



July 17, 2021

Dear Chamber Member,

I invite you to register and attend the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce which will be held during the [Morning Mixer hosted by Exeter Hospital, scheduled on Tuesday, August 10 7:30-9:00M](#) at the Exeter Country Club. The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes a short business meeting, financial update, and election of new Board members.

The following slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors to serve a three year term starting in Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2024:

- Matt Labbe, Employee Benefits Account Executive, The Rowley Agency
- Kimberly Meyer, CEO, Southern District YMCA
- Kimberly Merrill Wood, Personal & Business Sales Agent, Tobey & Merrill Insurance

Additional Members in good standing, other than those so proposed, may be nominated for any vacancy. Any nomination(s) must be reported to the Chair of the Board of Directors by twelve o'clock (noon) of the day ten (10) days after the slate of candidates has been emailed to Members. If further nominations are received within the stated time period and before the deadline, the Annual Meeting will then proceed to vote (by voice, hand or ballot) on multiple candidates for a particular vacancy. Otherwise, the proposed slate will be declared duly elected at the Annual Meeting.

Please join me in extending gratitude and appreciation to those leaving the Board:

- Keith Lemerise of TASTE magazine. Keith is completing his 2nd term and has served on the Board for 6 years.
- Peggy Small Porter of Richie McFarland Children's Center. Peggy is completing her 1st term and has served on the Board for 3 years as Secretary.

Serving on the Chamber's Board requires a significant contribution of time and talent. All who serve share the same goal of contributing to the creation of a vibrant community to live work and play- and do so selflessly- and we are grateful for their contributions.

Regards,
Jennifer Wheeler
President, Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce



Matt Labbe, Employee Benefits Account Executive, The Rowley Agency

Matt grew up just north of Portland in Cumberland, ME before moving to the seacoast of New Hampshire after graduation from the business school at UNH. Matt met his wife, Bernadette, at UNH and they recently bought a house in Newmarket, NH. Matt worked for a couple of insurance carriers as an underwriter after graduating from UNH and used that experience to transition into an employee benefits consulting role with The Rowley Agency. In this role, Matt works with business owners to put together comprehensive benefits packages for their employees and helps the employer educate their employees on the programs. Outside of work, Matt is an avid sports fan and enjoys playing ice hockey and golf. He also loves to sit by the campfire with friends and family. He is a member of several other boards and committees in the area and is excited for the opportunity to join the board of the EACC!

Kimberly Meyer, President & CEO, Southern District YMCA

Kimberly joined the YMCA in 2020 after working as Vice President & Treasury Payments Officer for Bangor Savings Bank in New Hampshire. She has also worked as the Interim Project Lead for the New Hampshire Afterschool Network, a Mott Foundation funded private-public initiative to ensure all NH youth have access to quality out of school time programming. Before that, she served as a Vice President and Commercial Business Development Officer at Bank of New Hampshire. Prior to her transition into the banking profession, Kimberly was the Director of Community Operations for the Southern District YMCA where she supervised 16 licensed, school age childcare programs in the NH seacoast, serving over 600 students. Kimberly serves on the SAU 16 Exeter Region Cooperative School Board, the Center for Wildlife Board of Directors, and recently served on the Granite YMCA Board of Trustees. Kimberly graduated from Georgetown University with a B.S. in Foreign Service and from Michigan State University Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree. She is an active member of the Michigan State Bar Association. Kimberly lives in Exeter with her partner Forrest and her four children. She appreciates the NH landscape by mountain biking, skiing, and hiking with her family.

Kimberly Merrill Wood, Personal & Business Sales Agent, Tobey & Merrill Insurance

Kim is the 4th generation of Tobey & Merrill Insurance which has been in Hampton for over 100 years. She joined in 2017 after working in Boston for Mercer and Transamerica in the Defined Benefits Industry. Today she is an active member of the Seacoast Community supporting local business to grow and thrive. She is a part of the board in her town for the Food Pantry, helping the residents who need short or long term assistance with food. In her free time she likes to read tons of books, cook and spend time with her family.