

AGENDA

**EXETER TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING DATE

MARCH 4, 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. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, APRIL 2, 2024:

**EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EXETER
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE BUILDING, 675 TEN ROD ROAD, WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13 THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 1, 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**VOTING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, WILL BE HELD AT THE USUAL
POLLING LOCATIONS, 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

SAMPLE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXETER CLERK'S OFFICE

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:** February 1, 2024 – February 29, 2024
 - 2. TAX ASSESSOR'S ABATEMENTS:** None this month
 - 3. TAX COLLECTOR'S ABATEMENTS:** None this month
 - 4. TAX COLLECTOR'S REMITTANCES:** Account Nos.
00-4517-16, 00-4532-30, 27-2551-15
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 1. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**
 - 2. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**
 - 3. TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 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
MEMBERS (TWO) (TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE
OF APPOINTMENT)**
 - 2. BOARD OF CANVASSERS ALTERNATE MEMBER (TO SERVE
UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 3, 2027)**

3. JUVENILE HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER
(TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2026)
4. PUBLIC WORKS WORKER
5. WILLIAM MUNROE, BOARD OF CANVASERS MEMBER
(TO SERVE SIX-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
6. BARBARA LAIRD, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(TO SERVE THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
7. BRIAN LESINSKI, EXETER RURAL LAND PRESERVATION TRUST
(TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)

D. EXPIRING TERMS:

1. WILLIAM GALLAGHER, CONSTABLE (TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2024)
2. STEVE VANNER, SPECIAL CONSTABLE (TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2024)
3. TOM ALLEN, SPECIAL CONSTABLE (TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2024)
4. JOHN McDONOUGH, TAX BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER (TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2024)

No. 7: PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION: FROM MATTHEW THOLE, 8 TWILIGHT TRAIL, RICHMOND RI 02892, OWNER, HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT/MST, INC., TO IRYNA MAKHLOUF, 4 DRUMMOND DRIVE, LINCOLN RI 02865, OWNER, HOMESTEAD EXETER INC., FOR PROPERTY (HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT/MST, INC.) LOCATED AT 750 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL, EXETER RI 02822, PLAT 79/BLOCK 2/LOT 12

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. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF CATEGORICAL TRANSPORTATION AS OUTLINED IN RIGL 16-7.2-6

B. FEBRUARY COMMUNICATION NO. 22: 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

C. RESOLUTION OF THE EXETER TOWN COUNCIL CHANGING THE LOCATION OF ITS APRIL 1, 2024, REGULAR MEETING FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE EXETER CLERK'S OFFICE, 675 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND, TO THE PROGRAM ROOM, AT THE EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 773 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND

D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MS ("MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS") RIDE THE RHODE CYCLISTS PARADE, JUNE 9, 2024, STARTING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, TRAVELING THROUGH SOUTH KINGSTOWN, NORTH KINGSTOWN, EAST GREENWICH, AND WEST GREENWICH, AND FINISHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PROPERTY DAMAGE: MAIL ROAD

F. REQUEST OF EXETER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: HALL SCHOOL: SECURING OF DESKS TO FLOOR

G. GOGOV MOBILE APP

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**
- H. SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE: RI250 COMMISSION: CREATION OF LOCAL 250TH COMMITTEES AHEAD OF 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**
- B. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
 - 1. PUBLIC WORKS: WAGE MODIFICATION REQUEST**
- C. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1): JOB PERFORMANCE/CHARACTER**
 - 1. BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEMBER**

No. 13: ADJOURNMENT

**POSTED FEBRUARY 28, 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 02/05/2024 David Crabill: Letter of Interest and Resume for position in Public Works as Transfer Station Attendant**
- No. 2 02/05/2024 SBA Communication Corp: Revenue Sharing Details by Tenant; February 2024**
- No. 3 02/05/2024 Letter from Hopkinton resident, Andrea Gardiner, regarding potential environmental impact of solar arrays**
- No. 4 02/08/2024 Town of Charlestown: Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as Outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6**
- No. 5 02/08/2024 Town of Hopkinton: Resolution of the Town of Hopkinton in Support of Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2024 Legislative Priorities**
- No. 6 02/08/2024 Asa Davis: Town Non-compliance with Superior Court Decision 2019-0228**
- No. 7 02/08/2024 Brian Lesinski: Request to be reappointed to the Exeter Rural Land Preservation Trust Committee**
- No. 8 02/08/2024 Barbara Laird: Request to be reappointed to the Exeter Public Library Board of Trustees**
- No. 9 02/09/2024 Office of Rhode Island Secretary of State: RI250 Presentation; American Association for State and Local History - Forming a Local 250th Commission; Local 250th Committee Draft Resolution**
- No. 10 02/09/2024 Town of Richmond: Resolution #2024-2 In Opposition of “Option A” Chariho Regional School District New School Initiative & Stage II Application**
- No. 11 02/09/2024 Governor McKee’s Office:
A) Governor McKee, RI Office of Energy Resources, and RI Housing Announce \$500,000 Awarded to Build Affordable, Energy Efficient Homes
B) Governor McKee, Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, Open New Rhode Island Reconnect Center**

C) Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools

No. 12 02/14/2024 Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources: Applications for OER's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program due 2/21/2024

No. 13 02/14/2024 Save the Date: Rhode Island Day in the US House of Representatives, April 9-10, 2024 in Washington, DC

No. 14 02/14/2024 Rhode Island Department of Transportation: 2024-2025 Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund; Accepting New Project Loan Applications

No. 15 02/14/2024 National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Annual Bike Multiple Sclerosis Event, Sunday, June 9, 2024; Ride the Rhode Town of Exeter Event Approval Request and Reply Form; Rhode Island Department of Transportation Parade and Event Permit; Route Maps

No. 16 02/14/2024 Asa Davis: Correspondence for Council and Zoning Board; North Kingstown Short Term Rentals Ordinance

No. 17 02/14/2024 Asa Davis: West Shore Drive Survey and comments

No. 18 02/21/2024 Governor McKee's Office:
A) Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Announce 256,000+ Fewer Absences so Far this School Year
B) Governor McKee, DEM, Announce over \$200,000 in Grant Awards for Community Engagement on Climate Change, Advancing Environmental Justice, and Cutting Fossil Fuels
C) Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools
D) Governor Dan McKee Directs Rhode Island Flags Lowered in Memory of Senator Frank Lombardo
E) Governor McKee Announces Plans for Third Travel Lane for I-195 Approaching the Washington Bridge

No. 19 02/21/2024 Town of Burrillville: Burrillville Town Council Resolution Supporting House Bill 2024 – H 7642 Relating to Amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act

No. 20 02/21/2024 Town of Hopkinton: Resolution in Opposition to H 7062 Related to "Accessory Dwelling Units"

- No. 21 02/23/2024 Office of Representative Seth Magaziner: Accepting Programmatic and Language Requests for FY25**
- No. 22 02/23/2024 Governor McKee's Office: Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders and Improved Schools**
- No. 23 02/23/2024 Office of Representative Seth Magaziner: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Resources**
- No. 24 02/26/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) Governor McKee Signs Executive Order Establishing State Health Care System Planning Cabinet
B) Governor McKee Appoints Dr. Chris Thanos to the Rhode Island Life Science Board of Directors
- No. 25 02/27/2024 Town of Narragansett: Resolution in Opposition of House Bill 7382 that Redefines "Household" in the State Enabling Legislation**