

AGENDA

**EXETER TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING DATE

APRIL 1, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION

(NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE)

**EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY, PROGRAM ROOM
773 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:
VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE USUAL POLLING LOCATIONS,
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**
- B. ANNUAL DOG LICENSING: APRIL 1 – JUNE 1, \$6.00; AFTER JUNE 1,
\$6.00 PER LICENSE PLUS \$25.00 LATE FEE PER LICENSE; OBTAIN
AT CLERK'S OFFICE, ANIMAL SHELTER, OR, ONLINE; FOR MORE
INFORMATION VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE**

- C. EXETER-WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL-DAY REFERENDUM: MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024, 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EXETER CLERK’S OFFICE, 675 TEN ROD ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND**
- D. EXETER FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EXETER-WEST GREENWICH JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 930 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD, WEST-GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND**
- E. FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EXETER-WEST GREENWICH JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 930 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD, WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND**

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: Landscaper, \$4,500.00, continuing improvement of monument**
- 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: March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**
 - 2. TAX ASSESSOR’S ABATEMENTS: Account 31-0000-00**
 - 3. TAX COLLECTOR’S ABATEMENTS: Account 29-0310-00; Parcel 7-1-5:42; Tax Years 2013-2018**
 - 4. TAX COLLECTOR’S REMITTANCES: Account 20-0190-00; Parcel 31-3-14; Tax Year 2023**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 1. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 4, 2024**
 - 2. TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION MARCH 4, 2024**
 - 3. TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 11, 2024**
 - 4. TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 18, 2024**

G. KENNEL LICENSE RENEWALS:

1. Class 1 (over 10 dogs):

- a. Marguerite & Bogdan Sergo, Owners/Applicants, All Are Welcome, 495 Nooseneck Hill Road,**
- b. Ruth Gordon, Owner/Applicant, Delmyra Kennels, 191 Ten Rod Road**
- c. John Mann, Owner/Applicant, Cedar Valley Pet Lodge, 76B Levitt Lane**
- d. Ruth Colwill, Owner/Applicant, 174 Hallville Road**

2. Class 2 (four to ten dogs):

- a. Gary & Barbara Donnelly, Owners/Applicants, 224 South Road**
- b. Susan Newell, Owner/Applicant, 23 New Road**

H. HAWKER'S LICENSE RENEWALS:

- 1. Warren Philippi, Owner/Applicant, WBG Inc d/b/a Warrens Bargains Galore, 171 Nooseneck Hill Road**

No. 6: VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. VACANCIES:

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

B. RESIGNATIONS:

- 1. VINCENT WALSH, MECHANICAL/PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

C. APPOINTMENTS:

- 1. EXETER RURAL LAND PRESERVATION TRUST COMMITTEE MEMBERS (TWO) (TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)**
- 2. JUVENILE HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER (TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2026)**
- 3. BOARD OF CANVASERS FULL MEMBER (TO SERVE SIX-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)**

4. TAX BOARD OF REVIEW FULL MEMBER (TO SERVE THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
5. MECHANICAL/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

D. EXPIRING TERMS:

1. AL GUSTAFSON, CONSTABLE (TERM EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2024)

No. 7: PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. FIREARMS DEALER'S LICENSE APPLICATION: WILLIAM WORTHY AND ANDRE MENDES, APPLICANTS, THE RANGE INC., 560 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND, PLAT 72/BLOCK 2/LOT 10
- B. PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE APPLICATION: ROBERT BURNS, APPLICANT ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TRUCK PULLERS ASSOCIATION; TO HOLD TRUCK AND GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS, WITH FOOD VENDORS, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M., ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF TOWN-OWNED REYNOLDS FIELD, LOCATED ON SOUTH ROAD, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND, ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024), SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024), SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024), SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024), AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 (RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024)

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. CORRECTION TO REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE MEMBER NANCY ANDERTON'S TERM EXPIRATION DATE: TO BRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS' TERM EXPIRATION DATES INTO COMPLIANCE WITH TOWN OF EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2-224**
- B. REQUEST OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO SHARE COSTS OF RESURFACING NARROW LANE**
- C. REQUEST TO GO OUT TO BID: EXETER CLERK'S OFFICE: NEW ROOF**
- D. REQUEST TO GO OUT TO BID: EXETER CLERK'S OFFICE: BASEMENT WATER ISSUES**
- E. 2024-2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**
- F. INCREASE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND AWARENESS**
- G. STATUS: WELCOME SIGNAGE IN AND OUT OF TOWN**
- H. PLANNING PROCESS: 675 TEN ROD ROAD AND 742 TEN ROD ROAD**

No. 10: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 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")**
- B. STATUS: UPDATE TO TOWN OF EXETER CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 14, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ARTICLE IV, IMPACT FEES**

- C. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE:
INCIDENT AT 5 WEST SHORE DRIVE**
- D. **PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO PLANNING DEPARTMENT**
- E. **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS: NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION**
- F. **STATUS: RI250 COMMISSION: EXETER HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**
- G. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: PROPERTY DAMAGE: MAIL ROAD**
- H. **REQUEST OF EXETER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION: HALL SCHOOL:
SECURING OF DESKS TO FLOOR**
- I. **GOGOV MOBILE APP**

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)(2): COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

- 1. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT-MODIFICATION OF WAGES:
PUBLIC WORKS WORKERS**

No. 13: ADJOURNMENT

**POSTED MARCH 27, 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 03/07/2024 Town of Charlestown: Resolution in Support of Amendments to RIGL 45-24-38 General Provisions – Substandard Lots of Record**
- No. 2 03/07/2024 Office of Governor McKee:**
- A) Governor McKee Names Colin Channer as Next Rhode Island Poet Laureate**
 - B) Governor McKee Nominates Richard Leclerc to Serve as Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals**
 - C) McKee Administration and Congressional Delegation to Showcase Progress of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program and Launch Public Survey**
 - D) McKee Administration and Congressional Delegation Showcase Progress of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program and Launches Public Survey**
 - E) Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders**
- No. 3 03/08/2024 Office of Senator Whitehouse: U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse is now accepting Congressionally Directed Spending Requests for Fiscal Year 2025; Requests must be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2024**
- No. 4 03/08/2024 Town of Charlestown: Resolution in Opposition to Any Revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass**
- No. 5 03/08/2024 Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank: Financing Application Solicitation for the Clean Water SRF and the Municipal Road and Bridge Program; Financial applications due by March 29, 2024**
- No. 6 03/15/2024 Town of Tiverton: Resolution in Support of Fully Funding State Aid to Libraries to the Full Twenty-five (25%) Percent Level**
- No. 7 03/15/2024 Town of Warren: Resolution to the Honorable RI General Assembly in Opposition to H-7893**
- No. 8 03/15/2024 Governor McKee’s Office:**
- A) Governor McKee Shares Structural Analysis; Outlines Next Steps for the Washington Bridge**

- B) Governor McKee, First Lady, Announce Litter-Free Rhode Island Microgrant Program Aimed at Empowering Community Groups to Conduct Local Trash Pick-Ups Across State**
- C) Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders**

- No. 9 03/15/2024 Office of Governor McKee: Litter-Free Rhode Island Council Resolution Template 2024**
- No. 10 03/18/2024 Office of the Attorney General: National Sunshine Week 2024, March 10-16, 2024: Focusing on open and transparent government with the Access to Public Records Act (“APRA”) and the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”)**
- No. 11 03/18/2024 Town of Charlestown: Resolution Supporting House Bill 2024-H-7462 Relating to Amendments to the Energy Facility Siting Act**
- No. 12 03/18/2024 Office of Governor McKee: Save the Date - Learn365RI WaterFire - May 11, 2024**
- No. 13 03/18/2024 Town of Charlestown: Resolution in Support of House Bill 2024-H-7688, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government Tourism and Development**
- No. 14 0/21/2024 Website Submission: Comment from Nancy Roth: Thank you to whomever cleaned up Reynolds Memorial Field. It looks beautiful!**
- No. 15 03/21/2024 Town of Hopkinton: Resolutions:**
 - A) Resolution Opposing S-2018 Legislation Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes**
 - B) Resolution Opposing H-7683, S-2361 and S-2372 Legislation Relating to Taxation – Real Estate Conveyance Tax**
 - C) Resolution Opposing HB-7681 Legislation Relating to Towns and Cities – Tax Valuation Freeze on Affordable Housing**
 - D) Resolution Opposing HB-7651 Legislation Relating to Towns and Cities – Low Income Housing (8% Alternative Tax Rate)**
 - E) Resolution Opposing HB-7378 Legislation Relating to Towns and Cities – Homestead Exemption**
 - F) Resolution Opposing HB-7981 Legislation Relating to Towns and Cities – Zoning Ordinances**
 - G) Resolution Opposing HB-7980 Legislation Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Mobile and Manufactured Homes**

- No. 16 03/21/2024 Town of Hopkinton: Resolution in Opposition to Any Revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass**
- No. 17 03/21/2024 Governor McKee's Office: Attendance MattersRI: Governor McKee, Commissioner Infante-Green, Recognize Weekly Attendance Leaders**
- No. 18 03/25/2024 Governor McKee's Office:**
A) McKee Administration's Request for Disaster Declaration Relief Approved by President Biden
B) Governor McKee Nominates Cory King as Rhode Island Health Insurance Commissioner
- No. 19 03/24/2024 North Smithfield School Committee Resolution: Funding Formula**
- No. 20 03/26/2024 North Smithfield School Committee Resolution: Healthy School Meals for All/ Universal Free School Meals**
- No. 21 03/26/2024 Reynolds Trust: New Recommendation: Ryan Landscaping Project 3 2024**
- No. 22 03/26/2024 Asa Davis: Letter Regarding Fee Return**
- No. 23 03/27/2024 Asa Davis: Letter Regarding Official Map Change Petition**