



July 7, 2022

Dear Chamber Member,

I invite you to register and attend the [2022 Annual Meeting of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce which will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from 7:30-9:00AM](#) at the Chamber Office located at 120 Water St in Exeter. The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes a short business meeting, financial update, and election of new Board members.

The following slate has been approved by the Board of Directors to serve a three year term starting in Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2025:

- **Dan Chartrand**, Owner, Water Street Bookstore
- **Melani Taillon**, Co-Owner, Fire & Spice Bistro and Naked Hot Sauces; Melani Taillon- Coldwell Banker Realty

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:

- **Rachael Ela**, Cambridge Trust: Rachael is completing her 2nd term and has served on the Board for 6 years in several leadership roles including Vice Chairperson and Chairperson.
- **David Fittro**, Exeter Hospital: Dave is completing his 2nd term and has served on the Board for 6 years.
- **George Soderberg**, Haycreek Hotels. George is completing his 2nd term and has served on the Board for 6 years in several leadership roles including Vice Chairperson and Chairperson.

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



- **Dan Chartrand, Owner, Water Street Bookstore**

Dan is the Owner of Water Street Bookstore, whose mission remains “to build a vibrant and diverse community around the written word.” Dan has passionately and joyously served the beautiful town of Exeter as a volunteer on nonprofits and in town government including the Squamscott Community Commons and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter as well as currently serving as a Trustee on RiverWoods Exeter’s Board of Trustees. Dan previously served a six-year stint as an elected town official on Exeter’s Select Board from 2012-2018, including serving as Board Chair from 2016-2017.

- **Melani Taillon, Co-Owner, Fire & Spice Bistro and Naked Hot Sauces; Melani Taillon- Coldwell Banker Realty**

Melani wears many hats in the community: she is a licensed Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Portsmouth and Maine, and co-owner of Naked Hot Sauces, and Fire & Spice Bistro in Newfields serving New American cuisine with her husband Kevin. Melani is a resident of the NH Seacoast, for nearly 30 years. Melani lives in Newmarket- which she considers an amazing, quaint, close-knit community. She and her husband started the End 68 Hours of Hunger chapter in Newmarket in 2015, which they continue to run.