

AGENDA

**EXETER TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING DATE

FEBRUARY 5, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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. COUNCIL AND THE EXETER ANIMAL SHELTER THANK AND WISH TO SHOW ITS APPRECIATION TO EXETER FUEL FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION OF AN OIL FILL UP IN DECEMBER**
- B. COUNCIL AND THE EXETER ANIMAL SHELTER THANK AND WISH TO SHOW ITS APPRECIATION TO URI GREEK LIFE PHILANTHROPY AND PROGRAMMING TEAMS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$10,000.00 ON DECEMBER 12, 2023**

**C. TOWN OF EXETER OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS CLOSED:
PRESIDENT’S DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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:**
None this month
- 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:** January 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024
 - 2. TAX ASSESSOR’S ABATEMENTS:** None this month
 - 3. TAX COLLECTOR’S REMITTANCES:** None this month
 - 4. TAX COLLECTOR’S ABATEMENTS:** None this month
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 1. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 2, 2024**
 - 2. TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2024**

No. 6: VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS:

- A. VACANCIES:**
 - 1. PERSONNEL BOARD (5 MEMBERS NEEDED)**
 - 2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION (7 MEMBERS NEEDED)**
- B. RESIGNATIONS**
- 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. JUVENILE HEARING BOARD FULL MEMBER
(TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING APRIL 11, 2025)
5. PUBLIC WORKS WORKER
6. TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

D. EXPIRING TERMS:

1. WILLIAM MUNROE, BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEMBER
(TERM EXPIRING MARCH 5, 2024)
2. BARBARA LAIRD, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(TERM EXPIRED FEBRUARY 3, 2024)
3. BRIAN LESINSKI, EXETER RURAL LAND PRESERVATION
TRUST (TERM EXPIRING MARCH 2, 2024)

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. PRESENTATION BY SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE: MISSION OF RI250 COMMISSION AND CREATION OF LOCAL 250TH COMMITTEES AHEAD OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES

B. REQUEST OF JUVENILE HEARING BOARD: FULL MEMBER, LORI HAUSER, TO SWITCH POSITIONS WITH ALTERNATE MEMBER, JASON CLARK

C. REVIEW AND UPDATE: TOWN OF EXETER NON-UNION EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POLICY, NO. 3.02-1

D. REQUEST OF EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: TWO INTERESTED CITIZENS TO SERVE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

E. TENTATIVE JOINT MEETING, MARCH 11, 2024, TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD, POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: REVIEW OF PLANNING BOARD SOLICITOR'S OPINION REGARDING PLANNING BOARD MEMO TO COUNCIL DATED DECEMBER 19, 2023, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

F. RI LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, DORI BOARDMAN:

- 1. REVIEW: JANUARY 2024 PROGRAM STATUS**
- 2. REQUEST TO ATTEND COURSE, "INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM OVERVIEW," FEBRUARY 14, 2024, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND**
- 3. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AMERICAN RED CROSS OF RHODE ISLAND AND TOWN OF EXETER**
- 4. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WEST GREENWICH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND EXETER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**
- 5. REVIEW: REPORT FROM RIEMA: EXETER WILDFIRE A.K.A. QUEENS RIVER PRESERVE FIRE (APRIL 14-26, 2023) AFTER-ACTION REPORT/IMPROVEMENT 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**
 - 1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: SUBAWARD AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE (“STATE AGENCY”) AND TOWN OF EXETER (“SUBRECIPIENT ENTITY”)**
- C. STATUS: UPDATE TO TOWN OF EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 14, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ARTICLE IV, IMPACT FEES**
- D. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE: INCIDENT AT 5 WEST SHORE DRIVE**
- E. EXETER TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE BUILDING, 675 TEN ROD ROAD: ROOF AND BASEMENT ISSUES**
- F. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO PLANNING DEPARTMENT**
- G. PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS: NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION**

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): POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY:**
 - 1. 742 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND**

No. 13: ADJOURNMENT

**POSTED JANUARY 31, 2024, 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. The Exeter Town Clerk's Building is handicapped accessible

APPENDIX A

No. 6C Communications:

- No. 1 01/04/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
- A) So... What's Next for the Independent Man?**
 - B) McKee Highlights 2023: Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals Accomplishments**
 - C) Governor McKee Highlights 2023: I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Accomplishments; Construction Begins on New Life Science Complex; Bally's Event Lawn Opens**
 - D) Governor McKee Highlights 2023: Department of Labor and Training Accomplishments**
 - E) Governor McKee Highlights Rhode Island Department of Education Accomplishments in 2023**
 - F) Last Call (For Now): Come See the Independent Man This Week Before He Departs the State House for Restoration**
 - G) Governor McKee Announces Date for 2024 State of the State Address**
 - H) Governor McKee Highlights 2023: Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services Accomplishments**
 - I) Governor McKee Highlights 2023: Rhode Island Department of Human Services Accomplishments: Expanding Access, Opportunities for Rhode Island Beneficiaries**
- No. 2 01/04/2024 Town of Warren: Resolution: To the Honorable RI General Assembly Requesting an Amendment to RIGL 44-18-18.1 to Include Class A Liquor Licensee Sales in the Levy and Imposition of a One Percent Tax on the Gross Receipts of the Licensee**
- No. 3 01/10/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
- A) Rhode Island is Ready: Governor McKee Outlines State's Storm Preparedness Efforts Ahead of Weekend Snow**
 - B) Governor McKee's Request for Disaster Declaration Relief Approved by President Biden**
 - C) Governor McKee Announces Extension for SBA Business Recovery Center in East Providence**
- No. 4 01/10/2024 Town of Jamestown: Resolution of the Water and Sewer Commission: A Resolution Relative to Request Certain Amendments to Chapter 15 of Title 46 of the General Laws**

- No. 5 01/16/2024 Micaela Weaver: Letter of Appreciation for Department of Public Works' prompt repair of Stony Lane and responsiveness following snow event, and for Town Clerk Lynn Hawkins, who responds before she finishes sending her email**
- No. 6 01/17/2024 Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee: Joint Meeting of Exeter-West Greenwich School Committee, Exeter Town Council and West Greenwich Town Council; Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Jr. – Sr. High School Library**
- No. 7 01/17/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) AttendanceMattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools
B) Governor McKee Announces Rhode Island is Joining Compact for Interstate Nurse Licensing
C) Video Release: Governor Dan McKee Previews 2024 State of the State Address
D) Governor Daniel J. McKee's 2024 State of the State Address
- No. 8 01/17/2024 Clarefeld Citizens Private Wealth: 10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023**
- No. 9 01/17/2024 Quonset Development Corporation: Quonset Development Corporation's Yearly Statutory Reporting Package, Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023**
- No. 10 01/17/2024 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Division of Planning and Development: Outdoor Recreation Properties: Land and Water Conservation Fund**
- No. 11 01/17/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) Governor McKee Announces Appointment of Tonya Glantz to the State's Parole Board
B) Governor McKee Nominates Simon J. Wood to Rhode Island Commerce Corporation Board
- No. 12 01/19/2024 Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns: Annual League Legislative Priorities Booklet**
- No. 13 01/19/2024 American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island: Report Examining the Public Comment Policies of Rhode Island School Committees and Municipal Councils at their Public Meetings**

- No. 14 01/19/2024 Town of Richmond: Chariho Regional School District Committee: Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6**
- No. 15 01/19/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) Governor McKee Announces Nominees to Serve on the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority's Board of Directors
B) Governor McKee, Executive Office of Health & Human Services, Announce State-Directed Payments to Local Hospitals
C) Governor McKee Files FY 2025 "Team Rhode Island" Budget
- No. 16 01/24/2024 Town of Hopkinton: Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6**
- No. 17 01/24/2024 Department of Administration: State Planning Council Transportation Advisory Committee Public Notice: Public Participation Plan 2024 Limited Update; Public Hearing Rescheduled to January 30, 2024, 5:30 p.m., Warwick Public Library**
- No. 18 01/24/2024 United Way of Rhode Island: 2024 Legislative Agenda and 2024 Policy Agenda and report for the Alliance for Nonprofit Impact**
- No. 19 01/25/2024 Rhode Island General Treasurer James A Diossa: January 2024 Newsletter**
- No. 20 01/25/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) Governor McKee Announces New Annual Record for Rail Car Volume at Quonset
B) Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools
C) Governor McKee Announces Additional Appointments to the Rhode Island Life Science Board
- No. 21 01/29/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) Governor McKee, Infrastructure Bank, Announce \$12 Million in Action Grants for Municipal Resilience Projects Across 20 Communities Across Rhode Island
B) Governor McKee Nominates Lauren A. Burgess to the Quonset Development Corporation's Board
C) Governor McKee, Commerce Secretary Tanner, Highlight Proposed Team Rhode Island Budget Investments in Rhode Island Main Streets

- D) Governor McKee, Office of Energy Resources, Commerce RI, Announce the Launch of Affordable Solar Access Program**
- E) McKee Administration Receives 75 Applications for Latest Round of Housing Production and Preservation Funding**
- F) Governor McKee Announces Extension for SBA Business Recovery Center in East Providence; Location Moves to City Hall**

- No. 22 01/28/2024 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. James Greenless Jr.: Seeking Advice for Resolving an Issue with the Boone Lake Dam Management District over the Collection of Taxes and Placement of a Lien on his Property**
- No. 23 01/29/2024 Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns: Resolution Supporting Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns “2024 Legislative Priorities”**
- No. 24 01/30/2024 School Committee Member Paul McFadden: Budget Spreadsheet; questions and answers**
- No. 25 01/31/2024 Asa Davis: Petition for Official Street Map Change per Town Ordinance 38-103 and Superior Court Decision 2019-0228**
- No. 26 01/31/2024 Governor McKee’s Office: Governor Dan McKee’s Public Schedule**