

Vote for Accountability



Vote **YES** on the **Dec. 14th Recall**



WHAT:

Recall elections are part of our American system of self-governance. The Constitution and our town charter (Article II, section 203) are designed to hold elected officials to account during their terms in office. The Exeter Town charter is explicit regarding the methodology required to exercise the petition to recall elected officials. It includes the filling of offices in the event of a yes vote. This is not determined by the whims of any political party, special interest group, lobbyist, or through political gamesmanship, but rather by the "Home Rule Charter For The Town of Exeter" approved by the Exeter voters in 1996.

WHO:

As required by law, all petitioners, those collecting signatures, signatories, and voters must be Exeter residents. The people responsible for this grassroots effort, called "We the People of Exeter," are your friends, neighbors and hardworking fellow Exeter citizens.

WHY:

The simple explanation is the council attempted to deny the citizens of Exeter our right for self-governance and transfer it to the state. They frustrated Exeter citizens by restricting public discussion and refused to listen to residents.

By ignoring the concerns of residents the Councilors were derelict in their duty to defend the constitutional rights of all Exeter Citizens. You may have heard that the recall is about firearms permitting, but make no mistake; the recall is a direct response to the arrogant and dismissive attitudes of the councilors. If the four councilors had done their jobs to engage in sincere and open discourse with concerned citizens, we would likely not be here today exercising our first amendment right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, December 14th, 2013

Precinct #1101 at Saint Kateri Tekakwith Church, 84 Exeter Road

Precinct #1102 at Metcalf Middle School, 30 Nooseneck Hill Road

Precinct #1103 at Exeter Job Corps Academy, 162 Main Street

As a resident in the Town of Exeter you are receiving this letter so that you understand the true reasons for the recall election being held on December 14th, 2013.

- This recall effort is being driven by residents of Exeter and NOT by “outside special interests”. This can be verified by viewing the signed petition at the Town Hall. If the Town Councilors consider over 150 Exeter residents who attended the March 11th, 2013, meeting to be “special interests”, then this illustrates their dismissive attitude towards those they are supposed to represent -- and why they need to be recalled. Most importantly, only Exeter residents can vote in the December 14th, 2013, special election. It is ironic that the Town Councilors describe a vote of the people as a challenge to the voting process!

- The reason for the recall is, despite unprecedented opposition to a resolution transferring local authority solely from Exeter to the State, the Town Council still decided to submit this resolution to the State Legislators. They did this without a public hearing or even initiating a dialogue as they have done for other issues that have drawn far less interest from Exeter residents. The opportunity to be heard is the very basis of due process guaranteed by the US Constitution. The Town Council was elected to represent the people of Exeter, but not once have they provided any evidence that the people of Exeter wanted this resolution.

- Should the recall election be successful, the runners up from the previous election would be seated in accordance with the Home Rule Charter. The margin between those who were elected to office in the 2012 election compared to those who were not elected is miniscule and as small as 5 votes.

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Video of special meeting on March 11th, 2013.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3ezvOAVO4U>



Video of House Judiciary Hearing of H6160, June 4th, 2013.

<http://ricaptv.discovervideo.com/embedviews/vod?s=1&c=HOUSE%20COMMITTEE%20ON%20JUDICIARY&w=640&h=480#> (starts at 35 minutes)



Video of Exeter Town Council meeting, December 2nd, 2013.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10L4xxi6KV8>



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