



Town of Chester
Selectboard
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SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date of Meeting: April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM – Meeting Room
Broadcast on Channel 6 and streamed on [Government \(cablecast.tv\)](https://www.governmentcablecast.tv) – click “Watch Now”

I. PRELIMINARIES:

- 1.1 6:00 PM Call the Meeting to Order
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
- 1.5 Public Comment (10 minutes)

II. APPOINTMENTS

- 2.1 Appointment to PACT Committee: Joe Castricone, Karl Knudsen
- 2.2 Fire Department Budget Cuts Revisited: Phil

III. BUSINESS:

- 3.1 Review Budget & Warrant for Public Hearing

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 4.1 Veterans Credits
- 4.2 Minutes March 7, March 14, March 21, 2024
- 4.3 Elderly Exemptions

V. SELECTBOARD’S ITEMS:

- 5.1 Chairman’s Announcements
- 5.2 Roundtable
- 5.3 TA Report
- 5.4 Action Items
- 5.5 Potential Non-Public Sessions

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

PLEASE NOTE: *To be added to the next agenda, please contact the Selectboard’s office by phone, in-person, or by email by 12pm Thursday prior to the next meeting. Please include any applicable documentation at this time for the Board’s review. Agenda items may be added or deleted without notice.*

TOWN OF CHESTER
Office of Selectmen

Appointment and Oath

To: Joe Castricone, Chester, NH 03036

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a regular member of the PACT Committee (term to expire May 31st, 2027), and

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned, have confidence in your ability and integrity to perform the duties of said office, we do hereby appoint you, the said Joe Castricone, and upon your taking the oath of office, and having this appointment and the certificate of said oath recorded by the Town Clerk, you shall have the powers, perform the duties, and be subject to the liabilities of such office, until another person shall be chosen and qualified in your stead.

Given under our hand this 11th day of April 2024:

Charles F. Myette, Chairman

Steven M. Couture, Vice-Chairman

Stephen O. Landau, Selectman

Dana Theokas, Selectwoman

Richard S Trask, Selectman



Selectmen of Chester
New Hampshire

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge, and perform all the duties incumbent as a regular member of the PACT Committee according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the constitution and laws of the State of New Hampshire. So help me God.

State of N.H., Rockingham County; personally appeared the above named _____
who took and subscribed the foregoing oath, before me:

Date Received & Recorded: _____

Recorded by: _____
Justine Celentano, Town Clerk



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530 John Dietsch Blvd, N. Attleboro, MA 02763
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Bob Bernard
Regional Sales Manager
(207) 252-0462
Email:
rbernard@GreenwoodEV.com

Greenwood-North Location
19 Summer St Brunswick, Maine 04011

April 08, 2024
Chief Phil Gladu
27 Murphy Drive
Chester, NH 03036

Chief Gladu,
I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide a quote on a Greenwood Demo pumper SO # 146615. Please find attached the proposal for the E-One Spartan FC-94 pumper.

The proposed price for the E-One Pumper as specified is \$ 639,190.00

The price includes:

- Training
- Lettering (standard)
- (2) 10' sections of hard suction hose
- Ladders (Alco-Lite)
- On-Spot tire chains
- Wheel chocks mounted under body, alum non folding
- Tft Foam Eductor mounted on drivers pump panel
- Mounting allowance for loose equipment
- Install two Whelen pole lights in pump module
- Install Whelen traffic advisor
- Apollo Hi-Riser deck gun, no base with stack tips only
- Protective alum shield driver's seat, air lines
- Add 12v USB ports Officers side Dog house
- Add 13" grab bar Officers side upper body
- Add shelf to back of Dog House
- Add 110v Outlets in two (2) compartments
- Add (1) 1-3/4" Hose Bed Discharge

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with you and your department.

Sincerely;

Bob Bernard

Bob Bernard

PERMANENT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS

DUE DATE APRIL 15 PRECEDING THE SETTING OF THE TAX RATE

Map 16 Lot 12
PA-29
3/18/24
JP

STEP	OWNER AND APPLICANT INFORMATION
1 OWNER AND APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS	<p>OWNER BRIAN JOSEPH BARRY</p> <p>If required, is a PA-33 on file? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>APPLICANT'S LAST NAME APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME MI PHONE NUMBER BARRY BRIAN J [REDACTED]</p> <p>APPLICANT'S LAST NAME APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME MI PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS 49 CHESTER ST</p> <p>CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP CODE CHESTER NH 03079</p> <p>PROPERTY ADDRESS TAX MAP BLOCK LOT 49 CHESTER ST 000016 16-12 000012</p> <p>IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
2 VETERANS' TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTION	<p>VETERAN'S INFORMATION</p> <p>1. APPLICANT IS THE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Veteran <input type="radio"/> Spouse <input type="radio"/> Surviving Spouse</p> <p>2. APPLYING FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$750) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) <i>If Adopted by Town</i> Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$750) <i>Not a yes</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) Standard (\$700) / Optional (\$701 up to \$4,000) <i>only</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a "...of any person who was killed or died while on active duty...") <i>Both</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Combat Service (RSA 72:28-c) <i>If Adopted by Town</i> (\$50 up to \$500) <input type="checkbox"/> Certain Disabled Veterans (Exemption) (RSA 72:36-a) <i>credits</i></p> <p>3. Veteran's Name BRIAN JOSEPH BARRY 4. Date of Entry 23 JAN 1997 5. Date of Discharge/Release (if applicable) 15 AUG 2002</p> <p>IF A VETERAN OF ALLIED COUNTRY: (RSA 72:32) 6. Name of Allied Country Served in 7. Branch of Service</p> <p>9. Does any other eligible Veteran own interest in this property? YES NO If YES, provide name <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>8. Please Check One. <input checked="" type="radio"/> US Citizen at time of entry into Service <input type="radio"/> Alien but resident of NH at time of entry into Service</p>
3 EXEMPTIONS	<p>STANDARD EXEMPTIONS</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption (Must be 65 years of age on or before April 1 of year for which exemption is claimed) (RSA 72:39-a) (Enter numbers only MMDDYYYY) 10a. Applicant's Date of Birth 10b. Spouse's Date of Birth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a)</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37)</p> <p>LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by city/town)</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Energy Storage Systems Exemption (RSA 72:85) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) <input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Generation Facilities and Electric Energy Storage Systems Exemption (RSA 72:87)</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for One Year preceding April 1 in the year in which the tax credit is claimed (Veterans' Tax Credit) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Five Consecutive Years (Deaf) or At least Five Years (Disabled) preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed <input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Three Consecutive Years preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed (Elderly Exemption)</p>
4 RESIDENCY	
5 OWNERSHIP	15. Do you own 100% interest in this residence? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If NO, what percent (%) do you own? [REDACTED]
6 SIGNATURES	<p>Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document and to the best of my belief the information herein is true, correct and complete.</p> <p>SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER <i>Brian J. Barry</i> DATE 18 MAR 2024</p> <p>SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER DATE</p>

MUNICIPAL AUTHORIZATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY MUNICIPAL ASSESSING OFFICIALS

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT

MUNICIPAL TAX MAP	BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
000016	16-12	000012	750	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28 (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$750)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$750)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$4,000)			4,000	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$2,000)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Combat Service pursuant to RSA 72:28-c (\$50 up to \$500)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed documents submitted by applicant (list documents reviewed)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Information						

VETERANS' EXEMPTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Certain Disabled Veterans' Exemption	GRANTED <input type="radio"/> DENIED <input type="radio"/>
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APPLICABLE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEAF EXEMPTION INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPALITY FOR INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

Income Limits	Deaf Exemption	Disabled Exemption	Elderly Exemption	Elderly Exemption Per Age Category
Single				65-74 years of age
Married				75-79 years of age
Asset Limits				80+ years of age
Single				
Married				

STANDARD and LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS

	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Energy Storage Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption N/A		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-powered Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Generation Facilities and Electric Energy Storage Systems		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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The following documentation may be requested at the time of application in accordance with RSA 72:34, II.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> * List of assets, value of each asset, net encumbrance and net value of each asset. | <input type="checkbox"/> * State Interest and Dividends Tax Form. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Statement of applicant and spouse's income. | <input type="checkbox"/> * Property Tax Inventory Form filed in any other town. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> * Federal Income Tax Form. | |

* Documents are considered confidential and must be returned to the applicant once a decision is made on the application.

Municipal Notes

3/26/24 - mr. Barry qualifies for both the standard vet credit & the 100% disabled veteran's credit. - JP.

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TITLE V TAXATION

CHAPTER 72 PERSONS AND PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION

Property Taxes

Section 72:28

72:28 Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit. –

I. The standard veterans' tax credit shall be \$50.

II. The optional veterans' tax credit, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$51 up to \$750. The optional veterans' tax credit shall replace the standard veterans' tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

III. Either the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. However, the surviving spouse of a resident who suffered a service-connected death may have the amount subtracted from the property tax on any real property in the same municipality where the surviving spouse is a resident.

IV. The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit:

(a) Every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

(b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and

(c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

V. Service in a qualifying war or armed conflict shall be as follows:

(a) "World War I" between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, extended to April 1, 1920 for service in Russia; provided that military or naval service on or after November 12, 1918 and before July 2, 1921, where there was prior service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 shall be considered as World War I service;

(b) "World War II" between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946;

(c) "Korean Conflict" between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955;

(d) "Vietnam Conflict" between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975;

(e) "Vietnam Conflict" between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961, if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal;

(f) "Persian Gulf War" between August 2, 1990 and the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law; and

(g) Any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975, and in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal.

Source. 1871, 13:1. GL 54:2. PS 56:4. 1907, 95:1. 1919, 54:1. 1921, 12:3; 103:1. 1923, 68:2. PL 60:26. 1941, 157:1. RL 73:29. 1943, 174:1. 1944, 4:1. 1947, 240:1, par. 29. 1949, 167:1. 1951, 132:1. RSA 72:28. 1955, 289:1. 1963, 49:1; 118:1; 324:1. 1967, 35:1, 2; 219:1, 2. 1971, 303:1. 1975, 282:1. 1976, 42:1, 2. 1977, 61:1. 1979, 288:2. 1981, 215:1. 1989, 64:1; 270:1. 1991, 70:3-6. 1992, 70:3. 1993, 73:3, 10; 262:1. 2003, 299:2. 2005, 126:1, eff. April 1, 2006, 2013, 254:2, eff. July 24, 2013, 2016, 217:9, eff. Aug. 8, 2016, 2018, 148:1, eff. Apr. 1, 2018, 2022, 121:1, eff. July 26, 2022.

TITLE V TAXATION

CHAPTER 72 PERSONS AND PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION

Property Taxes

Section 72:35

72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability. –

I. Any person who has been honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person, shall receive a standard yearly tax credit in the amount of \$700 of property taxes on the person's residential property.

I-a. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$701 up to \$4,000. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the standard tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

I-b. Either the standard tax credit for service-connected total disability or the optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on the person's residential property.

II. The standard or optional tax credit under this section may be applied only to property which is occupied as the principal place of abode by the disabled person or the surviving spouse. The tax credit may be applied to any land or buildings appurtenant to the residence or to manufactured housing if that is the principal place of abode.

III. (a) Any person applying for the standard or optional tax credit under this section shall furnish to the assessors or selectmen certification from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs that the applicant is rated totally and permanently disabled from service connection. The assessors or selectmen shall accept such certification as conclusive on the question of disability unless they have specific contrary evidence and the applicant, or the applicant's representative, has had a reasonable opportunity to review and rebut that evidence. The applicant shall also be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit additional evidence on the question of disability.

(b) Any decision to deny an application shall identify the evidence upon which the decision relied and shall be made within the time period provided by law.

(c) Any tax credit shall be divided evenly among the number of tax payments required annually by the town or city so that a portion of the tax credit shall apply to each tax payment to be made.

Source. 1947, 240:1, par. 29-f. RSA 72:35. 1955, 283:1. 1963, 174:1. 1967, 219:6. 1969, 54:1. 1973, 553:1. 1975, 277:2. 1983, 95:1. 1989, 64:3. 1991, 70:17. 1993, 73:6, 7. 2000, 54:1. 2003, 299:8, eff. April 1, 2003, 2018, 105:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2019.

STEP 1 OWNER AND APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS	OWNER AND APPLICANT INFORMATION			
	OWNER APPLICANT'S LAST NAME <u>Anthony Rossignol</u>		If required, is a PA-33 on file? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
	APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME <u>ANTHONY</u>		MI <u>5</u>	PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
	APPLICANT'S LAST NAME [REDACTED]		MI [REDACTED]	PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
	MAILING ADDRESS <u>47 Emerson Rd</u>			
	CITY/TOWN <u>Chester</u>	STATE <u>NH</u>	ZIP CODE <u>03036</u>	
	PROPERTY ADDRESS <u>SALE</u>	TAX MAP <u>005-080-008</u>	BLOCK [REDACTED]	LOT [REDACTED]
	IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
STEP 2 VETERANS' TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTION	VETERAN'S INFORMATION			
	1. APPLICANT IS THE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Veteran <input type="radio"/> Spouse <input type="radio"/> Surviving Spouse		2. APPLYING FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$500) <input type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) If Adopted by Town Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$500) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) Standard (\$700) / Optional (\$701 up to \$2,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a "... of any person who was killed or died while on active duty ...") <input type="checkbox"/> Certain Disabled Veterans (Exemption) (RSA 72:36-a)	
	3. Veteran's Name <u>Anthony Rossignol</u>		4. Date of Entry <u>2/7/2003</u>	5. Date of Discharge/Release <u>4/3/2004</u>
	IF A VETERAN OF ALLIED COUNTRY: (RSA 72:32)			
	6. Name of Allied Country Served in [REDACTED]		7. Branch of Service [REDACTED]	
	9. Does any other eligible Veteran own interest in this property? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> If YES, provide name [REDACTED]		8. Please Check One: <input checked="" type="radio"/> US Citizen at time of entry into Service <input type="radio"/> Alien but resident of NH at time of entry into Service	
STEP 3 EXEMPTIONS	STANDARD EXEMPTIONS			
	10. <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption (Must be 65 years of age on or before April 1 of year for which exemption is claimed) (RSA 72:39-a) (Enter numbers only MMDDYYYY) 10a. Applicant's Date of Birth [REDACTED] 10b. Spouse's Date of Birth [REDACTED]			
	11. <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a)			
	LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by city/town)			
	12. <input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70)			
STEP 4 RESIDENCY	13. <input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for One Year preceding April 1 in the year in which the tax credit is claimed (Veterans' Tax Credit) <input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Five Consecutive Years (Deaf) or At least Five Years (Disabled) preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed <input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Three Consecutive Years preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed (Elderly Exemption)			
STEP 5 OWNERSHIP	14. Do you own 100% interest in this residence? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If NO, what percent (%) do you own? [REDACTED]			
STEP 6 SIGNATURES	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document and to the best of my belief the information herein is true, correct and complete. <u>Anthony Rossignol</u> SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER <div style="text-align: right;">03/25/24 DATE</div>			
	SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER <div style="text-align: right;">DATE</div>			

FORM
PA-29

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

PERMANENT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS

MUNICIPAL AUTHORIZATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY MUNICIPAL ASSESSING OFFICIALS

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT

MUNICIPAL TAX MAP	BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
5	30	18		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28 (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$500)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$500)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$2,000)			4,000	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$2,000)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review Applicable Discharge Papers Form(s)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Information						

VETERANS' EXEMPTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Certain Disabled Veterans' Exemption	<input type="radio"/> Veteran	<input type="radio"/> Surviving Spouse	GRANTED <input type="radio"/> DENIED <input type="radio"/>	
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APPLICABLE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEAF EXEMPTION INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPALITY FOR INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

Income Limits	Deaf Exemption	Disabled Exemption	Elderly Exemption	Elderly Exemption Per Age Category
Single			\$40,000	65-74 years of age \$110,000
Married			\$60,000	75-79 years of age \$140,000
Asset Limits				80+ years of age \$170,000
Single			\$300,000	N/A
Married			\$300,000	

STANDARD and LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by the City/Town)

	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-powered Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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Municipal Notes

\$300,000 asset limit excluding your home.
 3/27/24 Mr. Rossignol provided his 100% Rated Disability letter from the VA-see Attached. Please approve \$4,000 credit. JP

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**Town of Chester
Selectboard’s Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Municipal Complex
Draft Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
Public Comment (10 minutes)
Hazard Mitigation Plan
Budget Review
Warrant Article Review
PACT Review
Consent Agenda
Chairman’s Announcements
Roundtable
TA Report
Action Items
Potential Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Myette called the meeting of the Chester Selectboard to order at 6:00pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectboard Present:

Chuck Myette
Steve Couture
Stephen Landau
Dana Theokas
Dick Trask

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Rich Bellemore, Cemetery Trustee
Aaron Berube, Police Chief
Justine Celentano, Town Clerk / Tax Collector
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief / EMD
Nancy Myette
Saul Shriber

and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

51 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

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53 Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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55 *1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*

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57 Selectman Landau has two non-public sessions.

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59 *1.5 Public Comment*

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61 As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 6:03pm.

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63 **II. Appointments**

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65 *2.1 Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption*

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67 Chief Gladu mentioned the Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready to be adopted. There are documents that
68 will need to be signed and Town Administrator Doda drafted the letter for the adoption of the
69 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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71 Chairman Myette stated there was a lot of work and time involved in the plan. Attendance at the
72 meetings was good. Chairman Myette thanked the team for all their help.

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74 ***Vice Chairman Couture motioned to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectwoman Theokas***
75 ***seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– abstained, Theokas –aye,***
76 ***Couture –aye, Landau – abstained. With three in favor, the motion passed.***

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78 **III. New Business**

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80 *3.1 Budget Review*

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82 *3.1.1 IT*

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84 Ms. Jalbert presented the revised Block5 portion of the IT budget with a decrease of \$7,392.40 from
85 the original proposed budget for FY 24-25. It was explained the Office 365 is based on email
86 accounts, not the number of computers.

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88 *3.1.2 Budget Committee*

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90 Mr. Dobbins was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email to the Board. Selectman Landau
91 had asked about the seminars line at the previous meeting. Mr. Dobbins left the seminar line flat as
92 there are three new members and the seminars are \$70 online and \$90 in person.

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94 *3.2 Warrant Review (moved from later in the meeting)*

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96 Chief Berube was asked by Selectwoman Theokas, liaison to the Police Department, to look for any
97 reductions to the proposed budget. Chief Berube suggested using the Detail Revolving account for
98 fuel and maintenance for the police vehicles up to \$30,000.00. The legislative body would need to
99 approve the expenditure from the revolving account. Chairman Myette is concerned with tracking
100 and would like to make sure the auditors are ok with it. Chief Berube pointed out if this passes the

Board and Budget Committee needs to understand the budget automatically increases next year for these lines.

The proposed warrant article would need to be before the budget warrant since if this passes it will reduce the police budget by \$30K.

3.1.3 Village Cemetery

Mr. Bellemore presented the bids for the trees that need to be taken down. The Trustees will have one tree taken down now, another tree taken down after July 1st, and the rest will be funded in future budgets.

Selectman Landau inquired about repairs in other cemeteries. Mr. Bellemore advised there are trees, gates and stones that need to be attended to. Mr. Bellemore estimates about \$100K in headstone repair, and headstones do not qualify for grants. Selectwoman Theokas suggested the budget for the cemeteries be \$25K and zero out the tree line.

Chairman Myette asked the Trustees to relook at the budget for more reductions if possible.

3.1.4 Spring Hill Farm

The Board reviewed the details for the increase to the budget. The committee will be making purchases for the house and a beautification project. Selectwoman Theokas asked why the house is being heated. Chairman Myette advised it was on to keep the floors from warping and the mice out. Vice Chairman Couture inquired about what the beautification project is. Chairman Myette stated it is for cleanup and planting around the farm.

The Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee and Trustees will be asked to look for possible reductions in the budget.

3.3 Warrant review

The Board reviewed the estimated amount being used in warrant articles. They inquired if the Lane Road emergency funding had been requested already. It was approved but some Board members thought it was not going to be moved from the unassigned fund balance unless it was needed.

Selectman Landau suggested not using the term no amount raised by taxation, it might be better phrased as no amount raised by taxation this year.

The Board discussed the amount for the historical buildings warrant article. The Board discussed the amount needed for the repairs to the post office. Vice Chairman Couture is ok with the Board’s decision if someone can defend the amount requested. The Board decided to eliminate the historical buildings capital reserve fund and transfer the current amount into the municipal improvement capital reserve fund.

Vice Chairman Couture suggested deleting the contingency fund. Selectman Landau stated this is just in case an emergency arises. If no funds are needed the money will lapse back to the unassigned fund balance.

Selectman Landau feels Dump Road should not be listed on the highway projects. The funding from the unassigned fund balance will be dropped to \$200K for article F. The warrant article for the fire department apparatus was discussed. With additional vehicles needed in the future it was suggested to continue to fund and leave the request at \$200K.

3.3 PACT

Selectwoman Theokas mentioned the franchise fee is 3% of the franchisees gross annual revenues. The percentage could be raised in the future to 5%. Selectman Landau asked if the committee has looked at more than one company.

With the agreement being the same as the last one, the board had no further questions.

Selectwoman Theokas motioned to accept and sign the cable television franchise agreement. Selectman Trask seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.

3.4 CivicPlus Agreement

The CivicPlus agreement for the Towns website was presented.

Selectman Trask motioned to accept and sign the CivicPlus agreement. Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – abstained. With four in favor, the motion passed.

IV. Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes January 18, 2024, February 1, 2024, & February 8, 2024

Selectwoman Theokas motioned to approve the minutes of January 18th, 2024 and February 8, 2024 as revised. Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – abstained. With four in favor, the motion passed.

Selectwoman Theokas motioned to approve the minutes of February 1, 2024 as revised. Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –abstained, Landau – abstained. With three in favor, the motion passed.

V. Selectmen’s Business

5.1 Chairman’s Announcements

Chairman Myette announced the following meetings:

Tuesday March 12, 2024	Conservation Commission Meeting at 6:00pm
Wednesday March 13, 2024	Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm
Monday March 18, 2024	Winter Fest Working Group Meeting at 6:00pm

199 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee Meeting at 7:00 in the
200 Rangeway Meeting Room

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202 Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00 in the Meeting Room

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204 Tuesday March 19, 2024 ZBA Meeting at 7:00pm

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206 Thursday March 21, 2024 Selectboard Meeting at 6:00pm

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208 Mr. Schriber mentioned the Solar Working Group will be meeting on Tuesday March 19th at
209 6:00pm.

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211 The Selectboard decided to add a selectboard meeting to Thursday March 14th

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213 Chairman Myette announced the following events:

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215 The Town Clerk’s Office in conjunction with Ark Animal Homecare will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on
216 Saturday, April 13th from 9:00-12noon at Town Hall. \$20.00 for 1 year rabies vaccine and \$25.00
217 for microchip. Please contact Ark Animal Homecare (603-860-9855) for an appointment and to pay
218 in advance. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open during the clinic to process dog licenses.

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220 *5.2 Roundtable*

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222 Selectman Landau mentioned the air quality in the Town Clerk’s office was tested and we are
223 waiting for the results. This became an issue after the leak above the vault in the office.

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225 Selectwoman Theokas mentioned Recreation has its 90th participant for pickleball. This is one of
226 many activities the Recreation Department has that has great participation. Basketball has close to
227 147 kids from 4 years old to 8th grade. And the girls’ 7-8th grade won the championship. Since the
228 Town voted to change from a part-time to a full-time Recreation Director the Town has benefited.
229 Thank you to Recreation Director Reishus and all the volunteers.

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231 Selectman Landau pointed out two students from Chester have high scores and were recognized at
232 the National Technical Honors Society.

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234 Selectwoman Theokas mentioned the luncheon at Pinkerton Academy for the Seniors. The students
235 were able to showcase their culinary skills and the seniors had an excellent meal.

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237 Selectman Trask stated the Girls and Boys Varsity championship basketball game is Sunday. Vice
238 Chairman Couture advised the games will be held at UNH in Durham.

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240 Selectman Trask thanked the residents for coming out to the Annual School meeting. There were
241 about 150 residents in attendance to vote on the school budget and warrant articles.

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243 Vice Chairman Couture:
244 *Nothing to report.*

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246 Chairman Myette:
247 *Nothing to report.*

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249 *5.3 Town Administrator’s Report*

250 *Nothing to report.*

252 *5.4 Action Items*

253 *Nothing to report.*

255 *5.5 Non-Public Session(s)*

257 Selectman Landau announced non-public sessions on reputation and finance.

259 ***Selectman Trask motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II) (c) reputation***
260 ***and (j) financial Information. Selectman Landau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was***
261 ***taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the***
262 ***motion passed.***

264 The meeting was closed to the public at 8:07PM.

266 ***Selectman Trask motioned to come out of non-public session Selectman Landau seconded the***
267 ***motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye,***
268 ***Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.***

270 The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:31 PM.

272 ***Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the first non-public session, on Reputation.***
273 ***Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask–***
274 ***aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.***

276 ***Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on Reputation.***
277 ***Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask–***
278 ***aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.***

280 ***Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session, on Reputation.***
281 ***Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask–***
282 ***aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed.***

284 **VI. Adjournment**

286 ***Selectman Trask moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A***
287 ***roll call vote was taken Myette – aye, Trask– aye, Theokas –aye, Couture –aye, Landau – aye.***
288 ***With all in favor, the motion passed.***

290 The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

292 Respectfully submitted,

294 Janis A. Jalbert
295 Recording Secretary

**Town of Chester
Selectboard’s Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024
Municipal Complex
Draft Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
Public Comment (10 minutes)
Wason Road
New Transfer Station Employee
Budget Review
Warrant Review
Vacation Retention Personnel Policy Review
Consent Agenda
Chairman’s Announcements
Roundtable
TA Report
Action Items
Potential Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Myette called the meeting of the Chester Selectboard to order at 6:00pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectboard Present:

Chuck Myette
Stephen Landau
Dana Theokas
Dick Trask

Selectboard Absent:
Steve Couture

Town Administrator Debra Doda

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Aaron Berube, Police Chief
Leslie Edwards
Tom Edwards
Spencer Grindrod

David LaVita

52 Stacy Manfrates, Transfer Station Foreman

Nancy Myette

54 James Piper, Supervisor of Roads

Saul Shriber

56 Christine Szostak

58 and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

60 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

62 Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

64 *1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions*

66 Chairman Myette added an appointment on Wason Road, and an appointment with a new Transfer
Station employee.

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1.5 Public Comment

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As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 6:02pm.

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II. Appointments

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2.1 Wason Road

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Ms. Szostak, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Edwards, all of Wason Road, appeared before the Selectboard to
discuss ongoing water problems on their properties.

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80 These Wason Road properties have had water issues since the Jemco Development was built; water
sheets across the road and onto their properties. For example, this weekend the Szostaks had 3” of
82 water in their basement for the first time. Mr./Mrs. Edwards have had to pump their septic tank
twice in the past year and a half; their garden and leach field both flood and freeze over.

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Mr. Edwards suggested that a trench, corrugated, and a hydrant for the Fire Department be installed
86 to help mitigate the issue. He would also like the original Jemco development plans reviewed, citing
discrepancies between the first plan drawn up and subsequent plans.

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Chairman Myette suggested that they contact Town Planner Hadik and get on the Planning Board’s
90 agenda.

92 Ms. Szostak and Mr./Mrs. Edwards departed the meeting at 6:33pm.

94 *2.2 New Transfer Station Employee*

96 Transfer Station Foreman Manfrates appeared before the Selectboard with new employee Spencer
Grindrod. Mr. Grindrod is a life-long resident of Chester who will be filling a Saturday shift as early as
98 March 23rd. He is over 18, so is eligible to perform all Transfer Station duties, and has heavy
equipment operation experience, which will be helpful when the Skid Steer is needed.

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The Selectboard welcomed Mr. Grindrod. He and TS Foreman Manfrates departed the meeting at 6:38pm.

III. New Business

3.1 Budget Review

The Selectboard reviewed the FY24-25 Budget as it stands and made a number of cuts to salaries, supplies, maintenance, inspections and testing, contracted services, fuel, and signage. They asked that Department Heads make purchases that were deleted from next year’s budget out of this year’s budget, if at all possible.

The FY24-25 budget currently stands at \$6,086,758, an increase of 6.18% or \$354,146 over the FY23-24 budget. It will be updated and made available to the Budget Committee for their meeting of Monday, March 18th.

3.2 Warrant Review

The Selectboard reviewed the FY24-25 Warrant as it stands and made some additions. A number of Articles repurposing Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds that have been unused for many years were added, as was an article to reallocate a portion of Land Use Change Tax funds from the Conservation Fund to the *Highway CIP CRF* and the addition of funds from the *Police Special Detail SRF* to the *Municipal CIP CRF* Projects WA as offsetting revenue for their requested cruiser. There was also a discussion about the financial feasibility of purchasing a used grader to be used on the dirt roads.

The FY24-25 warrant currently contains 46 Articles asking for an additional \$7,297,670 over the Operating Budget; however, offsetting revenue of \$4,660,542 (funds from CRFs, SRFs, ETFs, grants, and the UFB) brings the actual amount of funds requested from new taxation in the Warrant to \$2,637,128.

It must be noted that the Budget and Warrant requests do not translate to the tax rate, as they are exclusive of estimated revenue, which has yet to be finalized.

3.3 Vacation Retention Personnel Policy Review

The Selectboard reviewed the drafted Vacation Retention Policy to be added to the Personnel Policy, answered questions employees had submitted, and made minor changes. This will be edited and provided to the employees once again for further questions before the Board reviewed it for a final time.

IV. Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes - February 15th and 22nd, 2024

As all members of the Selectboard had not reviewed these minutes, they will be placed back on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

V. Selectmen’s Business

5.1 *Chairman’s Announcements*

Chairman Myette announced the following meetings:

Monday March 18, 2024	Winter Fest Working Group Meeting at 6:00pm
	Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee Meeting at 7:00 in the Rangeway Meeting Room
	Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00 in the Meeting Room
Tuesday March 19, 2024	ZBA Meeting at 7:00pm
	Solar Working Group Meeting at 6:00pm
Thursday March 21, 2024	Selectboard Meeting at 6:00pm

Chairman Myette announced the following events:

The Town Clerk’s Office in conjunction with Ark Animal Homecare will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00-12noon at Town Hall. \$20.00 for 1 year rabies vaccine and \$25.00 for microchip. Please contact Ark Animal Homecare (603-860-9855) for an appointment and to pay in advance. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open during the clinic to process dog licenses.

5.2 *Roundtable*

Selectman Landau:

- It appears to be taking a long time for Affinity to provide a report on lighting; TA Doda will inquire for an update.

Selectwoman Theokas:

- Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee is having a hard time making quorum and she suggested that perhaps they need some additional members.
- The Maintenance Department has made some advances in projects that have been on the back burner; John is doing a great job getting Matt up to speed.
- The Conservation Commission is moving forward with a Natural Resource inventory, including monitoring. Chairman Myette added that Moosewood is finding a number of uncommon birds, turtles, and insects.

Selectman Trask:

- He is concerned that a current court case on Impact Fees might be an issue in Chester, and added that in his opinion impact fees are too high on ADUs. Selectwoman Theokas disagreed, calling Impact Fees “a ticket to entry”.
- He objects to cluster developments as being not characteristic of Chester and would like to see zoning ordinances amended in order to avoid them. In addition, developments such as Tuscan Village in Salem, and Woodmont Commons in Londonderry, were mentioned as not fitting for Chester.

Chairman Myette:

- The Planning Board is currently working on the concept of “workforce” or lower cost housing.
- The Town’s Master Plan Update meetings are beginning.

5.3 Town Administrator’s Report

No questions were raised.

5.4 Action Items

No items were added.

5.5 Non-Public Session(s)

Selectman Landau motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II) (a) public employees and (c) reputation. Selectwoman Theokas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – absent, Landau – aye, Theokas – aye, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Couture absent; motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 10:21PM.

Selectman Trask motioned to come out of non-public session; Selectwoman Theokas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – absent, Landau – aye, Theokas – aye, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Couture absent; motion carried.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 11:04 PM.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the first non-public session, on Reputation. Selectwoman Theokas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – absent, Landau – aye, Theokas – aye, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Couture absent; motion carried.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session, on Public Employees. Selectwoman Theokas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – absent, Landau – aye, Theokas – aye, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Couture absent; motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Selectman Trask moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectwoman Theokas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – absent, Landau – aye, Theokas – aye, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Couture absent; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H Doda
Recording Secretary

**Town of Chester
Selectboard’s Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Municipal Complex
Draft Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions
Public Comment (10 minutes)
Fire Department Budget
Landfill Post-Closure Report from Nobis
Consent Agenda
Chairman’s Announcements
Roundtable
TA Report
Action Items
Potential Non-Public Sessions
Adjournment

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Myette called the meeting of the Chester Selectboard to order at 6:00pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Selectboard Present:

Chuck Myette
Steve Couture
Stephen Landau
Dick Trask

Selectboard Absent:

Dana Theokas

Town Administrator Debra Doda

Members of the Public Present at various times:

Justine Celentano, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Phil Gladu, Fire Chief
David LaVita
Nancy Myette
Darrell Quinn

and other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Myette led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Chairman’s Additions or Deletions

There were neither additions nor deletions.

1.5 Public Comment

David LaVita posed a number of questions/comments he wished to ask about the prospective Solar Project. The Selectboard answered those that they could; the remainder will be passed along to the Solar Working Group.

1. The Federal Government is offering rebates to those who install solar farms. Will Chester receive this? (No, because the rebates go to the investors who actually pay for the project. The Town is not paying for it.)
2. What percentage of the Town’s electricity costs will be covered by solar?
3. He believes ReVision should have to pay the Town Impact Fees, as the Town is acting as a ‘salesperson’ for ReVision. (Chairman Myette noted that Impact Fees paid for services provided to residents by the Town; a Solar Project would not be receiving services.)
4. He believes the Town should wait 3-5 years before installing a Solar Project in order to take advantage of more advanced technology.
5. Did the Town consult with other Towns with Solar Projects to see what their income/savings were?

As no other Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 6:11pm.

II. Appointments

2.1 Fire Department Budget

Fire Chief Gladu appeared before the Selectboard to discuss some of the cuts that the Selectboard had made to his budget at last week’s meeting.

Cuts made, with his comments:

01-4220-1-4110.30	FD SALARIES - ON CALL FF	\$ 29,426	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	-33.33%
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He had previously sent justification for leaving this line at \$75k.

01-4220-1-4110.32	FD SALARIES - DAYTIME	\$ 24,431	\$ 65,000	\$ 57,600	-11.38%
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He is currently recruiting for a full-time Firefighter position; he will be unable to hire someone with the credentials necessary for this lowered figure.

01-4220-1-4110.34	FD SALARIES - LIEUTENANTS	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.00%
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No comment.

102 01-4220-1-4140.05 FD EMS COORDINATION \$ - \$ 2,500 \$ 1 -99.96%

104 No comment.

106 01-4220-1-4390.31 FD ANNUAL TESTING \$ 5,749 \$ 9,000 \$ 8,000 -11.11%

108 He regularly spends over \$9k on this line, but not until May; thus, the line appears underspent at present.

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112 Chairman Myette reiterated that the Selectboard focused on underspent lines, and reminded Fire Chief Gladu that the Budget Committee was likely to press for additional cuts. Selectman Landau noted that if Fire Chief Gladu found a need for additional funds in any particular line, he could apply to the Selectboard for assistance; Fire Chief Gladu was not in favor of that option, and would prefer to have the budget figures he originally requested. With these cuts, he feels unable to plan his year.

116 Vice-Chairman Couture asked Fire Chief Gladu to outline specifically which lines he wants to be restored, prioritize them, and allow the Selectboard to work with the Budget Committee on this.

120 Fire Chief Gladu departed the meeting at 6:51pm.

122 III. New Business

124 3.1 Landfill Post-Closure Report from Nobis

126 Chairman Myette noted that there is no remediation needed in this report, although there are a couple of maintenance-type Action Items – filling in of a rodent hole, and removal of vegetation from an area of riprap. It was also reported that the cap needs mowing, but this is not an Action Item.

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132 Darrell Quinn, who performs the cap maintenance, was present and joined the Selectboard to discuss the action items. He noted that the woodchuck hole is 20’ away from the landfill, and outside of the fence, but he will fill it in; he will also remove the vegetation. He plans to mow the cap in the Fall. He also suggested that the Selectboard consider putting the landfill post-closure report job out to bid again.

136 Mr. Quinn departed the meeting at 7:02pm.

138 IV. Consent Agenda

140 4.1 Minutes - February 15th, 22nd, & 29th, 2024

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144 ***Vice-Chairman Couture moved to approve the Selectboard minutes from February 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2024; Selectman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.***

146 4.2 Landfill Post-Closure Report from Nobis

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Vice-Chairman Couture moved to allow Chairman Myette to sign the Nobis Landfill Post-Closure report; Selectman Landau seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

Chairman Myette signed the report.

4.3 Vacation Retention Personnel Policy

The Selectboard reviewed the latest iteration of the Vacation Retention Personnel Policy; there was a disagreement as to whether to delete the penultimate paragraph:

Any issue or request to carry any additional time shall be at the discretion of the Selectboard and requires a written request by the employee and verification by his/her Supervisor at least four (4) weeks prior to the end of any fiscal year in which the loss will occur in order that the Selectboard may review the situation.

Vice-Chairman Couture moved to delete the penultimate paragraph, as shown above; Chairman Myette seconded the motion for discussion purposes. The vote was two in favor, one opposed, and one abstention; motion carried. The paragraph will be deleted.

or the final paragraph:

It is understood by the Selectboard that Annual Leave is a time period where an employee can step away from the trials and tribulations of their daily work schedule and unless an emergency has occurred the employee should not be bothered with the day to day operation of the Town. If such interference occurs during Annual Leave, the employee is required to document the same to the Selectboard and supervisory personnel in a written form, to be placed in their Personnel File. An employee may be compensated for this interference, at the discretion of the Selectboard.

Vice-Chairman Couture moved to delete the final paragraph, as shown above; Chairman Myette seconded the motion for discussion purposes. The vote was one in favor and three opposed; the motion failed. The paragraph will not be deleted.

The policy will be reposted for employee input for ten (10) days.

V. Selectmen’s Business

5.1 Chairman’s Announcements

Chairman Myette announced the following meetings:

Monday, March 25 th , 2024 @ 7pm	Budget Committee – Main Meeting Room
Wednesday, March 27 th , 2024 @ 7pm	Planning Board – Main Meeting Room
Monday, April 1 st , 2024 @ 7pm	Budget Committee – Main Meeting Room
Monday, April 1 st , 2024 @ 7pm	Wason Pond Commission – Rangeway Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 3 rd , 2024 @ 6pm	School Board – Chester Academy
Wednesday, April 3 rd , 2024 @ 7pm	Planning Board – Main Meeting Room

200 Thursday, April 4th, 2024 @6pm Selectboard – Main Meeting Room

202 Chairman Myette announced the following events:

204 Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 from 7pm – 730pm Voter Registration Session – Room #6

206 Wednesday, March 27th through Friday, April 5th, 2024 Candidacy Filings

208 The timeframe to declare your intent to run for an open public office is 3/27 – 4/5, at the Town
210 Clerk’s Office during regular business hours. They will also be open from 3-5 on Friday, April 5th to
accept the Declaration of Candidacy forms.

212 Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 Deadline to submit a Petitioned Warrant Article

214 Saturday, April 13th from 9am – 12pm Annual Rabies Clinic – Rain or Shine at the Town Hall

216 The Town Clerk’s Office, in conjunction with Ark Animal Homecare, will be hosting a Rabies Clinic
218 on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00-12noon at Town Hall. \$20.00 for 1 year rabies vaccine and
\$25.00 for microchip. Please contact Ark Animal Homecare (603-860-9855) for an appointment
220 and to pay in advance. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open during the clinic to process dog
licenses.

222 *5.2 Roundtable*

224 Selectman Landau:

- Nothing to report.

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Selectman Trask:

- Nothing to report.

230 Vice-Chairman Couture:

- The Solar Working Group is setting up various forms of communication for the Public –
232 meetings with the Seniors, a Community Forum at the end of April. They continue to perform a
market analysis.

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Chairman Myette:

- The Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee is having issues making quorum for its monthly
236 meetings. They are in search of new members, or ask current members that no longer attend
238 meetings to either resume doing so or resign. The Winter Fest was successful; perhaps next
year it could be held earlier in February with the hopes of having snow.

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5.3 Town Administrator’s Report

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No questions were raised.

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5.4 Action Items

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TA Doda pointed out that cuts were made last week to two budget lines that had originally been funded by motions, and as such the funding needed to be restored, or the question could be reconsidered.

One was for replenishment of mulch on the Wason Pond playground:

01-4520-2-4430.50	WP PLAYGROUND	\$	97	\$	500	\$ 1	-99.80%
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A motion had been made at the February 8th, 2024 meeting to increase this line to \$3,500. The Selectboard agreed to return this line to the originally motioned \$3,500.

01-4587-1-4680.08	TOWN FAIR FIREWORKS	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$ 8,000	14.29%
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Vice-Chairman Couture moved to reconsider the motion made at the February 8th, 2024 meeting to fund this line at \$8,500; Selectman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Selectman Landau abstaining; motion carried, and the motion from February 8th, 2024 will be reconsidered.

Vice-Chairman Couture moved to leave the Fireworks line at \$8,000, as discussed at the meeting of March 14th, 2024; Selectman Trask seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Selectman Landau opposed; motion carried, and the Fireworks line will remain at \$8,000.

5.5 Non-Public Session(s)

Selectman Trask motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3(II) (c) Reputation and (e) Pending Litigation. Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:28pm. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Justine Celentano remained in the Meeting Room.

TC/TX Celentano departed the meeting at 8:16pm.

Selectman Trask motioned to come out of non-public session; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:27pm.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the first non-public session on Reputation; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the second non-public session on Reputation; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture –

aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the third non-public session on Reputation; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the fourth non-public session on Reputation; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

Selectman Trask motioned to seal the minutes of the fifth non-public session on Pending Litigation; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Selectman Trask motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice-Chairman Couture seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Myette – aye, Couture – aye, Landau – aye, Theokas – absent, Trask – aye. The vote was four in favor with Selectwoman Theokas absent; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H Doda
Recording Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
PERMANENT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS
DUE DATE APRIL 15 PRECEDING THE SETTING OF THE TAX RATE

STEP 1 OWNER AND APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS		OWNER AND APPLICANT INFORMATION			
		OWNER		If required, is a PA-33 on file? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
		APPLICANT'S LAST NAME		APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME	
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MAILING ADDRESS		CITY/TOWN			
CITY/TOWN		STATE		ZIP CODE	
PROPERTY ADDRESS		TAX MAP		BLOCK LOT	
IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
STEP 2 VETERANS' TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTION		VETERAN'S INFORMATION			
		1. APPLICANT IS THE:		2. APPLYING FOR:	
		<input type="radio"/> Veteran		<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$750)	
		<input type="radio"/> Spouse		<input type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) <i>If Adopted by Town</i> Standard (\$50) / Optional (\$51 up to \$750)	
		<input type="radio"/> Surviving Spouse		<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) Standard (\$700) / Optional (\$701 up to \$4,000)	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) "...of any person who was killed or died while on active duty..."	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Combat Service (RSA 72:28-c) <i>If Adopted by Town</i> (\$50 up to \$500)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Certain Disabled Veterans (Exemption) (RSA 72:36-a)			
		3. Veteran's Name		4. Date of Entry	
		Dates of Military Service Enter (MMDDYYYY)		5. Date of Discharge/Release	
		IF A VETERAN OF ALLIED COUNTRY: (RSA 72:32)			
		6. Name of Allied Country Served in		7. Branch of Service	
		9. Does any other eligible Veteran own interest in this property?		8. Please Check One.	
		YES NO If YES, provide name		<input type="radio"/> US Citizen at time of entry into Service	
		<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/> Alien but resident of NH at time of entry into Service	
STEP 3 EXEMPTIONS		STANDARD EXEMPTIONS			
		10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption (Must be 65 years of age on or before April 1 of year for which exemption is claimed) (RSA 72:39-a)			
		(Enter numbers only MMDDYYYY) 10a. Applicant's Date of Birth 10b. Spouse's Date of Birth			
		11. <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a)			
		LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by city/town)			
		12. <input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) <input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70)			
STEP 4 RESIDENCY		13. <input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for One Year preceding April 1 in the year in which the tax credit is claimed (Veterans' Tax Credit)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Five Consecutive Years (Deaf) or At least Five Years (Disabled) preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NH Resident for Three Consecutive Years preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed (Elderly Exemption)			
STEP 5 OWNERSHIP		14. Do you own 100% interest in this residence? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If NO, what percent (%) do you own? <input type="text"/>			
STEP 6 SIGNATURES		Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document and to the best of my belief the information herein is true, correct and complete.			
		SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER			
		DATE			

FORM

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

PA-29

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORIZATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY MUNICIPAL ASSESSING OFFICIALS

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT

MUNICIPAL TAX MAP	BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28 (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$750)	11	11	30	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> All Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b (Standard \$50; Optional \$51 up to \$750)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$4,000)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse Tax Credit (Standard \$700; Optional \$701 up to \$2,000)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Combat Service pursuant to RSA 72:28-c (\$50 up to \$500)				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review Applicable Discharge Papers Form(s)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Information						

VETERANS' EXEMPTION

☐ Certain Disabled Veterans' Exemption ☐ Veteran ☐ Surviving Spouse GRANTED ☐ DENIED ☐

APPLICABLE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEAF EXEMPTION INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPALITY FOR INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

Income Limits	Deaf Exemption	Disabled Exemption	Elderly Exemption	Elderly Exemption Per Age Category
Single			40,000	65-74 years of age 110,000
Married				75-79 years of age 140,000
Asset Limits				80+ years of age
Single				
Married				

STANDARD and LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by the City/Town)

	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption	110,000	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Energy Storage Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind-powered Energy Systems Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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- ☐ * List of assets, value of each asset, net encumbrance and net value of each asset.
 ☐ * State Interest and Dividends Tax Form.
- ☐ * Statement of applicant and spouse's income.
 ☐ * Property Tax Inventory Form filed in any other town.
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Municipal Notes

4/3/24 MS. Graham qualifies for the Elderly Exemption based on the information provided. Please approve. -JP.

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	<p>OWNER <u>Nancy C GRAY</u> If required, is a PA-33 on file? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>APPLICANT'S LAST NAME <u>GRAY</u> APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME <u>Nancy</u> MI <u>NH</u> PHONE NUMBER <u>[REDACTED]</u></p> <p>APPLICANT'S LAST NAME <u></u> APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME <u></u> MI <u></u> PHONE NUMBER <u></u></p> <p>MAILING ADDRESS <u>26 Cowell Hill Rd</u></p> <p>CITY/TOWN <u>Orsater, NH</u> STATE <u>NH</u> ZIP CODE <u>03036</u></p> <p>PROPERTY ADDRESS <u>26 Cowell Hill Rd.</u> TAX MAP <u>9</u> BLOCK <u>81</u> LOT <u>42</u></p> <p>IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>			
STEP 2 VETERANS' TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTION	VETERAN'S INFORMATION			
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	<p>SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER <u>Nancy C Gray</u> DATE <u>3-6-2024</u></p> <p>SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER <u>Nancy C Gray</u> DATE <u>3-13-24</u></p>			

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Single			300,000	
Married				excluding home

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	AMOUNT	GRANTED	DENIED	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elderly Exemption	140,000	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind Exemption		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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Town Administrator's Report
April 2nd – 8th, 2024

- 1.** Administration: I'll be at an off-site meeting on Friday, April 19th.
- 2.** Budget/Warrant: We now have five (5) petition Warrant Articles – two for abolishing ballot counting machines and returning to hand-counting, one for hand-counting the 2024 Presidential Election specifically, one to divert 50% of LUCT funds into the Highway CIP, and one for SB2. SB2 requires a Public Hearing that must be published in the newspaper; Janis has it in the Union Leader for this Thursday April 11th and the Public Hearing will be the same night as the Budget/Warrant Public Hearing on April 18th.
- 3.** Electricity: Affinity is ready with their findings (LED lighting replacement, in case you've forgotten over the past few months). We'll be doing a Zoom on Monday, April 22nd. After that I can analyze and provide you with their suggestions for potential savings,
- 4.** Fields: With legwork from Sharon and Stef, and the help of the School Booster Club, Baseball, and Recreation, we are currently pulling together funds to address the drainage problem at Nichols field.
- 5.** Fire Department: Phil received a quote from the Fire Truck vendor and that figure has been added to his Warrant Article.
- 6.** Highway: Tyler began work on April 2nd...just in time for the snowstorm.
- 7.** Recreation: The Pickleball lines were finally dry and Pickleball and other activities in the MPR have resumed.
- 8.** Safety/Security: The new MPR door control panel is in place and operational.
- 9.** Solar: The SWG asked that the Warrant Article be returned to its original non-specific language in order to allow for a pivot if necessary.
- 10.** Town Hall: Matt went up on the roof with some sort of sealant for the rubber roof and even after last week's snow/rainstorm there were no floods in the front hallway or my office. The hallway right by the MPR continues to leak, though; we have asked that he got up there with the sealant to see if that can be fixed. Paul now has three quotes for roof repairs.