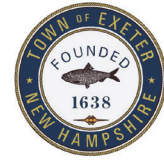


# TOWN OF EXETER COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

## Climate Change, Adaptation & Resilience



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Join town staff and civic groups for an open house featuring initiatives in the Town of Exeter that address climate change and how the community might adapt to create a more resilient and sustainable future.

Wander through interactive exhibits to learn about the many exciting activities happening in your community. Discover how you can participate and **be a climate champion!**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018  
4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Town Hall, 10 Front St.**

Light refreshments will be served.  
Child care will be provided for the event.

2017 Master Plan	Healthy Lawns & Clean Water Committee	Exeter Water Trail Installation
Exeter Rises		Exeter Energy Committee
Selectmen's 2017 Proclamation to support the Paris Climate Accord	Climate Risk in the Seacoast Flood Assessment	Exeter NH Transition Town
Electric Vehicles in Exeter	Exeter Conservation Commission	350 NH Offshore Wind

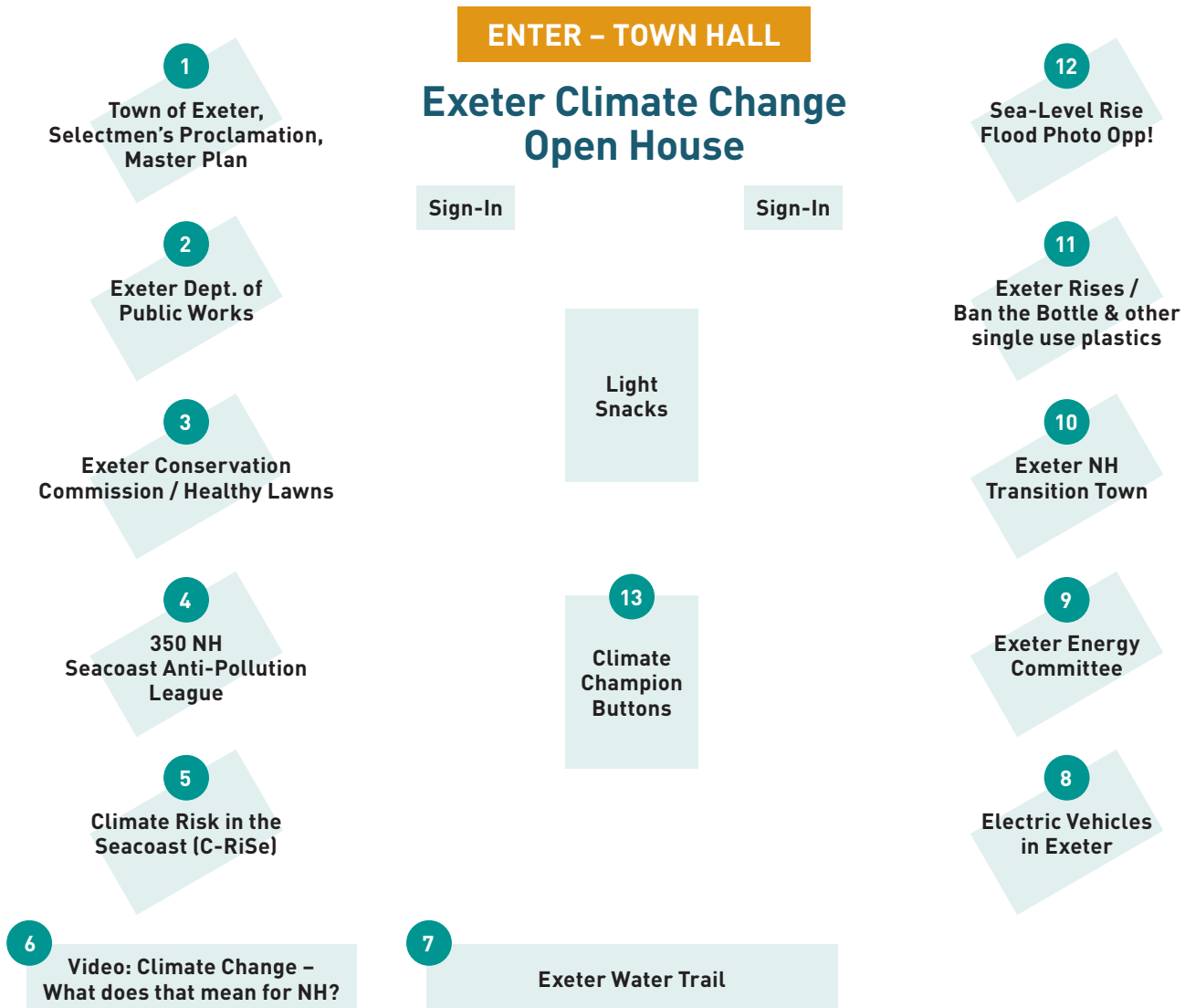
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# Exeter Climate Change Open House Map

- 1. Town of Exeter, Selectmen's Proclamation, Master Plan:** Learn about the Town's big steps forward in tackling climate change
- 2. Exeter Dept. of Public Works:** See how new facility designs and renewable energy are transforming the towns infrastructure!
- 3. Exeter Conservation Commission & Healthy Lawns/Clean Water Committee:** Learn more about Exeter's natural resources and trails, upcoming opportunities to enjoy and/or help steward Exeter's conservation lands, and learn about Healthy Lawns Clean Water – an initiative to empower residents to help clean Exeter's waterways.
- 4. 350 NH/Seacoast Anti-Pollution League/Offshore Wind:** Focused on reducing carbon emissions and renewable/sustainable energy sources.
- 5. Climate Risk in the Seacoast (C-RiSe) & Climate Action Policy (draft):** View maps of flooding from sea-level rise and storm surge. Give your feedback on a draft Climate Action Policy for the community.
- 6. Video: Climate Change – What does it mean for NH?** A short video produced by the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- 7. Exeter Water Trail:** Soon to be installed in spring 2018 at the Main Street and Lincoln Street Elementary School campuses.
- 8. Electric Vehicles in Exeter:** What is the state of electric vehicles (EV) and EV charging stations in Exeter today? How would an electric car work out for you? It's like EV101!
- 9. Exeter Energy Committee:** Newly appointed by the select board! First projects include LED streetlights, Electric Vehicle charging stations, and more.
- 10. Exeter NH Transition Town:** Seeking to reduce carbon footprint in Exeter. Find out how to Button Up your drafty house using monies from Unitil Energy.
- 11. Exeter Rises:** This progressive activist group works on many projects in Exeter including their new project "Ban the Bottle & Bag" and other single use plastics.
- 12. Climate Champion Buttons:** Get your "Be a Climate Champion!" button from Jim Webber.
- 13. Sea-Level Rise Photo Opp!:** How high will the flood waters be? Take a photo and find out!



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## Things you can do to decrease your input to, and get ready for, a changing climate

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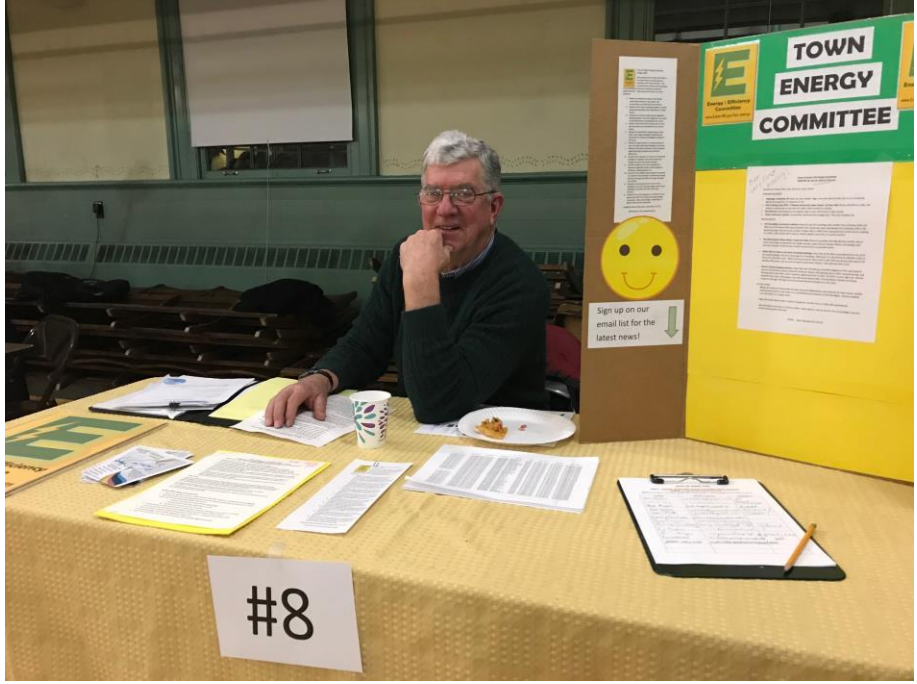
#### To decrease contribution to climate change:

1. Use energy efficiently – buy energy star products (light bulbs and appliances), turn off and unplug electronics when not in use
2. Weatherize your home and use drapes for the windows (keeps heat in winter, keeps sun/heat out in summer)
3. Purchase clean/renewable energy sources from your electricity provider, or install a renewable energy system
4. Drive a fuel efficient vehicle, carpool, and avoid unnecessary trips - walk or bike if possible to stay healthy
5. Waste less – use cloth napkins, bags, and reusable food/beverage containers at work, school and recreating
6. Get a rain barrel to collect water from your roof to use for plants and outdoor clean up
7. Eat locally produced food to reduce transportation and support your local economy
8. Wash full loads in your clothes washer/dryer and dish washer
9. Recycle – recycling 1 aluminum can save enough energy to power a TV or computer for 3 hours!
10. Know Your Footprint – calculate your carbon footprint on-line (many free on-line calculators) and strategize with your family on how to reduce your footprint
11. Use your Voice - Tell your friends, family, network and elected officials that climate change matters to you and encourage action.

#### To prepare for the impacts from climate change:

12. Pay attention to warnings for strong storms
13. Have a personal/family preparedness plan for emergencies or storm events (include your pets!)
14. Be prepared to be without electricity (keep jugs for water, non-perishable food and batteries on hand)
15. Be aware of neighbors or family members who are dependent on electricity for health reasons (i.e. oxygen)
16. Check your home and driveway for adequate drainage to prevent washouts
17. Evaluate whether you need to purchase a generator for periods of no electricity
18. Do regular tick checks after being outside and be aware of early warning signs of Lyme Disease and other vector borne illnesses
19. Have large trees around your house removed to prevent them from hitting your house during storms
20. Participate in community conversations to support preparedness in your town
21. Vote for local initiatives including increased efficiency in municipal buildings, culvert maintenance, tree removal etc.





**Exeter Climate Changer Open House  
February 6, 2018**



