AGENDA

EXETER TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
7:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers
Exeter Clerk’s Office
675 Ten Rod Road
Exeter, RI 02822

No. 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Calvin A. Ellis
Town Council Member

No. 2: CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

No. 3: 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 item; 15-minute maximum time allowed for this agenda item).

Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act specifically prohibits the Town Council from considering previously unposted matters during the Public Comment section of the Agenda, except for informational purposes only.

Note: 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.
No.  4:  ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No.  5:  APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

No.  6:  CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items are accepted in one motion, unless removed at the request of a Town Council Member.

A.  REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST: Approval of Vouchers and Signing of Documents

B.  REPORTS:

1.  TREASURER’S REPORT: Maria Lawler
2.  TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: Lynn M. Hawkins
3.  TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Kimberly A. Robitaille
4.  TAX ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Kerri A. Petrarca
5.  DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:
   Director, Stephen P. Mattscheck
6.  IT REPORT: Director, Michael Forlingieri
7.  TOWN PLANNER’S REPORT: Ashley Sweet
8.  DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT:
   Director, Christine Heart-Skaggs
9.  EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:
   Director, E. Stefan Coutoulakis
10.  ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:
    Director, Stephen P. Mattscheck
11.  PROBATE REPORT: Clerk, Lynn M. Hawkins

C.  COMMUNICATIONS: See Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

D.  SCHEDULE OF FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

E.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.  REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 3, 2017
2.  SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 23, 2017

No.  7:  VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS:

A.  VACANCIES:

1.  Personnel Board Members (Inactive)
2.  Conservation Commission (Inactive)
3.  Economic Development Commission (Inactive)
4.  Exeter Rural Land Preservation Trust
B. RESIGNATIONS

C. APPOINTMENTS:

1. Library Board of Trustees Member, Diane Allen (term expires January 13, 2017)
2. Library Board of Trustees Member, Rose Pichette (term expires January 13, 2017)
3. Library Board of Trustees Member, Joanne Hellested (term expires January 13, 2017)
4. Official Tree Warden Appointment for 2017
5. Tax Assessor’s Clerk

D. EXPIRING TERMS:

1. Juvenile Hearing Board Member, Mary Walsh (term expires March, 2017)
2. Juvenile Hearing Board Member, Edward Baker (term expires March, 2017)

No. 8: PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CLASS 2 KENNEL LICENSE APPLICATION: SHAINA FIORELLI, OWNER/APPLICANT, 260 NARROW LANE, EXETER, RHODE ISLAND

No. 9: NEW BUSINESS:

A. PERSONNEL ISSUES/LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

B. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON: REVISION OF DIRECTIONS

C. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE FUTURE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR – WASHINGTON, DC, TO BOSTON, MA – RAIL LINE, TIER 1 FINAL EIS

D. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION: ORDINANCE CONCERNING TAXATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

No. 10: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. HISTORIC PRESERVATION/HISTORIC CEMETERIES
B. IT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH NORTH KINGSTOWN

C. RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44-3-21: RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS – EXEMPTIONS

D. REQUEST OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, E. STEFAN COUTOULKIS: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

E. TRANSFER STATION STUDY COMMITTEE

F. PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

G. PRISM PROJECT

H. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION: ORDINANCE GOVERNING CERTAIN STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TOWN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND MEMBERS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

I. NORTH KINGSTOWN PRESERVE AT ROLLING GREENS PROJECT: LIAISON

No. 11: REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES:

A. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Raymond A. Morrissey, Jr.

B. TRANSFER STATION LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Raymond A. Morrissey, Jr.

C. ANIMAL CONTROL LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Raymond A. Morrissey, Jr.

D. TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Francis T. Maher, Jr.

E. EXETER-WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON’S REPORT: Town Council Member, Francis T. Maher, Jr.

F. TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Calvin A. Ellis

G. EXETER JOB CORPS ACADEMY LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Member, Calvin A. Ellis

H. WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT: Town Council Member, Calvin A. Ellis

I. PUBLIC SAFETY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE/TOWN SERGEANT/TOWN CONSTABLE LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council Vice President, Daniel W. Patterson

J. EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON’S REPORT:
   Town Council President, Kevin P. McGovern

K. TOWN COUNCIL ASSISTANT’S REPORT:
   Town Council Assistant, Kenneth G. Findlay

L. SOLICITOR’S REPORT: James P. Marusak, Esquire,
   Gidley Sarli & Marusak

No. 12: BILLS, APPROPRIATIONS, ABATEMENTS:
   A. BILL SHEET
   B. TAX ASSESSOR’S ABATEMENTS
   C. TAX COLLECTOR’S REMITTANCES AND ABATEMENTS

No. 13: OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

No. 14: COMMUNICATIONS

No. 15: EXECUTIVE SESSION:
   A. CURRENT/FUTURE LITIGATION
   B. PERSONNEL ISSUES/LABOR RELATIONS:
   C. SCHARTNER FARMS/BALD HILL NURSERY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
   D. POTENTIAL LITIGATION/INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS
   E. PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE
   F. TRANSFER STATION LEASE/PURCHASE
   G. INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CIVIL MISCONDUCT
No. 16: ADJOURNMENT

POSTED FEBRUARY 1, 2017, AT EXETER CLERK’S OFFICE, EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY, TOWN OF EXETER WEBSITE, EXETER POST OFFICE, SLOCUM POST OFFICE, AND SECRETARY OF STATE’S WEBSITE

The public is welcome to attend any meeting or work session of the Exeter Town Council or its committees, boards, or commissions, with the exception of the Juvenile Hearing Board. If communications assistance or other accommodation is required to ensure equal participation, please contact the Exeter Town Clerk’s Office the business day prior to the meeting between normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at (401) 294-3891 or clerk@town.exeter.ri.us. The Exeter Town Clerk’s Office is handicapped accessible.
APPENDIX A

C. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 01/04/2017 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management: 2017 Tree Warden Appointment Form

2. 01/04/2017 Letter of interest from Diane Bampton Allen requesting reappointment to Library Board of Trustees

3. 01/04/2017 Department of Revenue, Division of Municipal Finance: Fiscal Year 2017 Report on Property Tax Cap

4. 01/04/2017 University of Rhode Island: Request for letters of interest to serve on Watson House Committee

5. 01/04/2017 State of Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management: Rules and Regulations, Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Bond Fund

6. 01/04/2017 Donation and letter of thanks to the Exeter Animal Shelter from Ted Wadenstein

7. 01/04/2017 Thank you from Raymond Trinque to the Exeter Town Council for adopting resolution opposing siting of the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, with a request that the Governor be added to the distribution list

8. 01/04/2017 Letter from National Grid: natural gas safety information and gas pipeline safety programs

9. 01/09/2017 Invitation: Joint meeting, Exeter Town Council, West Greenwich Town Council, and EWG School Committee, Thursday, February 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

10. 01/11/2017 Executive Office of Health & Human Services: Request for proposal - bid package available at the EOHHS website

11. 01/11/2017 Letter from National Multiple Sclerosis Society: 30th Annual MS Ride, June 10 & 11, 2017

12. 01/13/2017 Resolution from the Charlestown Town Council opposing Preferred Alternative of the Northeast Corridor Future, Washington, DC, to Boston, MA, Tier 1 Final EIS
13. 01/13/2017 The Trust: Workshop, Navigating Workers’ Compensation Court, January 26, 2017

14. 01/13/2017 Letter of interest from Joanne M. Hellested requesting reappointment to Library Board of Trustees

15. 01/17/2017 Resolution from Warwick City Council to the General Assembly requesting multi-unit rental housing be classified as non-smoking

16. 01/17/2017 The Trust: Applications for Spring 2017 Supervisor’s Management Institute

17. 01/17/2017 BlumShapiro Consulting at Rhode island League of Cities and Towns Trade Show, January 26, 2017, Booth No. 78

18. 01/17/2017 Citizens Bank Investment Account Statement: October 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016

19. 01/24/2017 Letter of thanks from Mike Lamoureux for Council’s support in opposing Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville

20. 01/24/2017 Letter of interest from Rose Pichette requesting reappointment to Library Board of Trustees

21. 01/24/2017 Department of Revenue, Division of Municipal Finance: Governor’s 2018 budget on education and municipal aid

22. 01/24/2017 Quonset Development Corporation: Yearly Statutory Reporting Package, year ending December 31, 2016

23. 01/26/2017 Letter of interest from Carol Pisano requesting appointment to Library Board of Trustees

24. 01/24/2017 Resolution from the Charlestown Town Council opposing the Preferred Alternative of the Northeast Corridor by the Federal Railroad Administration

25. 01/26/2017 Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns: Draft minutes, January 10, 2017, board meeting

26. 01/26/2017 Letter of interest from Erin A. Condit regarding vacant position of Tax Assessor’s Clerk

27. 01/26/2017 Letter of interest from Ashley Linear Gardiner regarding vacant position of Tax Assessor’s Clerk

29. 01/31/2017 SBA Communications Corporation: Revenue Sharing Details, February 2017

30. 01/31/2017 Letter of interest from Dawn M. Piers regarding vacant position of Tax Assessor’s Clerk

31. 01/31/2017 Letter of interest from Ellen Hernandez regarding vacant position of Tax Assessor’s Clerk

32. 01/31/2017 Letter of interest from Colleen McKenna regarding vacant position of Tax Assessor’s Clerk

33. 02/01/2017 Letter from Marcia Sahagian, 28 Plantation Drive, regarding AIRB&Bs and Bed and Breakfasts