



TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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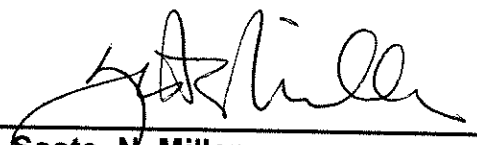
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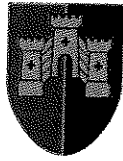
AMENDED NOTICE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF EXETER

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the hereinafter set forth Amended Warrant, the Electors of the Town of Exeter qualified to vote on any proposition for the imposition of a tax or the expenditure of money are hereby warned and notified to assemble at the Financial Town Meeting on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A.D. 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Joseph Walsh Performing Arts Center Auditorium of the Exeter-West Greenwich Junior/Senior High School, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, in the Town of West Greenwich, to consider and act upon the propositions contained in the hereinafter set forth Amended Warrant issued by the Town Clerk of the Town of Exeter.

Witness my hand as Town Constable of the Town of Exeter this 28 day of May, A.D. 2021.




Scotte N. Miller
Town Constable



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TOWN OF EXETER, RHODE ISLAND AMENDED WARNING FOR FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, SC.

By the Town Clerk of the Town of Exeter, Rhode Island, to Scote N. Miller, Town Constable of the Town of Exeter, or any of the Constables of said Town.

GREETINGS:

Pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, you are hereby required to post, at least seven (7) days before the 8th day of June, A.D. 2021, written notification in three (3) or more public places in the said Town notifying and warning the electors of said Town of Exeter qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in town meeting at the

JOSEPH WALSH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM
EXETER-WEST GREENWICH JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
930 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD, WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

for the purpose of ordering a tax to be levied and assessed on the ratable property of the Town and the inhabitants of the Town for the payment of the Town debts and interest; for the payment of the Town's proportion of the State Tax; for the support of the schools as voted at the 2021 Financial School District All-day Referendum; for the support and maintenance of the poor; for the building, repairing, and amending of highways; for allocations to the capital fund; for the improvement in any manner deemed fit of any property belonging to the Town; for the purchase and/or lease of property, vehicles, materials, supplies, and equipment incidental to municipal operations; for all necessary charges and expenses whatsoever arising within the Town, whether incidental or not to the above; for allocating funds known as Property Tax Relief and Telephone Tax as deemed necessary; for the retention of two Rhode Island State Police Officers to patrol the Town night and day as outlined in a resolution to be presented at the Town Meeting on June 8, 2021, as above indicated; for any and all other purposes authorized by law; and to transact any other business as may legally come before the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 28 day of May, A.D. 2021, at the said Town of Exeter.



Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Exeter Town Clerk

TOWN OF EXETER
NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE CHANGE

The Town of Exeter proposes to increase its property tax levy to \$13,460,106 in the 2021-2022 budget year; the property tax levy this year is \$ 13,069,001. The FY 2021 and FY 2022 tax levies have excluded motor vehicle excise tax for the purpose of determining tax levy growth pursuant to current law. THIS IS A PROPOSED INCREASE OF 2.99 %.

The Town of Exeter has conducted a full revaluation for values as of 12/31/2020. This will result in a property tax rate of \$13.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as compared to the current property tax rate of \$15.57 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The preliminary FY 2021-2022 motor vehicle levy includes taxes on motor vehicles at a rate of \$30.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which includes the exemption amount provided by the state's motor vehicle excise tax phase-out legislation up to \$5,000.

A property tax rate of \$ 13.91 would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by Section 44-5-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

The budget for the Town of Exeter will be considered at the Exeter-West Greenwich Junior/Senior High School, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

Daniel W. Patterson
Town Council President
Town of Exeter



TOWN OF EXETER
REPORT TO TAXPAYERS ON CURRENT
AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Function	Current Budget for	Proposed Budget for
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
Education	\$ 12,300,326	\$13,005,889
Salaries and Wages	1,375,918	1,416,737
Public Works	299,571	308,558
Capital Program Fund	547,462	582,201
Debt Obligation	123,564	74,475
General Government	<u>1,592,205</u>	<u>1,617,636</u>
Total	\$ 16,239,046	\$17,005,496
 <u>Revenue</u>		
Local Property Taxes	\$ 14,428,490	\$14,602,823
Local Non-property	524,524	521,487
State Revenues	1,136,032	1,455,558
From Fund Balance	<u>150,000</u>	<u>425,628</u>
	\$ 16,239,046	\$ 17,005,496

CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE DATA CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Daniel W. Patterson
Town Council President
Town of Exeter



Town of Exeter
Budget FY 2021-2022

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22
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REVENUE

State of RI Corporate Tax	84,777	85,216	84,468	84,468	-0.88%	(748)	Per Governor's budget
Motor Vehicle Tax Reimb	671,816	797,066	654,194	1,174,231	47.32%	377,165	Per Governor's budget \$93,419/\$578,397 to \$93,419/\$703,647
Investment Interest	6,000	6,000	3,800	6,000	0.00%	-	Based on current year figures
Town Clerk Fees	153,000	153,000	169,341	153,000	0.00%	-	Based on current year figures
Building Permits	64,000	64,000	114,494	64,000	0.00%	-	Anticipated building permit fees collected
Interest on Late Taxes	73,000	73,000	37,307	73,000	0.00%	-	Estimate per current year collections
Zoning Board Fees	4,000	4,000	1,500	4,000	0.00%	-	Per Zoning Board Budget
Planning Board Fees	20,000	5,000	7,990	6,500	30.00%	1,500	Per Planning Board Budget
Library Bond Reimbursement	75,968	75,968	75,968	24,544	-67.69%	(51,424)	Per Governor's budget - Reimbursement for Construction
Library State Aid	51,067	53,203	39,902	60,044	12.86%	6,841	Per Governor's budget
Library - Misc. Income	0	0	-	6,500	100%	6,500	Income generated from the Library, i.e., passports, fundraising
Cell Tower Rental	28,500	28,500	26,453	28,500	0.00%	-	Lease for tower on library property
Meal Tax	120,260	124,579	67,730	112,271	-9.88%	(12,308)	Per Governor's budget
Solar Farm Pilot	4,392	4,392	4,392	4,392	0.00%	-	Pilot program 20 years
Animal Shelter	21,960	21,960	9,775	21,960	0.00%	-	Per attached budget
Transfer Station	159,672	159,672	116,934	148,635	-6.91%	(11,037)	Per attached budget
Miscellaneous Income	5,000	5,000	4,992	5,000	0.00%	-	Estimate per current year collections includes hotel tax (\$158)
Total Revenue	1,543,412	1,660,556	1,419,240	1,977,045	19.06%	316,489	
Property Tax Revenue	14,545,634	14,428,490	10,949,069	14,602,823	1.21%	174,333	
Property Tax Abatelements	(50,000)	(50,000)		(50,000)	0.00%	-	
Net Property Tax	14,495,634	14,378,490	10,949,069	14,552,823	1.21%	174,333	
Transfer from Fund Balance	200,000	200,000		475,628	137.81%	275,628	\$200,000 fund balance \$275,628 American Recovery Plan

Town of Exeter
Budget FY 2021-2022

Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22
16,239,046	16,239,046	12,368,309	17,005,496	4.72%	766,450

1 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

a. Salaries & Wages

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22	Per Charter: Council can only propose during election years.
Town Council	15,225	15,530	10,798	15,530	0.00%	-	-
Council Assistant	33,216	33,881	23,829	34,558	2.00%	678	Across the board increase
Town Clerk	63,525	64,796	45,572	66,091	2.00%	1,296	Across the board increase
Deputy Town Clerk	n/a	42,576	30,106	43,428	2.00%	852	Across the board increase
911 Coordinator	5,000	5,100	3,587	5,202	2.00%	102	Across the board increase
Tax Assessor	51,096	52,118	36,655	53,160	2.00%	1,042	Across the board increase
Tax Collector	52,822	53,879	37,894	54,956	2.00%	1,078	Across the board increase
Treasurer	50,823	51,840	36,456	52,876	2.00%	1,037	Across the board increase
Deputy Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0.00%	-	Reserved
Public Works Director	73,260	74,725	58,298	76,220	2.00%	1,495	Across the board increase
Public Works Superintendent	n/a	56,224	34,600	57,349	2.00%	1,124	Across the board increase
Public Works Overtime	42,382	36,382	41,599	38,000	4.45%	1,618	Overtime as needed
Library Director	64,711	66,005	26,660	64,000	-3.04%	(2,005)	No increase requested, new hire pending
Library AD/Youth Services	33,251	33,930		41,769	23.10%	7,839	Across the board increase plus 6 hrs/wk to full-time status
Library Staff	79,130	46,783	80,898	49,455	-2.84%	(1,328)	Includes parity for two plus across the board increase, -12hrs
Town Planner	37,688	39,572	14,194	40,364	2.00%	791	Across the board increase
Town Sergeant	11,800	12,036	5,513	12,276	2.00%	241	Across the board increase
Town Constable	8,550	8,721	4,073	8,895	2.00%	174	Across the board increase
Social Services Director	6,366	6,493	4,567	6,823	2.00%	130	Across the board increase
Building Inspectors	32,000	32,000	51,668	32,000	0.00%	-	50% of fees for Permits issued
Zoning Inspector	16,144	16,466	11,581	16,796	2.00%	329	Across the board increase
EMA Director	16,144	16,467	19,709	16,796	2.00%	329	Across the board increase
EMA Assistants	5,000	5,000	1,267	5,000	0.00%	-	To assume duties as assigned by the Director
Board of Canvassers	10,238	10,443	7,344	10,652	2.00%	209	Across the board increase
Elections Administrator /Clerical	5,125	5,125	3,098	17,116	233.97%	11,991	Additional clerical assistant needed due to state mandates
Planning Board	15,304	15,610	9,409	15,922	2.00%	312	Across the board increase
Moderator Salary	514	525		535	2.00%	10	Across the board increase
Zoning Board	15,144	15,447	10,864	15,756	2.00%	309	Across the board increase
Collective Bargaining Unit	656,874	637,846	369,167	548,603	2.00%	10,757	Includes all bargaining unit members' wages.
Information Technology Manager	20,000	20,400	14,346	20,808	2.00%	408	Across the board increase
Total Salaries & Wages	1,388,081	1,375,918	993,752	1,416,737	2.97%	40,819	

2 Employee Benefits

Social Security/Medicare	106,188	105,258	81,362	108,380	2.97%	3,123	7.65% of Total Salaries & Wages
Health and Dental	413,825	389,575	340,821	407,927	4.71%	18,352	Health (\$385,398/389,054) Dental (\$18,873) includes employee co-
Pension Contribution	101,530	98,463	95,942	98,463	0.00%	-	Per CBA & Town Policy.
Longevity	18,000	20,000	17,000	20,000	0.00%	-	Per CBA & Town Policy.
Group Life Insurance	1,317	1,317	980	1,317	0.00%	-	Life Insurance for Town employees

**Town of Exeter
Budget FY 2021-2022**

Department Budgets							
Town Council							
Supplies and Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,094	1,500	0.00%	-	Misc supplies and stenographic services for FTM
Assistant Expenses	1,000	1,000	298	1,000	0.00%	-	Misc supplies
Total	2,500	2,500	1,392	2,500	0.00%	-	
Town Clerk							
Supplies and Expenses	110,749	110,749	65,899	110,749	0.00%	-	Public building maintenance, utilities & repairs (\$70,500); Equipment maint; Contracts (\$1,699); General supplies & purchasing expenses (\$37,000); Travel/Training/Dues (\$1,550)
Tax Assessor							
Supplies and Expenses	12,050	12,050	7,521	12,050	0.00%	-	Travel/Training (\$2,400); Dues (\$50); Supplies (\$1,600); Mapping/Parcel Development (\$8,000)
Tax Collector							
Collection Fees	9,000	8,000	3,522	7,000	-12.50%	(1,000)	Fees as a percentage of back taxes collected
Supplies and Expenses	9,935	5,935	246	5,935	0.00%	-	Travel/Training/Dues (\$1,435); Supplies (\$1,200); Printing/mailing of tax bills (\$3,300)
Total	18,935	13,935	3,768	12,935	-7.18%	(1,000)	
Town Treasurer							
Supplies and Expense	11,400	11,900	7,379	11,900	0.00%	-	Misc supplies (\$1,125.); payroll/banking/W2 expenses (\$7,200); training, subscriptions, software updates, 1099 materials (\$3,575).
Annual Audit	15,650	18,000	15,650	15,650	-13.06%	(2,350)	Three Year Contract
Total	27,050	29,900	23,029	27,550	-7.86%	(2,350)	
Public Works							
Supplies and Expenses	293,697	299,571	259,790	308,558	3.00%	8,987	
Library							
Supplies and Expenses	69,332	69,332	49,083	70,552	1.76%	1,220	
Animal Shelter							

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22	
11	Supplies and Expenses	37,350	37,350	20,125	37,350	0.00%	-
	Transfer Station						
12	Supplies and Expenses	159,650	159,650	120,484	185,933	16.46%	26,283
	Town Planner						
	Supplies and Expenses	1,800	1,800	481	1,800	0.00%	-
13	Town Sergeant						Planner - Office supplies (\$200); Travel/Training/Dues (\$700); Planning Office - Office supplies (\$700); Travel/Training (\$200)
	Supplies and Expenses	5,200	5,200	939	5,200	0.00%	-
14	Social Services						Vehicle fuel/maintenance, equipment, uniforms, and misc expenses
	Supplies and Expenses	7,500	7,500	3,500	10,200	36.00%	2,700
15	Building Inspection						Expenditures to aid Exeter residents (\$10,000); Supplies (\$200)
	Supplies and Expenses	6,924	6,924	3,695	6,924	0.00%	-
16	Zoning Inspection						Supplies - updated Code Books required (\$2,000/\$3,500); Training (\$2,500); Tablet support for e-permitting (\$924)
	Supplies and Expenses	600	600	100	600	0.00%	-
17	Emergency Management						Zoning Bulletin, misc. supplies
	Supplies and Expenses	9,000	9,000	1,605	9,000	0.00%	-
18	Board of Canvassers						Misc supplies
	Supplies and Expenses	13,100	15,500	22,140	8,900	-42.58%	(6,600)
19	Planning Board						1 election, supplies, and training expenses
	Supplies and Expenses	5,000	5,000	600	5,000	0.00%	-
20	Exeter Rural Land Trust						Supplies (\$2,500); Travel/Training (\$1,600); Consultants (\$900)
	Supplies and Expenses	1,150	1,150	125	1,150	0.00%	-
21	Zoning Board						Supplies, Travel/Training, Dues (\$1,150)
	Supplies and Expenses	5,750	5,750		5,750	0.00%	-
22	Juvenile Hearing Board						Stenographer/Advertising fees (\$5,000); Supplies (\$550); Training (\$200)
23	Library Board of Trustees			n/a	500	0.00%	-
					200	100%	200
							Misc supplies

Financial Town Meeting
June 8, 2021

Town of Exeter
Budget FY 2021-2022

Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22
787,337	793,461	443,542	823,401	3.77%	29,940

Totals

General Government

24	Computer Support	105,360	54,174	38,145	53,852	-0.59%	(322)	Annual support costs/fees for computer software systems and maintenance: Tax Administration-Assessor (\$4,409/\$4,521); Vision/Opal Tax Coll. (\$4,389/\$4,521), Viewpoint Bldg Insp (\$3,769/\$3,864); Tax Assessor-CAMA (\$6,496/\$7,146); Tax Assessor Internet Hosting - CAMA (\$2,411/\$2,500); Treas.-Account Mate (\$4,500/\$4,500); Clerk AVENU (\$14,700); MapGeo Hosting (\$3,000) per contractual agreements; IT support for all Town offices on an as-needed basis (\$10,500/\$5,500); website hosting, maintenance, customer service support (\$2,600)
25	Website	300	300		0	-100.00%	(300)	No longer necessary due to new website
26	Mileage Reimbursement	3,500	3,500	150	3,500	0.00%		
27	Postage	13,000	12,000	5,000	11,000	-8.33%	(1,000)	Postage for all department mailing
28	Advertising	7,000	7,000	2,481	6,000	-14.29%	(1,000)	Advertising for all Town departments
29	Legal	90,000	100,000	67,918	105,000	5.00%	5,000	Anticipated legal services for the year, including retainer of up to \$500 per month to cover time attending Town meetings and union negotiations
30	Insurance Expense	135,830	141,643	146,861	141,327	-0.22%	(316)	Workers' Comp. (\$77,434/\$72,241); Property & Liability (\$58,224/\$62,508); plus add'l \$1M coverage (\$6,492); Special \$86
31	Contingency Fund	30,000	148,558	27,068	130,000	-12.49%	(18,558)	See HOME RULE CHARTER, Sec. 510. Funds may be needed to fund school bond payment
32	Municipal Fuel Excess Cost	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.00%	-	Due to uncertainty of fuel prices, funds available for fuel costs that exceed departmental budgeted amount

Town of Exeter
Budget FY 2021-2022

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Actuals Through 3/31/2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	% (+/-) Change FY 21-22	\$ (+/-) Change FY 21-22
Totals	392,517	474,702	290,584	458,206	-3.48%	(16,496)

34 Community Services

a	Community Youth Programs	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.00%	-	Town's Contribution toward community groups
b	Memorial Day Parade	3,550	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	-	Town's Contribution toward parade
c	Veteran's Graves	800	800	327	800	0.00%	-	Town's Contribution toward decorating Veteran's Graves
Totals	10,550	8,500	2,327	8,500	0.00%	-		

35 Capital Program Fund

a.	Town Hall Renovation	0	0	0	0	0.00%	-	For capital projects at Town Hall
b.	Library/Chelsea Park	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	-	Maintain Library grounds/Chelsea Park
c.	Road Improvements	347,145	361,031	361,031	375,472	4.00%	14,441	2nd year of 3-year road plan. See attached plan.
d.	Public Works Equipment	127,338	132,432	132,432	137,729	4.00%	5,297	Replacement, less trades, of 2006 Volvo Backhoe & 2005 Zero Turn Mower.
e.	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	-	To purchase office equipment & computer system upgrades
f.	Property Revaluation	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%	-	State mandated Revaluations
g.	Historic Preservation	7,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	-	To maintain historic buildings
h.	Transfer Station Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00%	-	Fund established to purchase or move Transfer Station
i.	Comprehensive Planning Fund	4,300	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	-	State mandated Comprehensive Town Plan Update: \$32,750 balance + \$70,000 from fund balance (FY21) = \$102,750
j.	New Town Hall Fund	30,000	0	0	0	0.00%	-	Contribution toward New Town Hall
k.	Animal Shelter	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0.00%	-	For capital projects at Animal Shelter. Septic system engineering services and replacement costs.
l.	Transfer Station	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	-	For capital projects at Transfer Station
m.	Economic Development Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%	-	Fund established to support Economic Development Initiative
n.	Website Development Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	-100.00%	(5,000)	Fund established to support development of new town website
o	Library Fund				5,000	100.00%	5,000	New for Capital Improvements
p.	Spill Control & Countermeasures Plan Update				15,000	100.00%	15,000	To meet unfunded State of RI mandates for DPW Garage
Totals	555,783	547,462	547,463	582,201	6.35%	34,738		

36 Debt Service

a.	Library Bond	73,633	73,633	36,816	24,544	-66.67%	(49,089)	Ending 09/16/2021
b.	Scharfner Farm Develop Rights	49,931	49,931	24,965	49,931	0.00%	-	Ending 05/18/2023
Totals	163,592	123,564	61,781	74,475	-39.73%	(49,089)		

Town Government	3,938,720	3,938,220	2,875,554	3,999,607	1.56%	61,387	
School District	12,300,326	12,300,326	9,225,245	13,005,889	5.74%	705,563	Approved 4/12/21 District Referendum.
Total Budget	16,239,046	16,238,546	12,100,799	17,005,496	4.72%	766,950	