

**AGENDA**

**EXETER TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING DATE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**  
**(NOTE: MEETING IS BEING HELD ON  
TUESDAY BECAUSE OF MONDAY HOLIDAY)**

**MEETING LOCATION**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CLERK'S OFFICE BUILDING  
675 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND**

**All Agenda Items are subject to review, consideration,  
discussion, and/or possible action by the Town Council**

**Per the Town Council's By-laws, Section 119 (Decorum), order must be preserved during  
Town Council Meetings. No person shall by statement, action, conversation, or otherwise,  
interrupt a Council Member or delay the proceedings of the Town Council Meeting.**

**No. 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**No. 2: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**No. 3: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A. TOWN OF EXETER OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS CLOSED:  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

**No. 4: APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

**No. 5: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items are  
approved in one motion, unless removed by a Town Council Member.**

**A. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:**

- 2. INVOICE, NO. 1974-15, DATED DECEMBER 23, 2023, RYAN'S LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, INC., MAINTAINENCE, REYNOLDS MONUMENT, EXETER ROAD, EXETER**

**B. COMMUNICATIONS: See Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein. Those removed by a Council Member will be addressed under Agenda Item No. 11 for referral or placement on a future agenda.**

**C. BILLS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND ABATEMENTS:**

- 1. BILL SHEET: December 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**
- 2. TAX ASSESSOR'S ABATEMENTS: None this month**
- 3. TAX COLLECTOR'S REMITTANCES: Account No. 00-4507-73**
- 4. TAX COLLECTOR'S ABATEMENTS: None this month**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**
- 2. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**
- 3. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 2023**
- 4. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION, DECEMBER 4, 2023**
- 5. TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**No. 6: VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**A. VACANCIES:**

- 1. PERSONNEL BOARD (5 MEMBERS NEEDED)**
- 2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7 MEMBERS NEEDED)**

**B. RESIGNATIONS:**

- 1. PATRICIA A. OLNEY-MUPHY, JUVENILE HEARING BOARD MEMBER (term expiring April 11, 2025)**

**C. APPOINTMENTS:**

- 1. EXETER RURAL LAND PRESERVATION TRUST COMMITTEE MEMBER (TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)**

2. **EXETER RURAL LAND PRESERVATION TRUST COMMITTEE MEMBER (TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING APRIL 6, 2024)**
3. **BOARD OF CANVASSERS ALTERNATE MEMBER (TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 3, 2027)**
4. **PUBLIC WORKS WORKER**
5. **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT**
6. **2024 TREE WARDEN**

**D. EXPIRING TERMS:** None this month

**No. 7: PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None this month

**No. 8: PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council, unless they are of an emergency nature. (3-minute time limit per person; 15-minute maximum time allowed for this agenda item).

Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act and the Town Council By-Laws prohibit the Town Council from deliberating, debating, or acting on previously unposted matters during the Public Comment section of the agenda.

State law prohibits the Town Council from acting or voting upon any such matter, except under emergency circumstances. The Town Council may only, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.

**Accordingly, because the Council is obliged not to respond, the immediate silence of the Town Council Members relative to any matter raised by a speaker during Public Comment may not be construed as any endorsement, confirmation, acquiescence in, support of, or the taking of any position concerning, a matter raised by a member of the public under Public Comment.**

Public participants under Public Comment are also reminded that they must adhere to the dictates of Sections 115.B, 117 (Manner of Address), 119 (Decorum), and 120 (Enforcement) of the Council By-Laws in addressing the Council during a public meeting under Public Comment.

**No. 9: NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**B. REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, PUBLIC COMMENT,  
ASA DAVIS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESEARCH RELATING  
TO TOWN LITIGATIONS**

- C. PLANNING BOARD MEMO TO COUNCIL, DATED DECEMBER 12, 2023;  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
- D. PLANNING BOARD MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL, DATED DECEMBER 19,  
2023: STATE LAND USE MANDATES**
- E. PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE APPLICATION: DOUG WHITE, 27  
PRESERVATION DRIVE, SAUDNERSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**
- F. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: REQUEST TO GO  
OUT TO BID: MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**No. 10: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS: POSSIBLE ACQUISITION  
OF 742 TEN ROD ROAD**
- B. STATUS: JULY 2022 COMMUNICATION NO 16: GOVERNOR MCKEE:  
RHODE ISLAND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: MULTI-PURPOSE  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT**
- C. SPLIT ROCK MOBILE PARK:**
  - 1. REQUEST OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TO OBTAIN ENGINEER'S  
REPORT AND REQUIRE VIOLATIONS TO BE CORRECTED TIMELY**
  - 2. TRAILER PARK LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION: SPLIT ROCK  
MOBILE PARK, 480 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL (12/1/2023-11/30/2024)**
- D. STATUS: UPDATE TO TOWN OF EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES;  
CHAPTER 14, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ARTICLE IV,  
IMPACT FEES**
- E. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE:  
INCIDENT AT 5 WEST SHORE DRIVE**
- F. EXETER TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE BUILDING, 675 TEN ROD ROAD:  
ROOF AND BASEMENT ISSUES**
- G. NOVEMBER COMMUNICATION NO. 14: SECRETARY OF STATE'S  
REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN RI SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL "250<sup>TH</sup>  
COMMISSION" AND FORM LOCAL 250<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE**
- H. PUBLIC WORKS: AWARDING OF BID: POWER WASHER**

**No. 11: COMMUNICATIONS:** Consideration of those removed from Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein (see Agenda Item No. 5, Consent Agenda) for referral or placement on a future agenda.

**No. 12: EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5): ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY:**

**1. 742 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND**

**No. 13: ADJOURNMENT**

**POSTED DECEMBER 27, 2023, AT TOWN OF EXETER CLERK'S OFFICE, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND POST OFFICE, AND ON SECRETARY OF STATE'S AND TOWN OF EXETER'S WEBSITES**

The public is welcome to attend any meetings of the Exeter Town Council or its committees, boards, or commissions. If communications assistance or other accommodation is required or necessary to ensure equal participation, please contact the Exeter Town Clerk's Office two business days prior to the meeting during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at (401) 294-3891, Ext. 9, or [clerk@exeterri.gov](mailto:clerk@exeterri.gov). The Exeter Town Clerk's Building is handicapped accessible.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **No. 6C Communications:**

- No. 1    12/06/2023    Town of Hopkinton: Public Hearing: Proposal to Amend Hopkinton Zoning Ordinances; Proposal to Amend Hopkinton Land Development and Subdivision Regulations**
- No. 2    12/06/2023    Town of Hopkinton: Resolution in Support of Maintaining the Water Level of the Pawcatuck River**
- No. 3    12/06/2023    University of Rhode Island, Cooperative Extension Water Quality Coordinator: Well Water Workshop, Chariho Middle School, January 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- No. 4    12/06/2023    Asa Davis: Correction to his Public Comment at December 4, 2023, Council Meeting**
- No. 5    12/06/2023    Asa Davis: Estate Drive cul-de-sac wings petition**
- No. 6    12/06/2023    Governor McKee's Office:**  
**A) Media Advisory: Governor McKee to Unveil the Independent Man Inside the State House for the First Time in Nearly 50 Years**  
**B) Photo Release: The Independent Man's Big Move**  
**C) Governor McKee Unveils Independent Man Inside the State House for the First Time in Nearly 50 Years**
- No. 7    12/11/2023    Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Division of Forest Environment: 2024 Tree Warden Appointment Form**
- No. 8    12/11/2023    Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources: Notice of Solar Project proposed by Hidden Valley Solar, LLC, in the Town of West Greenwich; Copy of plans available for viewing in Clerk's Office**
- No. 9    12/11/2023    Governor McKee's Office:**  
**A) McKee Highlights 2023 DEM Accomplishments: Progress Toward Act on Climate; 8 million Visits to State Parks and Beaches; New Environmental Justice Policy to Correct Historic Inequities**  
**B) Governor McKee and RIDOT Highlight Rhode Island's Readiness for Winter Storms with 26 New Plow Trucks**  
**C) Attendance Matters RI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools**

- No. 10 12/11/2023 Rhode Island Public Works Association: Fall/Winter 2023**
- No. 11 12/12/2023 Rhode Island Department of Revenue Division of Taxation:  
January 10 2024, Tax Compliance Day, RI College**
- No. 12 12/12/2023 Nancy Roth: Condition of house at 28 West Shore Drive, photos,  
request for action**
- No. 13 12/13/2023 Department of Environmental Management Request for Proposals:  
2024 Narragansett Bay & Watershed Restoration Fund**
- No. 14 12/19/2023 Representative Seth Magaziner (RI-02): Community Project Funding  
Request**
- No. 15 12/19/2023 Rob Rock: Program Coordinator for RI 250<sup>th</sup> Commission: Request  
to make presentation before Town Council to promote the creation  
of local 250<sup>th</sup> committees**
- No. 16 12/26/2023 Governor McKee's Office:**
- A) Governor McKee, RI Office of Energy Resources and Dept of  
Environmental Management announce Recipients of RI  
Agricultural Energy Grants**
  - B) Governor McKee, First Lady, wish Rhode Islanders a Merry  
Christmas**
  - C) Press Release: Governor McKee Highlights Rhode Island Office  
of Energy Resources 2023 Accomplishments**
  - D) Press Release: Governor McKee Announces \$11 million in  
Matching Funds Available for Municipal Public Safety  
Infrastructure Projects**
  - E) Press Release: McKee Highlights 2023 Quonset Highlights: New  
Construction, Port of Davisville Investments, and Offshore Wind  
Development**
  - F) Press Release: Governor McKee Highlights 2023 Rhode Island  
Department of Health Accomplishments: Promoting Healthy  
Lifestyle, Ensuring Safe Food and Drinking Water, Preventing  
Chronic Disease**
  - G) Press Release: Governor McKee Highlights 2023 RI Commerce  
Accomplishments**
- No. 17 12/26/2023 Representative Seth Magaziner: Water Resources Development Act**
- No. 18 12/26/2023 SBA Communications Corp: Revenue Sharing Details by Tenant,  
January**