/13 in the amount of \$585,200 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve a Solar Exemption for 62/100 in the amount of \$12,000 for tax year 2025. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

b. Permits & Approvals

- i. Mr. Bisson discussed two donations for Planet Playground Fundraising: Digital Prospectors donated \$1,500 and the Mautz Family donated \$500. Ms. Belanger thanked Parks and Rec and the Rec Advisory Board for actively pursuing donations. Mr. Bisson said we've now raised \$39,000.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$500 donation received from the Mautz Family for Planet Playground renovations and enhancements, and to direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund, disbursements to be made by further vote of the Select Board related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept the \$1,500 from Digital Prospectors direct the funds for Planet Playground renovations and enhancements, and to direct that the funds be held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund in a new Trust account called the Planet Playground Renovation Fund, disbursements to be made by further vote of the Select Board related to the purpose of renovating and enhancing Planet Playground. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

- ii. Public Works Director Stephen Cronin recommended extending our contract with Bell & Flynn for an additional year for paving services. Bell & Flynn offered us an extension of the current contract at the same price. We looked at this against other infrastructure project bids and

surrounding cities and towns, and they continue to beat those prices.
We're getting good value for money.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to extend the contract with Bell & Flynn LLC for one additional year at the following unit prices: 1) Bituminous concrete pavement - machine method at \$71.90 per ton for binder course, \$72.90 per ton for surface course, \$73.90 per ton for urban compact service course, \$74.90 per ton for cul-de-sac streets and leveling course; 2) Bituminous concrete pavement - hand method at \$140 per ton; and 3) Bituminous concrete curb/berm at \$4.50 per linear foot; and to further authorize the Town Manager or their designee to sign the appropriate contract documents. Mr. Chartrand seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

iii. Mr. Cronin requested to use \$75,000 in Road Aid funds to supplement the 2025 road and paving budget.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept \$75,000 in Road Aid funds to supplement the Highway Department's 2025 road and paving budget. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

iv. Mr. Cronin requested to accept a grant from NH DES for \$8,132 for Hazardous Waste Collection. We host the event for Exeter and 6 other surrounding communities.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to accept a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services for \$8,132 for Hazardous Waste Collection, and to further authorize the Town Manager or their designee to sign the agreement documents. Ms. Cowan seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

c. Town Manager's Report

i. Mr. Dean presented the MS 232, a record of the appropriations voted by the Town, which needs Board approval.

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to approve the NH Department of Revenue Administration MS 232 2025 report and further certify the corresponding form be signed by the Select Board. Ms. Gilman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

ii. Mr. Dean said we are progressing on the HR Director. We got a quote on constructing the office downstairs.

iii. The Senior Coordinator job is posted and we have candidates.

iv. Regarding the Pickpocket Dam grant, we will know whether we get it or not on April 8.

v. The E911 Meeting for Meeting Place is April 14

vi. There was a Sewer Rates meeting March 25; those notes will be forwarded to the Board. This is related to the fund balance and some other projects from the Sewer Fund.

vii. There is a Leadership meeting March 25.

viii. Amy Brandon started as a part-time Water/Sewer clerk

ix. Steve Petroski celebrated 40 years with the Police Department.

x. Derek Weiskell was promoted to Senior Wastewater Operator and Mike Cheever was promoted to Water Treatment Plant Supervisor.

- xi. CSX upgrades are taking place April 5 - April 8. There will be two road closures, Powder Mill at Kingston Road and Salem Street.
- xii. The Webster Ave Forcemain Work will start April 7.
- xiii. Septage receiving is starting up tomorrow.
- xiv. There will be a bid opening for Linden Bridge and Westside Drive.
- xv. There will be a School Street meeting April 3
- xvi. Mr. Papakonstantis said regarding the E911 agenda item, we had folks from that area here in the Fall and we agreed to pause on hearing this case until elections were complete. He gave his word we would notify them in advance. A month ago, he asked Mr. Dean and the FD to reach out via certified mail, but property management would not release resident names and addresses for us to issue notices. We emailed the individual who had taken the lead on representing her neighbors three weeks ago, and received an email back Friday night, so they are aware of the April 14 meeting. We tried to keep our word in a more formal manner and were unable to, but we did send out that email.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

- i. Ms. Gilman attended an Energy Committee meeting. They decided to do the window fitters again because it was so successful, but will show someone else how to organize it. The Heritage Commission talked about a show of the Pine Street/Elliot Street area survey in a public venue with notifying residents. We finished with bills in Concord, there were several that were tabled but they could come into the budget.
- ii. Ms. Belanger said the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission is reaching out to Corey Stevens about the new donation process. Dave Tovey was there to explain why we haven't been applying for grant projects for Town Hall yet. They'd like to replace the sign outside the town hall, and Bruce Jones is taking that on. They discussed possible future events like a fashion show. They may be moving the next few meetings due to conflicts. The Rec Advisory Board discussed the Planet Playground event Saturday April 12 along with the Easter Egg Hunt. 10 Hampton Road is getting additional modifications on the 2nd floor. Summer Camp has openings for counselors. We heard a park improvement update regarding the State Park off of Court Street and Gilman Park. Dave Tovey is looking into transportation options; COAST is cost-prohibitive. For fundraising ideas, we discussed a beer garden for the 4th of July celebration on July 12, but there were some concerns. We wanted to talk to the new Director of the Independence Museum. At the Planning Board, the 76 Portsmouth Ave project was approved. There will be a \$20,000 extraction in lieu of a traffic study. We had to continue the other two applicants, 112 Front Street and 57 Portsmouth Ave, to April 10. There will be a public sitewalk for 57 Portsmouth Ave on April 10 at 8 AM. Mr. Papakonstantis asked if Mr. Dean can coordinate with Mr. Bisson on the beer garden idea.

- iii. Mr. Chartrand attended a Facilities Advisory meeting and heard a report from Dave Sharples on the Public Safety Complex and 10 Hampton Road. For the next meeting April 23 they're planning to talk about a space needs assessment. He asked Ms. Gilman to attend to discuss Town Hall. He will meet with the Sustainability Committee under the new Chair, Dave Short.
- iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended a Swasey Park Trustee meeting. Kristen Murphy went over the Swasey Coastal Resilience project. Internal Committee. The Pairpoint Park Committee met; they are making progress and will be meeting twice in April to narrow it down to three options to bring to the Select Board.

e. Correspondence

- i. A news release from Public Works on water main flushing.
- ii. Correspondence from Kearsage Energy. Mr. Dean said companies will come into your town and do an energy audit, but we already participate in one. We're generating revenues now from town electricity.
- iii. A notice from DOT requesting that the State-owned bridge be closed until further notice.
- iv. The annual report from Exeter Sportsman's Club
- v. A legislative update from NHMA.

10. Review Board Calendar

- a. The next meetings are April 14, April 28, May 12, Tuesday May 27, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21. April 21 is the Select Board goal setting session.

11. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Belanger moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A311(b). Ms. Cowan seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0. The meeting entered non-public session at 9:24 PM.

12. Adjournment. The Board emerged from non public session. Ms. Belanger moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cowan. The motion carried and the Board stood adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary

Appointments/Resignations

Board/Committee/Commission Re-Appointments

Boards - Commissions - Committees Term				
Name	Title	Term		
<u>Planning Board</u>				
Langdon Plumer	Chair	Apr. 2025	YES	
Gwen English	Rep to HDC	Apr. 2025	YES	
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
<u>Recreation Advisory Board</u>				
Mike Wissler		Apr. 2025	YES	
Jen Harrington		Apr. 2025	YES	
Danielle Capalbo	Alt.	Apr. 2025		NO
<u>Zoning Board of Adjustment</u>				
Laura Davies		Apr. 2025	YES	
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
<u>Conservation Commission</u>				
Andrew Koff	Treasurer	Apr. 2025	YES	
Conor Madison	Vice Chair	Apr. 2025	YES	
Kyle Welch	Alternate	Apr. 2025	YES	
<u>Exeter Housing Authority Commission (5 year term)</u>				
Patricia Scott-Hall	Resident Comm.	Apr. 2025	YES	
Boyd Allen	Chair	Apr. 2025	YES	
<u>Heritage Commission</u>				
Bill Campbell		Apr. 2025	YES	
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
<u>Historic District Commission</u>				
Verity Boyer		Apr. 2025	YES	
Pastor Em Heath		Apr. 2025		NO
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
<u>Communications Advisory Committee</u>				
Lisa Dolloff		Apr. 2025		NO
<u>Facilities Committee</u>				
Alan Mangan		Apr. 2025	YES	
<u>Housing Advisory Committee</u>				
Lindsey Sonnett	Chair	Apr. 2025	YES	
VACANT		Apr. 2025		

<u>River Advisory Committee</u>				
Terrie Harman		Apr. 2025	YES	
<u>Sustainability Advisory Committee</u>				
Christopher Zigmont	Chair	Apr. 2025	YES	
Jackie Ojala		Apr. 2025	YES	
<u>Water/Sewer Advisory Committee</u>				
Carl Wikstrom		Apr. 2025	YES	
Mark Fabian		Apr. 2025		NO
<u>Arts and Culture Advisory Commission</u>				
Kelsey Dumville		Apr. 2025	YES	
Florence Ruffner		Apr. 2025	YES	
VACANT	Alt.	Apr. 2025		
<u>Tax, Exemption & Credit Advisory Committee</u>				
Jeanee Wright		Apr. 2025	YES	

Discussion/Action Items

Public Hearing – E911 - Meeting Place Drive



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LEGAL NOTICE SELECT BOARD AGENDA

The Exeter Select Board will be conducting a public hearing on Monday, April 14th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Office, 10 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire to consider the following proposed recommendation(s) made by the E911 Committee:

To change the street numbering on “Meeting Place Drive” accordingly in compliance with Chapter 14 of the Town Ordinance – Assigning Street Names and Numbers, and as depicted on the attached map dated 6/11/24.

EXETER SELECT BOARD
Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Posted 03/31/25: Exeter Town Office and Town of Exeter website

Persons may request an accommodation for a disabling condition in order to attend this meeting. It is asked that such requests be made with 72 hours notice.



"RENUMBERING" STREET ADDRESSES -- MEETING PLACE DRIVE

6/11/24

Tax Abatements, Veteran's Credits & Exemptions

List for Select Board meeting April 14, 2025

Elderly Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
64/54/2	9 Chestnut St #2	152,251	2025
95/64/287	63 Hilton Ave	152,251	2025
104/79/522	522 Caterbury Dr	152,251	2025
103/13/19	19 Joanne Ct	152,251	2025
104/79/109	109 Robinhood Dr	183,751	2025
95/64/168	6 Lilac St	denied	2025
64/105/74	74 Hayes MH Pk	denied	2025
95/64/360	24 Sumac St	236,251	2025
95/64/102	42 Lindenshire Ave	236,251	2025
104/79/226	226 Robinhood Dr	denied	2025
95/64/24	6 Lindenshire Ave	152,251	2025

Disability Exemption

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
95/64/194	7 Cedar St	125,000	2025
63/209	1 Wadleigh St	125,000	2025

Veteran Credit

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
96/1	78 Deep Meadow	500.00	2025
91/15	5 Amberwood Dr	500.00	2025
72/16	4 Front St	500.00	2025

Proration Assessment Abatement

Map/Lot/Unit	Location	Amount	Tax Year
11/12	43 Oaklands Rd	1,295.00	2024
Fire total loss			

RSA 76:21

Permits & Approvals

Police Department NHDOS Grant Agreement Amendment



EXETER POLICE DEPARTMENT



Memorandum

April 3, 2025

To: Russell Dean, Town Manager

From: Chief Stephan Poulin

Ref: Grant amendment

We were recently advised that there are still some funds remaining the NH State Highway Office of Safety grants for equipment purchases. As such, the Exeter Police are looking to make an amendment to our current NH Highway Safety FFY25 Grant for the purchase of a mobile data terminal printer and a computer mount for our K9 cruiser.

The amendment is for our FFY25 NH Office of Highway Safety Grant amount to go from \$17,225 to \$18,649.05 for the additional purchase of 1 docking station and hardware, 1 compatible printer, and 1 printer mount with accessories.



State of New Hampshire Department of Safety

Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner
Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner
Steven R. Lavoie, Assistant Commissioner
Office of Highway Safety
John A. Clegg, Program Manager



GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NOTICE

Attn: Chief Stephan Poulin
Exeter Police Department
20 Court St.
Exeter, NH 03833

Date: 03/10/2025
Grant Agreement Title/Number: EXETER PD HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT 25-058

The NH Office of Highway Safety is amending your FFY25 original award amount from \$17,225.46 To \$18,649.05

Upon your acceptance of this amendment, it shall be attached to and made a part of your department's current Federal Fiscal Year's grant agreement. Please refer to your Grant Agreement and Scopes of Work for any requirements, which will also apply to this amendment.

Adjustments:

Table with 3 columns: Additional Project & Funds Awarded, Adjustment, Match Requirement. Rows include Docking Station/Charger/Mounting Hardware/Stand/, Compatible Printer/Shipping, Printer Mount & Adapter Plate(s) with Cables, and a Total row.

Comments: Scope of Work Attached

Signature and Title of Subrecipient 1 Date Signature and Title of Subrecipient 2 Date

Acknowledgment: State of New Hampshire, County of _____, on _____, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person(s) identified above, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is(are) signed above, and acknowledged that he/she executed this document in the capacity indicated above.

Name, Title & Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace

Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner, or Designee
NH Department of Safety
Date

Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required By: _____
Assistant Attorney General, On: _____

Scope of Work

E-Crash Equipment

NOTE: All equipment that is \$10,000.00 or more individually must meet the "BUY AMERICA" requirement and receive prior written approval from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) before it can be purchased. The Office of Highway Safety shall be under no obligation to provide reimbursement to a grantee for equipment purchased outside of these requirements.

NOTE: Agencies shall follow all internal standard operating procedures in obtaining vendor quotes prior to submission of the OHS equipment grant application. Once a quote and vendor have been agency approved and submitted to the OHS, quotes/vendors shall not be changed.

NOTE: All equipment must be purchased and invoiced by May 31st. Equipment Reimbursements must be submitted no later than July 15th. *Purchased equipment must be installed and in use by July 1st for utilization in quarter 4.

***Attorney General Final written approval must be given prior to purchase of equipment.**

EQUIPMENT AWARDED IS INDICATED BY AN "X" NEXT TO THE PROJECT

Printer, External Bar Code Scanner, External USB GPS Receiver Equipment, Hardware Firewall, CAD-RMS Software.

- A reimbursable **product** includes the following six items: - OHS will reimburse @ 100% for each awarded:
 - X**Compatible Printer w/Mobile Adapter Kit/Printer Mount and Adapter Plate
 - Compatible External Bar Code Scanner
 - Compatible External USB GPS Receiver
 - One roll of paper per printer
 - Hardware Firewall
 - CAD-RMS Software
- Only cruisers that are **primarily (used more than 50% of the time for enforcement efforts)** used for traffic enforcement, Electronic Crash Reporting, and must have and continue connectivity to the J-One state system, will be considered eligible for this E-Crash equipment grant.
- Law Enforcement agencies who want to participate in this program are expected to begin submitting electronic MMUCC5 crash reports to the Division of Motor Vehicles as soon as possible, but prior to receiving and installing this equipment.

Mobile Data Terminal Equipment with Internal GPS and/or Scanner

- A reimbursable **product** includes the following two items:
 - Laptop/Tablet - OHS will reimburse @ 75% for each awarded.
 - X**Docking Station/Mounting Hardware/Cords/Stands/Antenna/External Keyboard-for Tablet
 - Only/Shipping - OHS will reimburse @ 75% for each awarded.
- Only cruisers that are **primarily (used more than 50% of the time for enforcement efforts)** used for traffic enforcement, Electronic Crash Reporting, and must have and continue connectivity to the J-One state system, will be considered eligible for this E-Crash equipment grant.
- Law Enforcement agencies who want to participate in this program are expected to begin submitting electronic MMUCC5 crash reports to the Division of Motor Vehicles as soon as possible, but prior to receiving and installing this equipment.

Grantee Initials: _____
Date: _____

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Date: _____

Grantee Initials: _____
Date: _____

ENTER INFORMATION IN BLUE FIELDS BELOW



**NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**



EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

j1support@dos.nh.gov

FFY25

25-058

MOBILE DATA TERMINAL MOUNT & E-CRASH

Agency Name	Exeter Police Department							
Agency Address	20 Court St. Exeter, NH 03833							
Police Chief's Name	Stephan Poulin							
Police Chief's E-Mail	spoulin@exeternh.gov							
Grant Point of Contact	Lt. Devin West							
Grant Contact Phone	603-773-6140							
Grant Contact Email	dwest@exeternh.gov							
UEI Number & SAMS Exp. date	Y7KKYN9JFBK1	MAY	13	2025				
Is your agency planning for electronic submission of motor vehicle citations?	YES				2021	2022	2023	
Does your agency intend to submit electronic criminal complaints to the NH Courts?	YES				Total Number of Traffic Summons ---->			
					98	168	165	
Does your agency intend to electronically submit crash reports?	YES				How many cruisers does your agency currently have that are used more than 50% for traffic enforcement?			
					6			
Does your agency have the necessary IPSECC/VPN connectivity to send and receive J-One messaging with the State of NH Records Management System?	YES				Of those cruisers that are used for traffic enforcement, how many are equipped with Mobile Data Terminals?			
					5			
Does your agency own licenses for CAD/RMS?	YES				How many cruisers would this equipment be installed in?			
					1			
Does your agency have its own "SWITCH"?	YES				Please provide a short narrative below about how this equipment will assist your agency in achieving its highway safety goals. Also if you are receiving any other Federal grants please note them.			
Is your agency connected to some other agencies system? If "YES" enter system owner below	NO				We are requesting this equipment for a new cruiser that will be outfitted for our new K-9. With the data terminal and printer, the K-9 officer will be able to enforce traffic laws and make our roads safer. By doing this, we hope the amount of accidents will go down.			
What brand of CAD/RMS system does your agency use?	IMC							
Will this grant be used to replace current equipment?	NO							
If "YES" was the equipment purchased with any federal funds?								
OHS RECEIVED DATE								
FEBRUARY	24	2025						
J-ONE RECEIVED DATE			J-ONE APPROVED			J-ONE EXPORTED TO OHS DATE		
FEBRUARY	22	2025	YES			FEBRUARY	22	2025

Donation Acceptance – Police Department Comfort Dog Program



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DONATION ACCEPTANCE FORM

Name of Donor: JOHN AND NORMA MOREAU

Contact Information (address, phone, email): 37 BEECH HILL RD, EXETER, NH
603 770 7719

Description of Donation: CHECK FOR \$250.00

Conditions of Acceptance or Donor Designation: N/A

Intended Use: COMFORT DOG PROGRAM

Donor Estimate of Current Value (non-cash): \$ 250.00

TOWN USE ONLY

Potential immediate or initial acquisition or installation cost, any on-going maintenance or replacement cost:

Remarks: _____

Selectboard: **ACCEPTED / DENIED** Date: _____



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DONATION RECEIPT

Donation Date: APRIL 4, 2025

Donor Name: JOHN MD NORMA MOREAU

Donor Address: 37 BEECH HILL RD, EXETER NH

Donation:

A monetary contribution of \$ 250.00

A non-monetary contribution consisting of [describe goods, services, property, etc.]:

Designation of Donation (if any):

COMFORT DOG PROGRAM

No goods or services were provided by the Town of Exeter in return for this donation.

The Town sincerely appreciates your donation,

Russell Dean

Town Manager

*John & Norma Moreau
37 Beech Hill Road
Exeter, NH 03833
John cell 603-770-7719*

Chief Stephan Poulin
Exeter Police Department
P.O. Box 127
Exeter, NH 03833

RE: Officer Carlos Garcia

Dear Chief Poulin:

We would like to let you know how much we appreciate Officer Garcia's professionalism and thorough investigation regarding an incident which occurred at our home on December 1, 2024. On December 1, 2024, we noticed that our stone wall at our home had been damaged. We viewed our security cameras and were able to conclude that an Amazon truck had hit our stone wall and caused considerable damage to our wall. We reached out to the Exeter Police Department to make a report of the incident. Officer Garcia was the officer who arrived to take the report. He was very professional and helpful in assisting us. Throughout this process Officer Garcia kept us up to date on the progress he was making with the investigation.

We genuinely appreciate his hard work, dedication, and thorough investigation into this incident. Without his dedication and thoroughness, we may not have been able to have this matter resolved in a positive way.

Sincerely,

*John & Norma
Moreau*

John & Norma Moreau

Police Detail Fees



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TO: SELECTBOARD & RUSS DEAN, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: COREY STEVENS, FINANCE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: POLICE DETAIL FEES
DATE: APRIL 14, 2025

The Town was recently notified by the Police union that the hourly rate paid to officers for detail work will increase from \$60/hr. to \$65/hr. on May 5, 2025. The notification has prompted my department to review the fees that the Town charges for Police detail services. To help the Town recoup the cost of providing detail services in the community, I am recommending that the current Administrative Fee of \$15/hr. be raised to \$20/hr. Administrative fees have not been raised in several years, and while the \$5/hr. increase will not defray the Town's cost in all instances, it will bring the overall rate being charged for detail services more in line with actual cost.

I have discussed this proposed increase with Police Chief Poulin, and he agrees.

MOTION: To authorize the Town Manager to increase the Administrative Fee for Police detail services from the current rate of \$15/hr. to \$20/hr., effective May 5, 2025.

Corey

**Resolution Opposing NH SB297:
An Act Relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs**



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Resolution Opposing NH Senate Bill 297: An Act Relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs

WHEREAS: The Town of Exeter is a participating member of the New Hampshire HealthTrust, a municipal risk pool, which serves as a mechanism for managing risk, ensuring financial stability, and providing affordable coverage options for municipalities and public entities across New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS: New Hampshire Senate Bill 297 would impose significant and unrealistic financial and administrative burdens on risk pools and their members, including municipalities like the Town of Exeter; and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 297 imposes vague and subjective standards that could trigger unexpected mid-year assessments, disrupt municipal budgeting, and threaten long-term financial planning; and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 297 introduces new oversight and administrative costs, further straining local budgets; and

WHEREAS: the bill mandates new contingency reserve requirements that could cause sudden and significant rate increases, creating volatility and undermining the predictability that towns and cities require for responsible fiscal planning; and

WHEREAS: these provisions, taken together, pose a serious threat to the financial sustainability, predictability, and effectiveness of municipal risk pools, potentially resulting in higher costs, legal uncertainty, and reduced service capacity for municipalities and other public entities across the state, and

WHEREAS: HealthTrust has indicated that it would cease to operate if this legislation is approved, putting municipal employees' health care in jeopardy and potentially costing taxpayers significantly in the future. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF EXETER THAT: the Select Board hereby expresses its strong opposition to New Hampshire Senate Bill 297, as it is currently drafted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town of Exeter Select Board urges the New Hampshire General Court to amend Senate Bill 297, so the Department of Insurance becomes the regulator of risk management programs, and please work collaboratively with municipalities and risk pool administrators to support financially sound and administratively feasible approaches to oversight and risk management.

Attested this _____ day of April, 2025 by the Exeter Select Board.

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Molly Cowan, Vice Chair

Nancy Belanger, Clerk

Julie D. Gilman, Select Board Member

Daniel Chartrand, Select Board Member

Request for Tax Interest Refund



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Board

DATE: April 14, 2025

FROM: Russ Dean, Town Manager

RE: Request for Tax Interest Refund

A request for a refund of tax interest incurred in relation to parcel 47-8-405 was received in the Town Manager's Office on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

The property owner paid the tax bill in full on April 1, 2025 and is requesting a refund of the interest paid in the amount of \$442.10. Attached is an email from the property owner explaining his reason for the request.



Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Pardon letter for Interest Payment for Tax

2 messages

shri parikh <shrip@hotmail.com>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 4:03 PM

To: "pmcelroy@exeternh.gov" <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Cc: Deepali Parikh <deeparik@yahoo.com>, shri parikh <shrip@hotmail.com>

Dear Ms. Pam McElroy and Board of Select Men,

It was a pleasure meeting you this morning.

Thank you for taking the time and your generous time to discuss my matter.

As per your guidance, this letter hopefully provides an explanation for my delinquency in 2024 property tax payment for parcel ID 47-8-405 at address [7 Willey Creek Rd. #405](#) in Exeter, NH.

As a backgrounder, my wife and I purchased this home (condo) in August 2023 for my Dad as I was the primary caregiver/taker for my Dad. I lived there as well as my work required me to be in NH often. As my father's health deteriorated and further declined to his ultimate passing, on Feb 6, 2025, I regrettably overlooked and missed mail and this tax bill and payment.

Candidly, I'm embarrassed by this as I've never missed a bill and have almost perfect credit. My records would and will show this moving forward.

This morning, I was greeted and assisted by the Town of Exeter's wonderful staff of Stacie Tebo, Donna and Pam of which each shared the opportunity of writing this explanation requesting grace and understanding and potential pardoning of the interest charge applied and paid towards this year's tax bill.

Sincerely appreciate and enjoy being a part of our Exeter community and trust you'll call me on this matter should you require any supporting documentation or further explanation.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Mr. Shri and Mrs. Deepali Parikh
407-340-7818

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 4:09 PM

To: shri parikh <shrip@hotmail.com>

Cc: Deepali Parikh <deeparik@yahoo.com>, shri parikh <shrip@hotmail.com>

Thank you for your message Mr. Parikh.

I will forward your request to the Select Board at their next meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025.

Have a good day.

Pam

[Quoted text hidden]

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Pam McElroy

Town of Exeter

Senior Executive Assistant, Town Manager's Office

603-773-6102



Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Interest amount

2 messages

Donna Bennett <dbennett@exeternh.gov>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 9:51 AM

Hi Pam,

The gentleman that was in this morning looking for interest to be forgiven, his name is Shri Parikh. His parcel number is 47-8-405. The amount he paid for interest was \$442.10. He hadn't paid anything for 2024 taxes until today.

Have a nice day!

Donna Bennett
Certified Deputy Tax Collector
Town of Exeter
10 Front St.
Exeter, NH 03833
(603) 773-6100

Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>
To: Donna Bennett <dbennett@exeternh.gov>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 9:57 AM

Thank you Donna.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Pam McElroy

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

Town of Exeter



Real Estate Tax Statement

Parcel: 47-8-405
 Location: 7 WILLEY CREEK RD 405

Owner:
 PARIKH SHRI
 PARIKH DEEPALI
 7 WILLEY CREEK RD #405
 EXETER NH 03833

Status: Square 0
 Land Valuation: 0
 Building Valuation: 570,700
 Exemptions: 0
 Taxable Valuation: 570,700
 Interest Per Diem: 0.00

Legal Description:

Deed Date: 07/25/2023 Book/Page: 6496/2158 Interest Date: 04/01/2025

Year	Type	Bill
2024	RE-R	4769

Inst	Charge	Billed	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Paid
1	RE TAX	5,388.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.58
	LNNOTC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		5,388.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.58
2	RE TAX	5,249.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.52
	LNNOTC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		5,249.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Year Totals		10,638.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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Year	Type	Bill
2023	RE-R	3920

Inst	Charge	Billed	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Paid
1	RE TAX	4,979.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		4,979.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	RE TAX	5,796.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		5,796.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Year Totals		10,776.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Year	Type	Bill
2022	RE-R	3912

Inst	Charge	Billed	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Paid
1	RE TAX	4,830.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		4,830.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	RE TAX	5,128.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		5,128.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Year Totals		9,959.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Real Estate Tax Statement

Year	Type	Bill				
2021	RE-R	4017				
Inst	Charge	Billed	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Paid
1	RE TAX	4,927.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		4,927.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	RE TAX	4,734.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		4,734.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year Totals		9,661.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year	Type	Bill				
2020	RE-R	5114				
Inst	Charge	Billed	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Paid
1	RE TAX	4,664.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		4,664.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	RE TAX	5,153.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		5,153.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year Totals		9,818.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Totals		50,853.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

** End of Report - Generated by Stacie Tebo **



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 10 Front Street
 Exeter NH 03833

2024
 Installment 1 of 2

PROPERTY TAX BILL
 Customer Copy
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Owner(s)				Property Location		
PARIKH SHRI PARIKH DEEPALI				7 WILLEY CREEK RD 405		
Parcel	Tax Year	Bill Date	Bill Number	Bill Due Date	Unpaid Taxes Are Subject to	
					Interest at	Interest After
47-8-405	2024	5/7/2024	4769	7/1/2024	8%	7/2/2024
State School Tax		Local School Tax		Town Tax	County Tax	Total Tax Rate
0.940		8.860		3.110	0.480	13.390
Valuations				Total Gross Tax \$5,388.14 Less Veteran(s) Credit(s) \$0.00 Less Payments \$0.00		
Land 0						
Buildings 402,400						
Exemptions						
Total Exemptions 0						
Taxable Valuation				Total Due This Bill		
Net 402,400				\$5,388.14		
Previous unpaid taxes due. Interest shown as of current bill due date. Please call for payoff amount.				Total previous unpaid taxes due as of current bill due date.		
Year	Tax Balance		Interest	\$0.00		

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

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2024
 Installment 1 of 2

PROPERTY TAX BILL
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Bill Number	Bill Date	Parcel	Property Location	Due Date	Due This Bill
4769	5/7/2024	47-8-405	7 WILLEY CREEK RD 4	7/1/2024	\$5,388.14
					Amount Enclosed
					\$

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PARIKH SHRI
 PARIKH DEEPALI
 7 WILLEY CREEK RD UNIT 405
 EXETER NH 03833-8810

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 TOWN OF EXETER
 10 FRONT ST
 EXETER NH 03833



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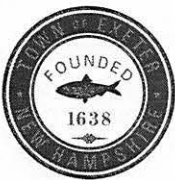
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PROPERTY TAX BILL
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Owner(s)				Property Location		
PARIKH SHRI PARIKH DEEPALI				7 WILLEY CREEK RD 405		
Parcel	Tax Year	Bill Date	Bill Number	Bill Due Date	Unpaid Taxes Are Subject to	
					Interest at	Interest After
47-8-405	2024	11/13/2024	4769	12/19/2024	8%	12/20/2024
State School Tax		Local School Tax		Town Tax	County Tax	Total Tax Rate
1.260		11.720		4.200	0.610	17.790
Valuations				Total Gross Tax \$10,638.00 Less Veteran(s) Credit(s) \$0.00 Less Payments \$0.00 Plus Interest \$201.94		
Land 0						
Buildings 598,000						
Exemptions						
Total Exemptions 0						
Taxable Valuation				Total Due This Bill		
Net 598,000				\$10,839.94		
Previous unpaid taxes due. Interest shown as of current bill due date. Please call for payoff amount.					Total previous unpaid taxes due as of current bill due date.	
Year	Tax Balance	Interest				
					\$0.00	

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 Installment 2 of 2

PROPERTY TAX BILL
 Remit Copy

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Bill Number	Bill Date	Parcel	Property Location	Due Date	Due This Bill
4769	11/13/2024	47-8-405	7 WILLEY CREEK RD 4	12/19/2024	\$10,839.94

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Amount Enclosed
 \$



PARIKH SHRI
 PARIKH DEEPALI
 7 WILLEY CREEK RD UNIT 405
 EXETER NH 03833-8810

Remit To:
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Use of Sewer Reserves – WWTF Clarifier



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Memo

To: Russ Dean

From: Steve Dalton

CC: Melissa Roy, Stephen Cronin

Date: April 11, 2025

Re: Sewer Reserve Request for Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier # 1

We are seeking Sewer Reserve Funds to be released to make the necessary repairs to clarifier #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. We have received a proposal from Apex Construction for the amount of \$36,800.

I have attached a memo from Wright Pierce with all the details as well as a recommendation to move forward to have Apex Construction perform this work.

Enclosure: 2025-04-09_ExeterWWTF-SecondaryClarifierNo.1Memo

Date: **4/9/2025**

Project No.: **12883**

To: **Steve Cronin – Exeter Public Works Director**
Steve Dalton – Exeter Water and Sewer Superintendent

From: **Andy Morrill, PE – Wright-Pierce**

Subject: **Exeter WWTF Secondary Clarifier No. 1**

Background

The construction of the Exeter WWTF upgrade project was deemed substantially complete on December 31, 2019, and received final completion on December 31, 2020. Secondary Clarifier No. 1 was constructed, leveled, started up, and placed in service during the WWTF Upgrade. In mid-August 2024, after the WWTF staff performed routine maintenance on Secondary Clarifier No. 1 drive, it was observed that the tank walls were leaking ground water and the Amwell mechanism was not level.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the timeline of actions taken to investigate Secondary Clarifier No. 1 and outline the observations as well as all recommendations.

Timeline

Exeter WWTF Secondary Clarifier No. 1

- 2024-09-12
Penta Corporation was contacted by Exeter Public Works Department (PWD) to inspect Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Mechanism. In a proposal dated September 18, 2024 (See Attachment 1), Penta stated that “Based on field measurements we took our opinion is that the center column is out of plumb, and the drive is not level.” Penta recommended removing the mechanism and then resetting it plumb. The mechanism would then need to be leveled prior to being put back into operation. The Total Estimated Amount to complete the work on a time and materials basis was \$54,000, which did not include 2 to 3 days of crane operation, which would be \$2,500 to \$3,000 per day.
- 2024-09-18
Pursuant to Steve Dalton reaching out to Wright-Pierce regarding observations that the clarifier mechanism was not level, Mike Curry (Wright-Pierce NH State Group Leader), Steve Soule (Wright-Pierce RPR), and Mike Loncoski (Aqua Solutions – Amwell Representative) performed an initial site visit and inspection. During the site visit there was no obvious explanation found for the unlevel mechanism. It was determined that additional investigation was required with an Amwell technical representative.

- 2024-09-20
Andy Morrill (Wright-Pierce Project Manager), Brian Goff (Dutchland LLC representative), and Rob Trzepacz (Tech Sales NE) performed a site visit to inspect the leaking walls of the tank. It was observed that ground water was leaking into the tank from between the precast tank panels and a circumferential crack that had occurred around approximately two-thirds of the tank and one foot up from the bottom of the tank. Andy Morrill performed a level loop to check if the walls of Secondary Clarifier No. 1 were level and compare the center column height of all three secondary clarifiers. The result of the level loop found that the walls of Secondary Clarifier No. 1 were level and that the center column of Secondary Clarifier No. 1 was approximately 4-inches higher than Secondary Clarifier No. 2 and No. 3. To verify all of the wall and floor elevations of Secondary Clarifier No. 1, Dutchland offered to have the tank surveyed.
- 2024-11-06
Mike Loncoski (Aqua Solutions – Amwell Representative) performed an initial site visit inspection. During the inspection Mike observed that the walkway was wobbly and not shaking where attached to the center column, but it seems the entire center column was moving. Mike recommended consultation with the Amwell technical representatives to discuss further investigation and possible explanations.
- 2024-11-19
A Teams meeting was held with Andy Morrill (Wright-Pierce Project Manager), Mike Loncoski (Aqua Solutions – Amwell Representative), and Amwell technical representatives Rick Martin and Art Benner. Based on Mike’s site visit and description of the Secondary Clarifier No. 1 mechanism, it was recommended that sludge drum be removed, and the bottom of the center column flange connection be inspected.
- 2024-11-22
With the assistance of the Exeter WWTF Staff, Andy Morrill (Wright-Pierce Project Manager) and Mike Loncoski (Aqua Solutions – Amwell Representative) performed an inspection of the mechanism center column and bottom center flange. It was observed that the center column was out of plumb and that the bottom center flange was not level or centered in the center column. It was also noted that the bridge beams had moved on top of their support guides. Extensive pictures were taken to record these measurements. (See Attachment 2) It was recommended that the mechanism would need to be removed to further investigate the cause of the center column being out of plumb and the center flange not level and not centered.
- 2024-12-09
The results of the survey were forwarded by Dutchland. The survey verified that Secondary Clarifier No. 1 walls were level and that the floor sloped towards the center well. (See Attachment 3)

- 2025-04-02
Andy Morrill (Wright-Pierce Project Manager) and Heath Todd (Apex Construction) as well as several members of the Apex Construction crew performed an inspection of the mechanism with the assistance of the Exeter WWTF Staff. All previous observations were verified by all parties. It was recommended that the mechanism would need to be removed to further investigate the cause of the center column being out of plumb and the center flange not level and not centered. At the direction of Steve Cronin and Steve Dalton, Wright-Pierce requested a proposal from Apex Construction.
- 2025-04-13
A proposal was received from Apex Construction dated April 3, 2025 (See Attachment 4) to remove the mechanism for inspection. The Total Estimated Amount to complete the work on a time and materials basis was \$36,800, which included the use of Apex's crane.

Recommendation

Based on the timeline and information above, it is recommended to have Apex Construction remove the mechanism for inspection on a time and materials basis. As the tank is covered by a 10-Year warranty, Wright-Pierce will continue to work with Dutchland to repair the concrete tanks as needed, at no cost to the Town of Exeter.

Attachments

1. Penta Corporation Proposal, Dated September 18, 2024
2. Pictures from 2024-11-22
3. Survey of Secondary Clarifier No. 1
4. Apex Construction, Incl Proposal, Dated April 3, 2025



Penta Corporation
1253 Whittier Highway **Phone: 603.476.5525**
P.O. Box 390 **Fax: 603.476.5106**
Moultonboro, NH 03254 **pentacorp@pentacorp.us**

September 18, 2024

Exeter NH Clarifier Repair

Attention; Department of Public Works

Re: T&M Work Rates/Budgetary Estimate

Penta Corporation is pleased to offer our rates for the work discussed at your treatment plant in Exeter, NH.

This proposal is based on the following T&M work items:

1. Based on field measurements we took our opinion is that the center column is out of plumb and the drive is not level. We believe this needs to be remedied for the equipment to operate correctly. In order to do so we would need to remove the equipment and start from the beginning.
2. We would anticipate a salaried employee and hourly employee as the daily workforce with a second hourly employee brought in for a week to assist with crane work.
3. We would recommend 4 weeks of labor for the work which would be a labor cost \$45,750. We anticipate around \$500 of miscellaneous materials for grout and possible damaged hardware. If all goes well we would anticipate the work could be completed more in the 2 to 3 week range but 4 should be safe. There will be crane costs which the Owner can procure if desired or Penta can provide at invoiced amount plus markup. We anticipate 2-3 days of crane around \$2500-3000/day.
4. The daily labor rate based on an 8 hour day is \$1350.00 for a salaried employee and \$750.00 for an hourly employee.
5. Any materials or subcontractors supplied by Penta are billed at invoice amount plus 15%.
6. We will not repair or recoat any items on the mechanism unless directed to do so which would be an additional cost.
7. We cannot warranty our work or the equipment given the nature of the work.

We did not include any engineering/design costs

Total Estimated Amount is \$54,000

If you should have any question please feel free to contact me at 603-476-5525 X 3

Carlin Berger

CC
Bill Ouellette

Accepted By Signature

Attachment 2





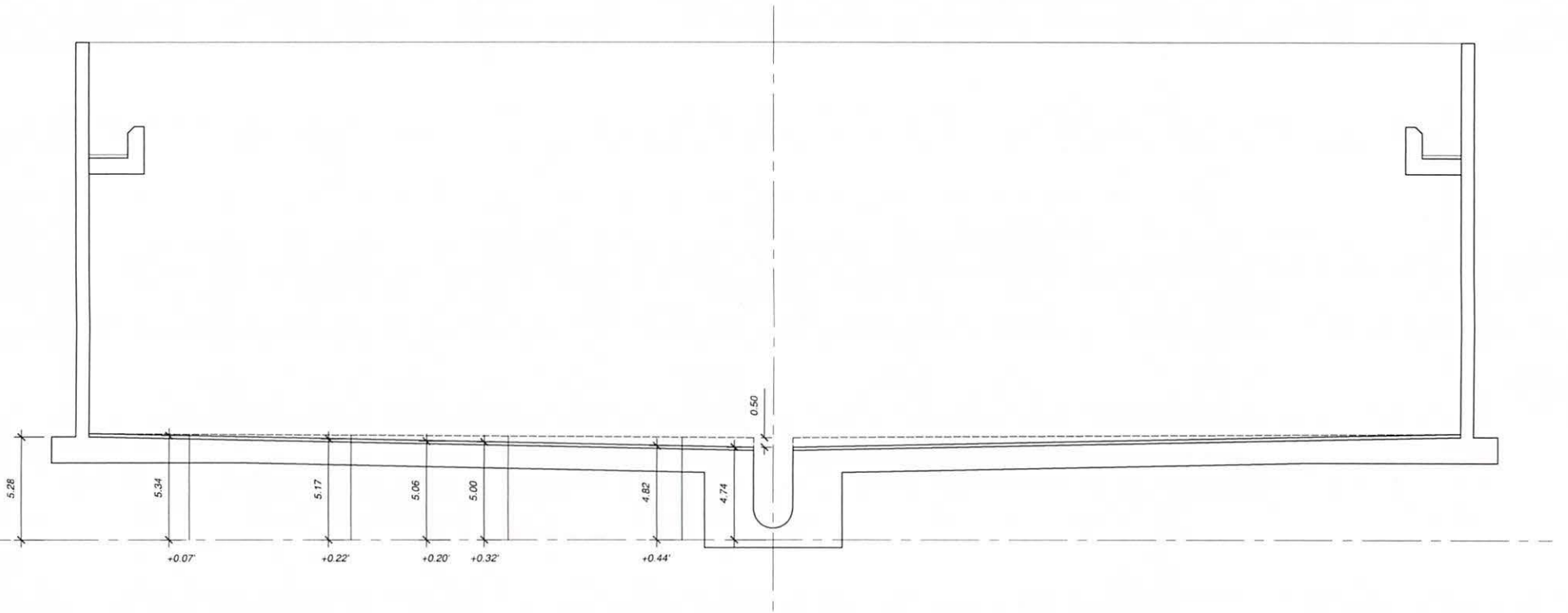


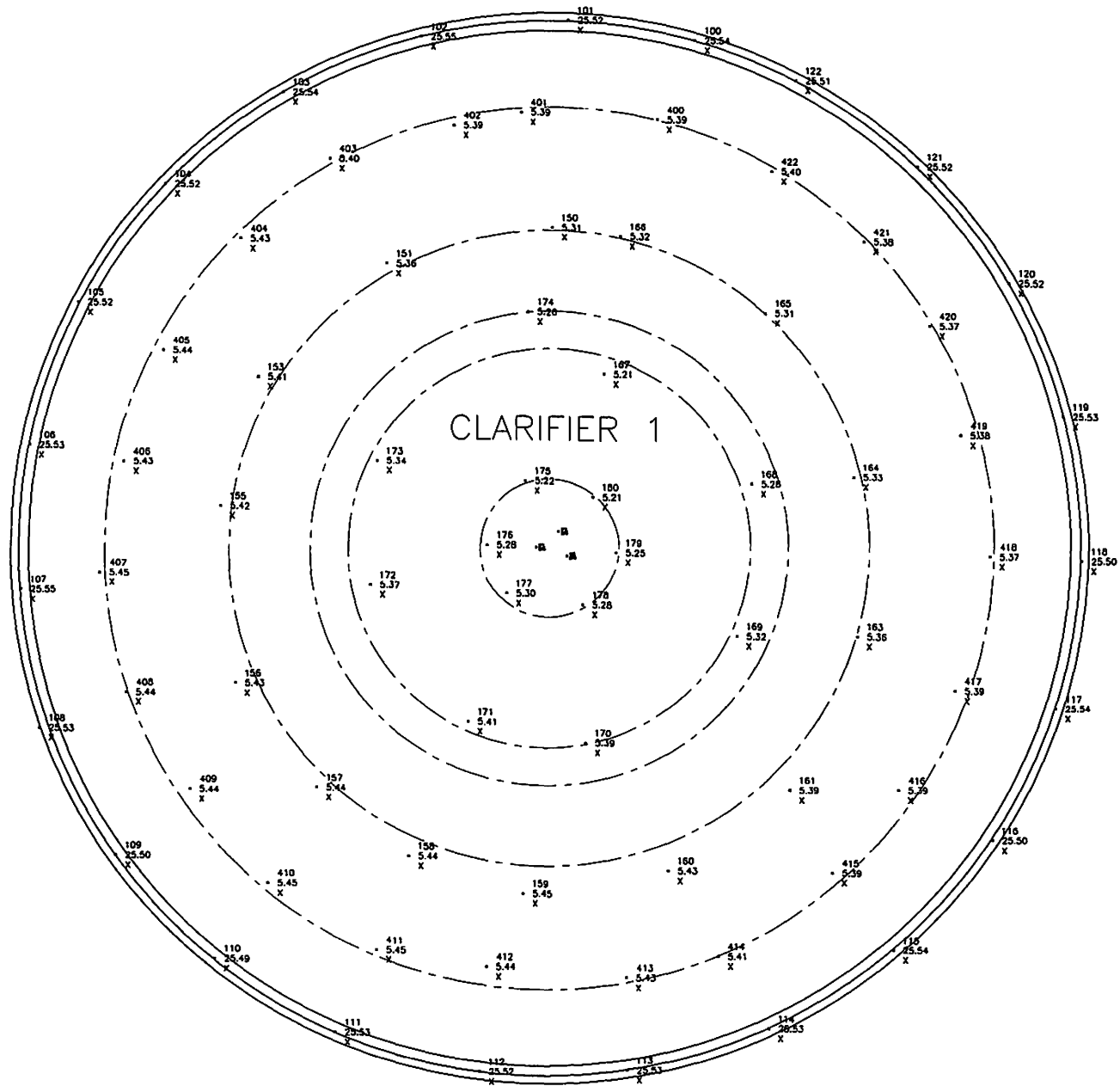






Attachment 2





Andy Morrill

From: Heath Todd <heath@apex-constructioninc.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Andy Morrill
Cc: Chris Daigle
Subject: Exeter WWTF - Clarifier 1 mechanism dismantling
Attachments: Labor & Equipment Rates 2025.pdf

This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hi Andy,

As discussed, Apex would be glad to assist Exeter in the work to dismantle clarifier mechanism equipment so they can investigate damage experienced at their Secondary Clarifier 1. Proposed scope in general includes deployment of a 60 ton crane to the jobsite and supplying manpower and equipment to dismantle the existing clarifier mechanism, for inspection of inner components by others. Replacement is not included, since scope and timing are uncertain until repair or replacement components are identified by manufacturer. In order to provide the most efficient and fair cost to Exeter for this work, we offer to perform on a T&M basis, utilizing the rate sheet attached, plus a markup rate of 15%.

For budgetary purposes, below is an estimate of probable cost:

Mobilize 60T RT crane - \$2,500 each way (\$5,000 total)
Crane with operator, 5 days = \$14,000
Labor 5 days = \$9,000
2" pumps, hoses, misc. small tools = \$2,000
Misc. consumables, cribbing, etc. = \$2,000
Electrical – by others. Conduit and wiring will need disconnect and reconnect to remove clarifier bridge.

Subtotal = \$32,000

OH&P = \$4,800

Total = \$36,800 +/-

It is unlikely to take more than a week to remove the equipment as needed, but all time and materials would be billed as expenses accrue. I believe the costs above can be reduced and the process should take less than a week, saving money to realize the benefits of this T&M proposal, opposed to an at-risk lump sum bid.

Note that inspection or evaluation of existing structural and mechanical components is by others. No replacement, repair or reassembly is included. Support of this inspection effort in no way implicates Apex as a responsible party to damages that have occurred since time of install, or binds Apes to the repair or replacement of any materials or equipment on site. Once repair strategy is identified, Apex can provide a similar proposal to assist in the reconstruction of the equipment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the scope of this work.

Thanks.

Heath J. Todd, P.E.

Apex Construction, Inc.

361 RT 108, Unit 1

Somersworth, NH 03878

P: (603)330-3600

heath@apex-constructioninc.com

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Labor & Equipment Rates 2025

<u>Equipment with Operators</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Unit</u>
CAT 320 Excavator	\$212	hour
RTC-8060 rough terrain crane (4 hr min)	\$358	hour
120 Excavator	\$152	hour
26 Ton Crane/ Boom Truck (4 hr min)	\$303	hour
1 Ton 350 Dump	\$91	hour
1 Ton 550 Dump	\$116	hour
6 Wheel Dump	\$109	hour
L35 Loader Backhoe	\$128	hour
Fork Lift	\$109	hour
416 Loader Backhoc	\$164	hour
206 Cat Loader	\$145	hour
Mini Excavator	\$152	hour
TH83 Telhandler	\$152	hour
Ramp Truck	\$128	hour
Equipment mobilization	\$2,420	each way

<u>Equipment w/o Operator</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Small Trench Boxes	\$152	day
Confined space entry equipment	\$303	day
Equipment Trailer	\$43	hour
Ground Thawing Machine	\$424	day
Hydroseeder (no including seed, mulch, etc.)	\$273	day
Compressor	\$230	day
Hose 50'	\$31	day
Test/through plugs	\$24	per inch/day
Pneumatic Jackhammer	\$79	day
Roller Compactor	\$79	hour
Compactor	\$110/ 66	day/half day
Scissor lift	\$218	day
Godwin bypass pump	\$545	day
Godwin bypass pump fuel	\$43	hou
6" suction, disch hoses (2 each)	\$103	day
15/20 HP submersible bypass pump (each)	\$145	day
Welder	\$116	day
120 KW Generator	\$303	week
Generator	\$116	day
Hydraulic pack	\$230	day
Concrete Bucket	\$121	day
Coring Machine	\$145	day
Coring Bits	\$36	per inch/day
Cut off Saw	\$110/ \$82	day/half day
Cut off saw blade	\$157	day
Ring saw	\$237	day
Pipe Grooving Machine	\$333	day
Chipping Hammer	\$79	day
Chipping hammer bits	\$43	day
Small Hammerdrill	\$79	day
hot air furnace, oil reservoir	\$787	week

<u>Equipment w/o Operator (cont'd)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Grinder cups/blades/wheels	cost	
Torches	\$91	day
Misc small elec. tools: Cords, Saws, Drills, Portaband etc.	\$152	day
Misc small hand tools	\$79	day
Ladders	\$48	day
Manbasket	\$109	day
Staging	\$36	per frame/day
Plasma Cutter	\$273	day
Pick-up & Expenses	\$145	day

<u>Labor, with labor burden (not Davis Bacon)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Principal/ Owner	\$277	hour
Project Manager	\$165	hour
Office Administrative	\$55	hour
Foreman/Super	\$94	hour
Skilled Mechanic, Welder	\$77	hour
Carpenter	\$66	hour
Laborer	\$55	hour
Motel and Meals	\$193	day
Confined Space Work factor	1.5 x hourly rate	

Town Manager Report

Select Board Committee Reports

Correspondence

EXETER ACCESSIBILITY FORUM



Let's Go Beyond ADA: Bring all your thoughts and questions about improving accessibility in Town.



Examples

- Adding Universal Changing Stations (adult changing tables)
- Retrofitting playgrounds to have accessible surfaces
- Creating a Sensory Friendly Zone at the annual holiday parade
- Acquiring accessible voting machines
- Improving Town website and digital communications accessibility
- Adding a Hearing Loop system in the Library meeting room
- Adding wayfinding signs around Town
- Adding on-demand COAST bus service, including directly to your door, through Trip Link



Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

Starting at 5:30 PM



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⚡ Powering Communities, Driving Change – March 2025

1 message

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Reply-To: CPCNH News & Information <info@cpcnh.org>
To: Pam McElroy <pmcelroy@exeternh.gov>

Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 12:00 PM



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⚡ Community Power Quarterly

March 2025

The official newsletter of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

Dear Pam,

Welcome to the March 2025 edition of **Community Power Quarterly**—your official source for updates from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.

This issue spotlights leadership transitions at CPCNH, current members advancing their energy goals, new communities that recently voted to adopt Community Power, and policy updates driving energy choice across the state. Look for future issues each quarter as we continue building momentum—
together.

News & Announcements

CPCNH Appoints Henry Herndon as Acting General Manager

The CPCNH Board of Directors has appointed **Henry Herndon** as Acting General Manager, effective March 1, to guide the organization through its next phase of growth. Herndon will focus on coordinating staff and service providers, fostering transparency, and ensuring informed decision-making to support CPCNH's member communities.



"My role is to foster clarity and alignment across our operations, ensuring that our dedicated staff, Board, and members have the resources and information they need to succeed," Herndon said. This appointment provides stability and continuity as CPCNH continues its mission to expand energy choice and local control across New Hampshire.

[Read the full announcement online.](#)

More NH Towns Vote Yes to Community Power

Momentum is building across New Hampshire, with eight more towns—Bedford, Canaan, Dalton, Meredith, Newington, Northumberland, Shelburne, and Sunapee—voting to adopt Community Power. These approvals reflect growing trust in CPCNH's model of local control, lower rates, and greener energy. With over 60 cities, towns, and counties now working together through the Coalition, New Hampshire's energy future is being shaped by the people, for the people. [Read more about this exciting milestone and what local leaders are saying in the full article.](#)



Ready to join the movement? [Learn how your community can take the next step online.](#)

CPCNH Leadership & Financial Updates: FAQ Now Available

CPCNH recently published a [Leadership Transition & Member Updates FAQ](#) to provide key information on recent leadership changes, financial updates, and rate adjustments. The FAQ addresses common questions regarding the appointment of Henry Herndon as Acting General Manager, the status of

CPCNH's Joint Reserves, and ongoing strategies to ensure financial stability while maintaining competitive rates.

Members and stakeholders are encouraged to stay informed through bi-weekly virtual office hours, newsletters, and updates posted on [CPCNH's website](#). [Read the full FAQ](#)

★ Member Highlights & Success Stories

Lebanon City Council Honors Clifton Below for Service and Leadership

At a March 19th Lebanon City Council meeting, **Clifton Below**, CPCNH Board Chair and Lebanon's Assistant Mayor, was honored with a formal resolution recognizing his decades of leadership in energy policy and public service. Below, a key architect of New Hampshire's Community Power Law and a longtime champion for local energy solutions, has played a pivotal role in advancing Lebanon's renewable energy initiatives, including the development of Lebanon Community Power and innovative grid modernization efforts.

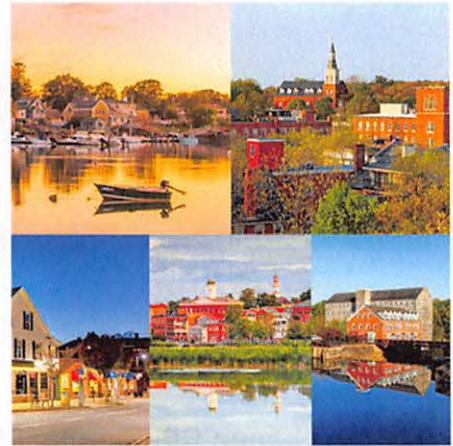


Lebanon Mayor Timothy McNamara congratulates Assistant Mayor Clifton Below as he receives a resolution honoring his work in advancing local energy policy and community power initiatives.

The [resolution](#), presented by Lebanon Mayor **Timothy McNamara** and City Manager **Shaun Mulholland**, highlighted Below's instrumental work in shaping energy legislation, fostering local control, and positioning Lebanon as a leader in municipal energy innovation. The City Council commended Below's dedication to public service and his continued impact on energy policy across New Hampshire. [Read the full resolution online](#)

Seacoast Communities Take Charge of Their Energy Future

From August 2024 to January 2025, five Seacoast communities—Dover, Durham, Exeter, Newmarket, and Portsmouth—joined forces for the Seacoast Energy Challenge. This six-month initiative encouraged residents and businesses to “opt up” to cleaner energy through their local Community Power programs. The challenge successfully boosted participation in renewable energy options, with over 100 new opt-ups, helping to drive investment in clean energy projects. This collaborative effort showcased the power of local engagement in shaping a more sustainable future. [Discover how these communities made an impact!](#)



⚡ Charged Up: Meet CPCNH Staff

From Newsrooms to Community Power: Nick Gosling Joins CPCNH



CPCNH welcomes **Nick Gosling** as its new Customer Service and Communications Manager. With a background in journalism, digital marketing, and strategic communications, Nick brings a wealth of experience in storytelling, outreach, and community engagement. He previously worked at the University of New Hampshire and Mt. Hood Community College, where he led digital media initiatives and public relations efforts. Nick is passionate about helping CPCNH's member communities connect with residents and expand awareness of Community Power programs. [Read more about Nick and his journey to CPCNH](#)

📌 Project & Program Updates

Unlocking New Revenue for Renewable Energy Producers

CPCNH's REC Aggregation Program is making it easier for small and mid-sized renewable energy producers—like municipalities, commercial solar owners, and residents—to sell their renewable energy certificates (RECs) and earn revenue.

“Our REC Aggregation Program helps smaller renewable producers overcome barriers to accessing fair markets,” said **Mark Bolinger**, CPCNH's Director of Projects & Programs. By ensuring fair pricing and a transparent process, this program is expanding access to clean energy markets while increasing the renewable content of CPCNH's electricity products. [Learn how to participate and maximize the value of your RECs](#)



Regulatory & Legislative Updates

The Fight for Fair Energy Markets Isn't Over



CPCNH continues to advocate for HB 760, a bill that would prevent monopoly utilities from passing supply cost overruns onto all electric customers—including those served by competitive suppliers. Though the bill was recently tabled in the House, CPCNH is pushing forward.

“HB 760 was designed to protect consumers and uphold the basic principles of customer choice and market fairness,” said **Deana Dennis**, CPCNH's director of regulatory and legislative affairs. [Read more about HB 760, what's at stake, and how you can get involved.](#)

Upcoming Events

Stay Connected with CPCNH at Upcoming Meetings

CPCNH Board and Committee meetings are open to the public pursuant to NH RSA 91-A. We encourage community members to stay informed and engaged.

- **Find details and agendas** for all upcoming meetings.
- **Stay informed** about CPCNH decisions and initiatives.
- **Participate actively** by attending and providing your valuable input.

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Upcoming April Meetings

CPCNH Office Hours (Virtual)
April 11 & 25, 1:00–2:00 pm

Legislative Update (Virtual)
April 17, 2:00–2:30 pm

Stop by the CPCNH Booth at NHPR's *By Degrees Climate Summit*

CPCNH is excited to participate in NHPR's *By Degrees Climate Summit: Healthy Connections*, a free public event exploring climate solutions and clean energy innovation in New Hampshire. Attendees will hear from experts, engage in discussions on sustainability, and connect with organizations working to build a cleaner energy future.

Event Details:

- **When:** Friday, May 2 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM (Doors open at 12:30 PM)
- **Where:** New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College
- **Admission:** Free & open to the public ([registration required](#))

Stop by CPCNH's booth to learn more about community power and how you can support local energy choice! [Read more on this event online.](#)

CPCNH in the News

News Articles Highlighting CPCNH Members, Staff and Supporters

From policy leadership to local energy advocacy, CPCNH continues to shape the conversation around New Hampshire's energy future. In a recent op-ed in the *NH Journal*, CPCNH Board Member **Jim Garrity**


made the case for HB 760 – a bill aimed at protecting ratepayers and ensuring fair competition in the electricity market. Meanwhile, *NHPR* featured CPCNH Board Member **Jamie Hess**, who shared his expertise on wild ice skating and the importance of understanding New Hampshire's natural environment. And in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, **Michael Nadeau** of the Peterborough Power Committee underscored the importance of preserving the Renewable Portfolio Standard to support clean energy investment.

[Read the full roundup of recent media coverage and see how community power is making an impact across the state](#)

Stay Connected & Take Action

Want to stay informed and get involved? Here are some ways to engage with CPCNH:

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Dear Niko,

Thank you for contacting me regarding protecting public lands. I value you taking the time to reach out to me, as it helps me better represent you and New Hampshire's priorities in Congress.

From the Mount Washington Valley to the Seacoast, New Hampshire's way of life and economy are rooted in the outdoors. We should all work to leave our planet better than we found it by supporting environmental protection and preserving our state's most treasured natural habitats and outdoor recreation spaces.

I am committed to protecting our natural resources and public lands. I led the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter in support of the New England Forestry Foundation's (NEFF) application for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. As a result, in September the USDA announced a \$30 million grant to the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF). This funding will support the implementation of climate-smart forest practices that stimulate New Hampshire's forestry sector while protecting the ecosystem and its biodiversity.

I am also dedicated to permanently reauthorizing and fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which has invested over \$163 million in projects across New Hampshire. These funds are used in partnership with state agencies and local non-profits to clean up lakes and rivers and drastically expand wildlife refuge. I am also working very closely with colleagues to defend the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which helps bring endangered species back towards healthy population levels by protecting their native habitats.

Our nation's natural beauty is one of its greatest resources. We must act now to put our state and our nation on a pathway to a more sustainable future. The decisions we make today regarding the preservation of natural habitats and public lands will have a major impact on the planet and on future generations. As your representative in Congress, I am determined to be a responsible steward of our public lands so that we can protect our nation's shared future.

Nothing is more important to me than listening to my constituents and ensuring that every voice in my district is heard. No matter your perspective, your thoughts help me do better as I work to

bring Granite State voices to Washington. Each message makes a difference, so I hope you will stay in touch. As always, you can keep up with the work I am doing by signing up for my weekly update at <https://pappas.house.gov/contact/newsletter>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pappas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Member of Congress



April 1, 2025

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair
Town of Exeter Select Board
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Dear Chairman Papakonstantis and Distinguished Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for renewing our lease for another year. We are honored to continue calling 120 Water Street our home and to serve as a resource and advocate for our local business community.

Last night, I shared how the Chamber's work goes beyond supporting businesses—it's about strengthening the connection between business and community. From fostering connections between businesses and residents to hosting events that bring people together, our presence in Exeter is a vital part of the town's economic and social landscape. Your decision to renew our lease reaffirms the importance of this work, and we truly appreciate your support.

We value our partnership with the Town of Exeter and look forward to continuing our efforts to promote economic growth, collaboration, and community engagement. Thank you again for your trust and commitment.

Regards,

Jennifer Wheeler, President
Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce



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Bulletin #13: Municipal Impacts Galore in House Budget

1 message

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Municipal Impacts Galore in House Budget

The [House Finance Committee](#) voted 14-11 along party lines Thursday to approve [HB 1](#) and [HB 2](#), the state budget for the 2026-27 biennium, which begins July 1. The full House will vote on the plan **Thursday, April 10.**

House Finance cut \$187 million of general fund spending out of the budget proposed by the governor in February, primarily because House revenue estimates were significantly less than what the governor assumed. Compared to FY 2025, the proposed House budget cuts spending by 8% in 2026 and 9% in 2027.

The bills going to the House floor next week have several provisions affecting cities and towns, including a change to the meals and rooms tax disbursement and cuts to or elimination of some state programs that municipalities rely upon. While there is much to unpack in the full budget, here's a summary of key items with municipal impacts:

Meals and Rooms Tax: The House budget plan suspends the 30% municipal share of the meals and rooms tax in FYs 26-27 and replaces it with a flat appropriation of \$137 million per year, which is about \$11 million less over the next two years than what was projected if the 30% share remained in effect. In

FY 2024, municipalities received approximately \$136 million from the meals and rooms tax, which was about \$15 million more than estimated in the previous budget.

Local control: The local option for municipalities to accept or reject KENO operations in their community is repealed in the budget proposal, meaning the lottery game will be available anywhere a licensed lottery retailer chooses to offer it. The budget also contains language creating a cap on increases in school budgets, which represents a significant loss of local decision-making authority. While no limits are proposed (for now) on municipal and county spending, this would create a concerning precedent for overriding the will of local voters.

Repeal revenue sharing: The budget repeals revenue sharing, RSA Chapter 31-A, as opposed to simply suspending it, as had been done since 2010. (Refresher: Revenue sharing was established in 1970, in conjunction with the business profits tax, to offset the removal of certain classes of property from taxation, which would otherwise have the effect of reducing the tax base of cities and towns.) Although NHMA supports reinstatement of RSA 31-A with necessary statutory revisions, we understand that 2025 is not the year for such an action. However, in the future, revisions to RSA 31-A would be possible and could bring much-needed revenue to municipalities to offset property taxes and provide relief at the local level. Without the statute in the law, it will be much more difficult to revisit this issue in future.

Program funding: Although housing availability is the number one issue in the state, the House budget contains no new funding for the Housing Champions and InvestNH housing programs, as well as no new funding for the state share of wastewater projects under the State Aid Grant (SAG) program. Additionally, all state funding for regional planning commissions was eliminated. The budget creates a “Partners in Housing” program, an initiative under the Housing Champions Fund to assist municipalities, counties, and developers in building modestly priced housing on municipally or county-owned land that is suitable for development—although no funding for the program was included in the budget.

Granite Advantage: Changes to CHIP, Medicaid, and Medicaid Advantage programs in the budget add new out-of-pocket costs for participants. NHMA opposes these changes because of their impact on local welfare budgets.

Diversity, equity and inclusion programs: The proposed budget includes a statewide ban on diversity, equity and inclusion programs, contracts and activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. The ban includes cities, towns, counties and schools and requires the attorney general’s office to establish a process by which all political subdivisions review their existing contracts for the presence of DEI-related items. NHMA is concerned about the time and cost related to contract reviews and potential cancellation or renegotiation of existing agreements.

Motor vehicle registrations: A bill eliminating motor vehicle inspections in New Hampshire, HB 649, is currently with the Senate, but House Finance doubled down on the proposal by adding identical language in HB 2. For good measure, the committee also voted to eliminate all the positions in the Division of Motor Vehicles and Department of Safety related to the program. While this may appear to be a state issue on the surface, 12 percent of state motor vehicle fee revenue collected is distributed to municipalities. The Department of Transportation estimates this bill would decrease municipal revenue by \$173,250 in FY 2027 and \$346,500 in FY 2028 and each year thereafter. Additionally, the enforcement of vehicle safety statutes would fall entirely to state and local police.

Other: The budget approved by House Finance eliminates the Housing Advisory Board (HAB) and the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) and moves the Right-to-Know Ombudsman in a new Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations along with the Public Employee Labor Relations Board and the Personnel Appeals Board. The salary for the ombudsman was also changed to per diem, which may make the position harder to fill.

Another potential concern for municipalities is the costly changes to NH Retirement System (NHRS) benefits for about 1,500 “Group II” police and fire personnel hired before July 1, 2011, and still working. The benefit changes for this cohort, which makes up slightly more than one-quarter of current police and fire personnel, does nothing for first responders hired on or after July 1, 2011, who make up 64.4% of active Group II members—or any of the approximately 9,500 active employees and teachers (NHRS Group I) hired before July 1, 2011, who also has their pension benefits changed in 2011.

The governor indicated that part of the anticipated new revenue from legalizing video slot machines will be used by the state to pay for the retirement changes, sparing property taxpayers most of the hit, and a recurring annual appropriation of \$27.5 million per year through 2034 is still in the budget. However, House Finance voted to redirect nearly all the projected slot machine revenue to the education trust fund. If the retirement funding is removed by the Senate this year, or if it is repealed in the next biennium, employer contribution rates to the retirement system would skyrocket.

House Finance also added language to the budget establishing a defined contribution retirement plan for new state employees only. However, NHMA is concerned that, as written, the proposal could increase employer contributions for municipal employers in the long-term by making them responsible for a portion of the state’s share of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) associated with NHRS employee members.

The House Finance Committee will hold a budget briefing for House members and other interested parties in **Representatives Hall on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.** The presentation [will be livestreamed](#).

Upcoming Public Hearings on Zoning Mandates

Next week, House and Senate committees will take up **eight separate zoning mandates opposed by NHMA because they would eliminate local autonomy, and, in many cases, have technical issues that have been raised but not addressed by the legislature.**

Unfortunately, these aren’t the only problematic zoning bills targeting local control; earlier this week we posted a [“special” legislative bulletin](#) covering the full list of mandates that have been passed by the House or Senate and are now with the other chamber.

We are asking municipal officials equally concerned about these bills to attend the public hearings and sign up to testify. When NHMA is the only voice in the room raising concerns, it’s easier for legislators to tune out. Hearing multiple officials explaining the ground-level impacts of these mandates is harder to ignore. If you can’t attend, there are other ways to help. For detailed instructions on ways to share your position on this and any other bills, see “How to Make Your Voice Heard” below.

House Hearings

On **Tuesday, April 8**, beginning at **10:30 a.m.** in **Legislative Office Building (LOB) Room 305**, the [House Housing Committee](#) will hear six bills:

SB 174 (10:30 a.m.) prohibits planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process. Municipalities often regulate the number of bedrooms per dwelling unit in dense zoning districts to ensure the infrastructure capacity exists to support the developments and housing in those zoning districts. Also, there is no definition of “bedroom” in the building or fire code in the bill. These requirements also limit the number of parking spaces required for the development, which might be necessary if there is limited land for parking. Finally, the bill unintentionally creates new definition of planning board and planning board authority, giving planning boards authority to review and approve building permits instead of select board or building official.

SB 188 (11:00 a.m.) allows property owners or developers to use licensed, insured private providers—who are not required to be educated in the intricacies of the building code—for building code plan reviews and inspections related to the state building code and any local technical amendments, excluding fire prevention and fire safety codes. The bill also requires a municipal regulatory body to review and approve or provide written notice to the independent provider of any specific deficiencies or compliance issues, within a required number of days (3 days or 5 days for code inspections depending on the type of building and 8 days for reviews of development documents and permits). Approvals will be considered granted as a matter of law (i.e., “building permits by default”) if the municipal regulatory body fails to respond within the mandated time limit. (NHMA priority bill)

SB 281 (11:30 a.m.) prohibits municipalities from denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances. Municipalities currently may restrict building on class VI to prevent overdevelopment of undeveloped infrastructure and, in this case, unmaintained roads and to control scattered and premature development. While the bill requires that landowners sign a liability waiver, it does not consider whether the class VI roads and abutting properties can sustain new development. Additionally, it increases the chance that property owners who live on the class VI road request the road become regularly maintained, which increases costs.

SB 283 (1:30 p.m.) relative to the calculation of floor-area-ratios under local building ordinances.

SB 284 (2:00 p.m.) prevents municipalities from setting the maximum residential parking spaces per unit to more than one parking space per residential unit, except that studio and one-bedroom units under 1,000 square feet that meet the requirements for workforce housing, and multi-family developments of 10 units or more may require up to 1.5 parking spaces per unit.?(NHMA priority bill)

SB 170 (2:30 p.m.) limits various development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities. The bill significantly reduces municipal autonomy and undermines the ability of local governments to address the needs of their individual communities. Some specific state mandates in SB 170 that would negatively impact municipalities are banning frontage or setback requirements greater than 50 feet, prohibiting municipalities from capping the number of housing lots on a dead-end road or street, requiring zoning ordinances that regulate road dead-end lengths to match the state fire code (the state fire code does not address road lengths), and mandating dormitories or group living in all zoning districts that permit residential uses. (NHMA priority bill)

Senate Hearings

On **Thursday, April 10**, beginning at **10:15 a.m.** in **State House (SH) Room 100**, the **Senate Commerce Committee**?will hold public hearings on two bills:

HB 631 (10:15 a.m.) permits residential building in commercial zones by right, mandating for mixed-use developments. While promoting urban density, it may lead to conflicts over land use priorities and contradicts one of the key purposes of zoning in RSA 674:17: to “consider the character of the area involved and its peculiar suitability for particular uses.” (NHMA priority bill)

HB 410 (10:30 a.m.) prohibits municipalities from enforcing or adopting any “extraordinary restriction of residential property,” an undefined term, unless the ordinance is directly necessary for the health or safety of the community. It would somehow require the legislative body (the voters) to produce “empirical evidence” to defend adoption of such an ordinance, with no process outlined for how that works; the bill also states empirical evidence “may be relevant ... but are not necessarily dispositive”! Additionally, HB 410 would conflict with all the other zoning mandates relative to residential zones. (NHMA priority bill)

We really need members to speak out against all of these concerning zoning mandates.?
We do not believe the majority of New Hampshire residents understand the extent to which their ability to shape their communities is being stripped away—often with zero debate. Here are links to the only

zoning mandates that had recorded votes, so you can see who is standing up for local control (and who isn't): [SB 84](#) (vote on ought to pass—passed); [HB 631](#) (vote on indefinitely postpone—failed).

In case you missed it: NHMA Executive Director Margaret Byrnes submitted an op-ed commentary on zoning mandates to several media outlets earlier this week. You can [read the op-ed here](#)—and feel free to use any of the points made in your own advocacy efforts.

Call Your Reps Now to Oppose HB 66

[HB 66](#), which will be voted on by the House on Thursday, April 10, replaces “citizen” in RSA 91-A, the Right-to-Know law, with “person,” allowing any individual, anywhere, to make a RTK request without ever setting foot in the State of New Hampshire, let alone in your town hall. Additionally, the bill allows for electronic requests with the requestor choosing the method of response, which can include electronic delivery. An amendment to the bill has made response delivery more complicated by adding language that only certain requestors deemed to have a New Hampshire connection can elect to receive the response in a manner other than appearing in person, with other requestors required to appear to pick up the response. Even with the amendment, NHMA opposes this bill.

[HB 66](#) runs counter to both Article 8 of the New Hampshire Constitution, which states the government be responsive to *the people who formed it*, and to the current language in RSA 91-A, which has endured through numerous amendments to the statute, referencing that it is the right of “*every citizen*” to access governmental records. Further expanding the definition of requestor to “person” will likely lead to a flood of requests from non-residents, increasing administrative burdens and costs for municipalities. It could also aid in fraudulent activities and identity theft – including, but not limited to, AI “bots” posing as individuals to harvest personal information from various municipal records.

In the [House Finance Committee](#) discussion about [HB 66](#), some members indicated their concern relative to the impact the bill, as amended, will have on municipalities. **Given this, NHMA believes there is an opportunity to defeat this bill in the House—if municipalities let their local representations know about the problems associated with these changes.** We’re working to get HB 66 tabled at the full House session on April 10 and are asking members to [contact their representatives](#) before next Thursday and encourage them to vote to table HB 66—or vote against the ought-to-pass-as-amended (OTPA) motion, should the tabling motion fail.

Plot Thickens on Eliminating Vehicle Inspections

On **Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.** in **State House (SH) Room 100**, the [Senate Commerce Committee](#) will continue a public hearing on [HB 649](#), which eliminates the requirement of a physical safety inspection and on-board diagnostics testing for all private passenger vehicles.??

In addition to potential road safety concerns, this bill will cost cities and towns money (see state budget article above). Law enforcement and environmental officials and business owners spoke against the bill at a two-hour hearing earlier this week. NHMA opposes this bill because the state needs to stop cutting funding sources and limiting the aid it provides to municipalities for roads, bridges, and other vital infrastructure. Please testify or sign-in to oppose this legislation. Also be aware that even if the Senate ultimately does not support HB 649, as noted above, the [House Finance Committee](#) added the bill language into the state budget, so this debate is unlikely to end anytime soon.

Zoning Mandates Poll: Less Than Meets the Eye?

How many of you like ice cream? How many of you like spinach? Looks like a lot more people like ice cream than spinach! Go figure. What the heck are we talking about? We’re talking about the results of a recent YouGov poll of New Hampshire voters that may have oversimplified some of the major zoning mandates passed by the Senate this year.

SB 84, which mandates zoning ordinances to allow smaller lot sizes for single-family homes, overriding current zoning regulations in many municipalities, was said to have 39 percent strong support and 37 percent somewhat support in a random sample of 406 registered NH voters. This isn't surprising when you see the actual statement respondents were being asked whether they support or oppose: "Allow homes to be built on slightly smaller lots across New Hampshire, which will allow for more homes to be built in existing communities."

It's even less surprising, when you see the question was prefaced this way: "The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority has estimated we need 60,000 new homes by 2030 to meet our housing needs in New Hampshire. In light of this, the state legislature is considering proposals to address this. For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose this proposal:"

In a statement about accessory dwelling units, these structures were described as "backyard cottages." A statement purportedly about a bill limiting residential parking spaces to one per unit (with exceptions for certain workforce housing and multi-family developments) was phrased as: "Create flexibility for property owners to determine how much paved parking area there is on their property."

How could anyone be against such benign-sounding statements? (Hint: That's the point.)

The organization that commissioned the poll has an absolute right to highlight the findings that support its agenda, but we hope that policymakers and regular folks will take the time to read the [brief executive summary](#) to get a better idea of what was being asked and draw their own conclusions about the survey's relevance to the actual legislation being proposed. While they are thinking about that, we also hope legislators ask themselves whether any of these mandates actually require or incentivize the production of *affordable* housing.? (Note: You may need to refresh the page to see the summary.)

How to Make your Voice Heard

The adage goes that "life is all about showing up." The same can be said for legislative advocacy. If a bill is of importance to your municipality, it's always best to make your case – for or against – in person. Every Friday, NHMA posts a [Bill Hearings Schedule](#) for the upcoming week. However, if you can't make it to Concord, you can use the Legislature's online portal to put your position on the hearing record.

The House has an [online testimony submission system](#) that allows you to indicate your position on the bill with an option to attach testimony. If you want to email all the members of a House committee, you will have to copy their email addresses individually from the [committee page](#).

The Senate has a [remote sign-in sheet](#) where you can indicate whether you are supportive of a bill, opposed, or neutral. Written testimony can be submitted via the "Email Entire Committee" link found on the [Senate committee page](#).

If you have time to follow along, livestreams of [House](#) and [Senate](#) sessions and committee meetings are available on YouTube. Prior sessions and committee meetings are also archived.

Finally, if you just want to contact your legislators, there are [Contact a Senator](#) and [Contact a Representative](#) links on the [General Court](#) website.

Note: For anyone who prints these emails out, all of the above links are available on the General Court website at: <https://gc.nh.gov/>

Because the House and Senate have moved to digital calendars, committees can now reschedule when there is bad weather, absences, or when issues with bills haven't been worked out. If you are planning to attend a hearing or work session in person, we strongly recommend checking the [House Digital Calendar](#) and [Senate Digital Calendar](#) before heading to the State House. For those of you with an interest in a particular bill or set of bills, please use the 'subscribe' feature on [FastDemocracy](#) to get email updates when those bills are scheduled or rescheduled.

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If you know of anyone who may benefit from the NHMA Legislative Bulletin feel free to pass this email along and encourage them to sign up!

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Stand Up for Local Control on Tuesday!

“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” - George Orwell

On **Tuesday, April 15**, beginning at **10:00 a.m. in LOB 305**, the **House Housing Committee** will hold a series of public hearings on **six zoning mandates** that have already been passed by the Senate.

It’s noteworthy that three of these hearings were postponed from this week because of the **strong turnout of local officials and interested citizens who came to support local control** and whose thoughtful, detailed testimony made the public hearings on other zoning mandates run long. NHMA thanks everyone who came out to provide a local perspective on these troubling bills, with a special shout out to the large contingent of elected officials from the town of Raymond. **We hope as many officials and residents as possible can keep up the pace this week, as several particularly concerning bills, including statewide maximum lot-size mandates, are being heard.** In addition, the **Senate Commerce Committee** is holding hearings on **five additional zoning mandates** the **same day**, beginning at **9:30 a.m. in State House Room 100** (see schedule below).

Because these bills carry no cost to the state, they have thus far enjoyed bipartisan support and often end up on the House or Senate consent calendars, meaning there is no actual debate on the merits or drawbacks of these bills beyond the committee public hearings. It is also worth noting that none of these zoning mandates actually incentivize or encourage the building of *affordable* housing.

If possible, please come to Concord next Tuesday to stand up for local solutions to local issues and oppose central planning! Even if you can't make it, there are other ways to share your opinions. For detailed instructions on ways to give your position on these and any other bills, see "*How to Make Your Voice Heard*" below.

House Housing Committee hearings:

SB 84 (10:00 a.m.), relative to zoning procedures concerning residential housing.

SB 166 (11:00 a.m.), relative to notice required prior to sale of a manufactured housing unit located in a resident-owned community.

SB 163 (11:30 a.m.), prohibiting local moratoria and limitations on building permits.

SB 281 (1:00 p.m.), prohibiting municipalities from denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances.

SB 282 (1:30 p.m.), relative to stairway requirements in certain residential buildings.

SB 170 (2:00 p.m.), relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities.

Senate Commerce Committee hearings:

HB 296 (9:30 a.m.), relative to issuing building permits along private roads.

HB 685 (9:45 a.m.), permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing.

HB 342 (9:45 a.m.), relative to the approval process for new construction.

HB 382 (10:05 a.m.), relative to authority for municipalities to regulate mandatory on-site parking requirements.

HB 413 (10:35 a.m.), relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements and the regulation of building permits.

We are asking municipal officials concerned about these bills to attend the public hearings and sign up to testify. When NHMA is the only voice in the room raising concerns, it's easier for legislators to tune out. Hearing multiple officials explaining the ground-level impacts of these mandates is harder to ignore. Sadly, these aren't the only worrisome bills municipalities have to deal with this year. For a full list of mandates that have been passed by the House or Senate and are now with the other chamber, see our "**special**" [legislative bulletin](#).

House Passes Budget with Municipal Impacts

The House passed its version of the state budget, **HB 1** and **HB 2**, on Thursday with a few floor amendments impacting municipalities. The budget now heads to the Senate.

Amendment numbers for the changes that had [roll call votes](#) are listed below, so you can **see how your local representatives voted**. The links to individual roll calls are found on the bottom left of the main page, but you will have to match the vote total for each amendment shown on the main page to the corresponding roll call link with the same tally. For example, amendment 2025-1513h was adopted, 183-

181, so you would then click on the link that says “*Adopt Floor Amendment (183-181)*” to see the roll call.

What was added this week:

- An annual requirement to verify voter checklists beginning in 2026, replacing the current 10-year standard. This is the same language included in **HB 274**, which was already passed by the House and likely to be amended by the Senate. (2025-1559h)
- Removing the authority of local public health officers to make “other regulations relating to public health” beyond “prevention and removal of nuisances.” This is the same language included in **HB 230**, which was already passed by the House. (2025-1526h)
- Enabling the court system to create a “commercial court docket” which would include appeals from decisions of local land use boards, including, but not limited to decisions of “municipal planning boards, zoning boards, historic district commissions, and conservation commissions.” This docket would presumably replace the Housing Advisory Board (HAB), which was repealed in **HB 2**. (2025-1569h)

What was taken out this week:

- The section repealing the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) of was removed. (2025-1569h)
- The section repealing the local option for KENO was removed, meaning municipalities will continue to have the power to decide whether to allow this lottery game. (2025-1513h)
- The section creating a “Group III” defined contribution retirement plan for state employees (exempting public safety) in lieu of the defined benefit plan provided by the NH Retirement System (NHRS) was removed. NHMA was concerned that, as written, the proposal could increase employer contributions for municipal employers in the long-term by making them responsible for a portion of the state’s share of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) associated with NHRS employee members. (2025-1566h)

What’s still in the budget (for a more detailed description of these items, see [last week’s Legislative Bulletin](#)):

- Suspending the 30% municipal share of the meals and rooms tax in FYs 26-27 and replacing it with a flat appropriation of \$137 million per year, which is about \$11 million less over the next two years than what was projected if the 30% share remained in effect.
- No new funding for the Housing Champions and InvestNH housing programs, as well as no new funding for the state share of wastewater projects under the State Aid Grant (SAG) program.
- Elimination of motor vehicle inspections, which will reduce state aid because 12% of state motor vehicle fee revenue is distributed to municipalities.
- Repealing revenue sharing, RSA Chapter 31-A, as opposed to simply suspending it, as had been done since 2010.
- Statewide ban on diversity, equity and inclusion programs, contracts, and activities, which could add municipal costs related to review, cancelation, or renegotiation of existing agreements.
- Changes to CHIP, Medicaid, and Medicaid Advantage programs adding new out-of-pocket costs for participants, which could impact local welfare budgets.
- Changes to NHRS benefits for about 1,500 “Group II” police and fire personnel hired before July 1, 2011, and still working. NHMA is concerned that if the additional retirement funding in the budget

is removed by the Senate this year, or if it is repealed in the next biennium, municipal employer contribution rates to the retirement system would increase significantly.

The Senate is likely to make several changes to the budget over the next six weeks, so the process is far from over and NHMA and our members can and will continue to advocate for the interests of municipalities.

Other House Actions This Week ...

With Thursday being crossover day—the deadline to send bills to the other legislative chamber—the House also passed four other bills of municipal interest that will now be taken up by the Senate. Note: The Senate did not meet this week, finishing all its bills earlier this month.

HB 66, a bill opposed by NHMA, replaces “citizen” in the Right-to-Know Law with “person,” allowing any individual, anywhere, to make an RTK request. Additionally, the bill allows for electronic requests with the requestor choosing the method of response, which can include electronic delivery. An amendment to the bill has made response delivery more complicated by adding language that only certain requestors deemed to have a New Hampshire connection can elect to receive the response in a manner other than appearing in person, with other requestors required to appear to pick up the response. Before it was passed, a motion to table the bill failed, 179-191. NHMA wants to thank all our members who helped us oppose this bill in the House and will continue to do so in the Senate. [Click here](#) to see the roll call votes on this bill.

HB 67, a bill supported by NHMA that makes permanent last year’s pilot program regarding Accessible Voting Systems, ensuring that the state provide accessible voting systems through agreements with municipalities, allowing them to comply with federal law. Under this bill, the state would pay for the voting hardware and municipalities would continue to be responsible for programming costs.

HB 511 (oppose), prohibiting state and local entities from adopting sanctuary policies that hinder federal immigration law enforcement.

HB 639 (oppose), relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies. Despite the title, the bill is not primarily about disputes over crypto currency, rather it creates preemptive limits on state and local regulation of industrial or home-based “digital mining,” which uses substantial amounts of electricity and water and typically generates high noise levels and electronic waste.

Wait, There’s More About Zoning

This week, the [Senate Commerce Committee](#) held a public hearing on **HB 410**, a priority bill opposed by NHMA that prohibits municipalities from enforcing or adopting any “extraordinary restriction of residential property”—a vague term that sets a high legal standard—unless the ordinance is directly necessary for the health or safety of the community.

The bill goes on to say, “the legislative body [*typically the voters in most towns*] shall include detailed written findings of fact, based on empirical evidence published by a non-partisan source, to demonstrate direct necessity.” The impracticality of this provision is self-evident, but the bill goes on to state that this empirical evidence “may be relevant ... but are not necessarily dispositive”!

For the purposes of the bill, the definition of “extraordinary restriction of residential property” includes:

- Any minimum square footage requirement for a dwelling or unit in excess of 200 square feet or the square footage required to meet the state building code, whichever is greater.
- Regulations concerning in-home businesses use in residentially zoned lots.

- Local amendments to the state building code or state fire code regarding materials or methods of construction that impact residential buildings of not more than 4 units.

HB 410 is likely to increase municipal costs related to amending zoning ordinances by requiring municipalities to hire staff or consultants to identify and review “empirical evidence published by a non-partisan source” to justify an amendment, or in the case of an appeal. Additionally, **HB 410** would conflict with all the other zoning mandates relative to residential zones.

In a nutshell, this bill is a massive overreaction to the narrative that municipalities with reasonable zoning are somehow creating overly burdensome restrictions on development. **Municipal officials are encouraged to contact the Senate Commerce Committee and oppose this bill before the committee acts on it.**

In case you missed it: NHMA Executive Director Margaret Byrnes submitted an op-ed commentary on zoning mandates to several media outlets earlier this month. You can [read the op-ed here](#)—and feel free to use any of the points made in your own advocacy efforts.

Electioneering by Public Employees

On **Tuesday, April 15**, at **9:30 a.m.** in **LOB Room 103**, the **Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee** will hold a public hearing on **HB 340**, relative to electioneering by public employees. NHMA opposes this bill.

HB 340 repeals RSA 659:44-a and makes the definition of electioneering more confusing and vague. The bill expands the definition of public employee to include people “appointed to office by the chief executive or legislative body of the public employer.” The current definition of electioneering (“‘electioneer’ means to act in any way designed or having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter on any question or office”) remains in the bill, but additional vague language has been added to the definition, which seems to suppress the free speech of public employees. The bill adds language such as distributing or displaying campaign materials, making public statements, organizing or conducting surveys, and using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the vote of a voter. But what does this language mean? Does this mean if a public employee uses their own vehicle to conduct official business and has a political sticker on the vehicle as an expression of free speech that the employee is violating the law? What about a DPW worker picking up dinner during a break from plowing the roads who makes a comment about a candidate—could this be a violation? Anytime candidates are scheduled to come together would be “primarily political,” so does that mean there can be no town-sponsored forums? Who decides if a survey or forum is political? **We encourage you to contact the committee** to tell them that **HB 340** will suppress speech for public employees.

Ambulance Billing on Tap in Senate

On **Wednesday, April 16**, at **9:45 a.m.** in **LOB Room 101**, the **Senate Health and Human Services Committee** will hold a public hearing on **HB 316**, relative to billing for ground ambulance services. The bill eliminates balance billing —*i.e.* billing a patient for the difference between the full cost of the service and the amount their insurance plan pays—and sets a reimbursement rate for non-Medicare/Medicaid health insurance carriers at approximately 200% above the current Medicare reimbursement rate, which NHMA opposes because reimbursement at this percentage is significantly lower than the actual cost. **Officials from municipalities that provide ambulance services are encouraged to attend the hearing and testify or go online to oppose HB 316.**

The **House Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee** has not yet scheduled a hearing on **SB 245**, a competing proposal that NHMA supports, which also eliminates balance billing with the reimbursement rate for insured patients set at 325% of the current urban, rural, or super-rural Medicare rates, depending on the geographic area where the ambulance service originated.

Municipal ambulance services are essential services and not profit-driven; thus, appropriate reimbursement rates are crucial for their sustainability. Further, it's unfair to put local taxpayers over a barrel to the benefit of private insurers.

Crossover Update on NHMA-Tracked Bills

Of the 360-plus bills the NHMA advocacy team is following this session, 170 of them remain active at legislative crossover. Among the other bills, 102 have been killed, meaning they can't be brought forward next year. Another 25 bills have been tabled or indefinitely postponed beyond the crossover deadline, meaning they are unlikely to be acted on this session. Finally, House or Senate committees held onto another 65 bills to work on in the fall.

As a reminder, NHMA provides members access to FastDemocracy, an online bill tracking platform, for efficient, real-time updates to legislative activity of interest to members. This tool can help ensure that you know when the bills that you care about most are scheduled for public hearing or votes.

Visit our online [Bill Tracker](#) page to learn more and feel free to subscribe to weekly or daily updates on subjects and bills of interest.

How to Make your Voice Heard

The adage goes that "life is all about showing up." The same can be said for legislative advocacy. If a bill is of importance to your municipality, it's always best to make your case – for or against – in person. Every Friday, NHMA posts a [Bill Hearings Schedule](#) for the upcoming week. However, if you can't make it to Concord, you can use the Legislature's online portal to put your position on the hearing record.

The House has an [online testimony submission system](#) that allows you to indicate your position on the bill with an option to attach testimony. If you want to email all the members of a House committee, you will have to copy their email addresses individually from the [committee page](#).

The Senate has a [remote sign-in sheet](#) where you can indicate whether you are supportive of a bill, opposed, or neutral. Written testimony can be submitted via the "Email Entire Committee" link found on the [Senate committee page](#).

If you have time to follow along, livestreams of [House](#) and [Senate](#) sessions and committee meetings are available on YouTube. Prior sessions and committee meetings are also archived.

Finally, if you just want to contact your legislators, there are [Contact a Senator](#) and [Contact a Representative](#) links on the [General Court](#) website.

Note: For anyone who prints these emails out, all of the above links are available on the General Court website at: <https://gc.nh.gov/>

Because the House and Senate have moved to digital calendars, committees can now reschedule when there is bad weather, absences, or when issues with bills haven't been worked out. If you are planning to attend a hearing or work session in person, we strongly recommend checking the [House Digital Calendar](#) and [Senate Digital Calendar](#) before heading to the State House. For those of you with an interest in a particular bill or set of bills, please use the 'subscribe' feature on [FastDemocracy](#) to get email updates when those bills are scheduled or rescheduled.

Reminder: Sharing is Caring ... About Good Public Policy!

If you know of anyone who may benefit from the NHMA Legislative Bulletin feel free to pass this email along and encourage them to sign up!

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Rechargeable Battery Disposal Ban

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New Hampshire Rechargeable Battery Disposal Ban



Photo source: call2recycle.org

Starting July 1, 2025 it will be **illegal to put rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in the trash!**

They must be recycled through special battery collection programs and NEVER mixed with regular recyclables.

This new lithium-ion battery disposal ban has been **added to the existing ban for lead acid batteries and electronic devices in RSA 149-M:27**. We recommend sharing this information with residents or facility users.

What is the ban? What does it include?

Per RSA 149-M:27, lithium-ion batteries will be prohibited from disposal in New Hampshire's landfills and incinerators to help reduce the risk of fires at solid waste facilities. The ban applies to everyone; residents *and* businesses.

Lithium-ion batteries can be found in many rechargeable electric devices:

- Electric bikes and scooters
- Cordless power tools
- Lawncare equipment
- Portable devices (cell phones, laptops, tablets, wireless headphones, Bluetooth speakers)
- Toys
- Personal care items (rechargeable toothbrushes, shavers, waterpicks)



What is required of municipalities and facilities?

The law requires municipalities, solid waste districts and landfills/incinerators to share educational materials on safe handling and recycling of lithium-ion batteries, lead acid batteries, and electronics. They should also provide recycling opportunities for such batteries and devices, as possible.

NHDES has published a [blog about the ban](#) and will be creating additional resources to help you educate the public.

Be on the lookout for future emails with more information and educational resources you can use. To learn about different types of batteries, see the [EPA Used Household Batteries Guide](#).

Where can lithium-ion batteries be recycled?

Many municipal transfer stations and businesses offer collection boxes for recycling rechargeable batteries. For example:

- [Staples](#)
- [Best Buy](#)
- [Home Depot](#)
- [BatteriesPlus](#)

To find the nearest drop-off site, have your residents check [Call2Recycle.org](#).

Questions?

Residents and municipalities can contact the NHDES Household Hazardous Waste Program via email hhw@des.nh.gov or by phone at **(603) 271-2047**. Businesses should contact the Hazardous Waste Helpline at **1-866-HAZ-WAST**.

Remember - if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable!



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