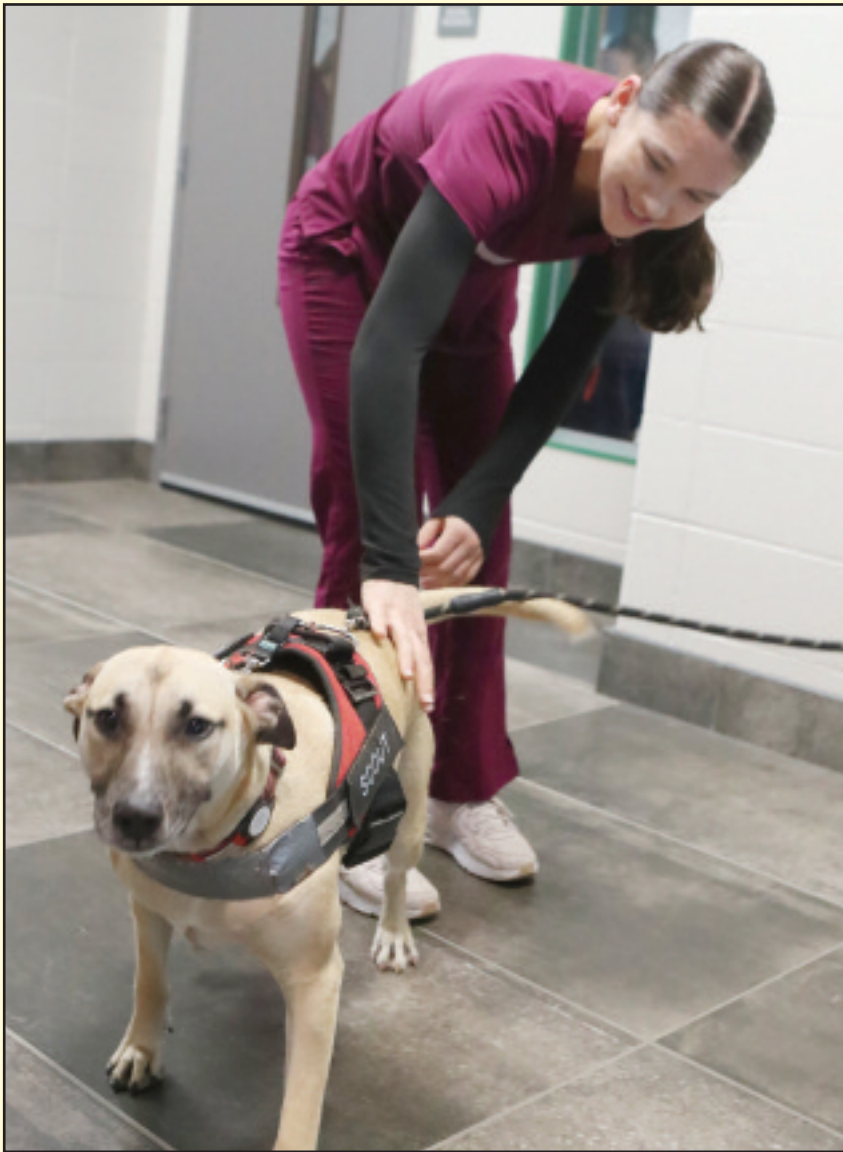


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## PATS FOR PETS

Alvirne Veterinary Science student, Grace Dow, greets Scout at the Rabies Vaccine Clinic at the Palmer CTE Center on Saturday morning. The overnight snow thinned the crowd a bit this year, but a large number of pets were vaccinated. See more page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Selectmen Approve Bid For Design Phase of Town Hall

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the April 8 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the renovations at Town Hall.

"In 2023, the Board of Selectmen held a public meeting to discuss the potential need for a new Town Hall building. Com-

munity feedback indicated a strong preference for thoroughly evaluating the existing building before considering new construction," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo. "In response, the Board of Selectmen commissioned an assessment of the current Town Hall, awarding the contract to NorthPoint

Construction of Hudson, NH, through an open request for proposal process."

It was noted by Dhima that the "assessment identified several key deficiencies including inadequate workspace for town operations, lack of handicap accessibility and compliant restroom facilities and

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## Community Power Continues to Face Questions from Selectmen

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

On April 8, the Hudson Board of Selectmen continued their discussion with the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) following previous concerns over rising energy prices and a perceived lack of transparency with the Hudson aggregation plan. CPCNH Acting General Manager Henry Herndon was at the meeting with Hudson Sustainability Committee members to answer questions.

"CPCNH was created to serve its members, including the town of Hudson, and is accountable and answerable to those members and the public we collectively serve," said Herndon, outlining some of the functions of the organization. "CPCNH sets rates to cover costs, as a

result of changing market conditions and a careful reexamination of our projected costs over the next few months, we adjusted rates to cover these costs and began rebuilding our reserves from March 2025 onwards while balancing our objective of offering competitive rates for customers."

The March rate adjustment had been unexpected for many ratepayers following what Herndon called an "additional draw" on the organization's reserves caused by a colder-than-expected winter. There was confusion over how much the loss had been and how much was in the CPCNH reserve fund.

"When we had our last Sustainability meeting, originally we heard numbers as high as \$18 million, then when we had our last Board meet-

ing, we heard \$10-12 million, and now we're down to \$8.4 million," said Selectman David Morin, going through several reports estimating money lost from the reserve fund. "How did that happen?"

Herndon was unsure where the \$18 million came from, specifying that his \$8.4 million number represented losses from August through January 2025. It was unclear what the net margin was for the CPCNH reserve fund in February, although the goal is to have enough extra money to cover operating expenses for 60 days.

"So, the rate is going up to replenish that reserve fund. What percentage of the bill for the average consumer of CPCNH goes towards the reserve?" said

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## School District Begins to Look at 2025-26 Staffing

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the April 7 Hudson School Board meeting, during administrative reports to the Board, Director of Special Services Rachel Borge gave the School Board an update about hiring for the upcoming year.

"As we kind of look for the prep for the 2025-2026 season, we're actively interviewing," she told the School Board.

She explained during her report that they have been working with their recruiter they have within the District internally through the human resources department to try to find candidates.

"She's pitching out candidates fast and furious for all of us to be interviewing, so we're really excited," Borge explained during the meeting.

Borge said the new contracts which passed in March during the election have been helpful for them, but she noted that they are still finding themselves competing with other Districts when it comes to hiring employees.

"We still see we're competing with other districts. The new contract has definitely helped but there is some activity where we are seeing we're being compared to other districts," she said.

Another agenda item during the meeting was in regards to spring nominations for different coaches at Hudson Memorial School, particularly for the track and field team.

The nominations included Dave Melanson for the boys and girls track coach position, Mike Drouin as a boys and girls track coach, and Matt Simpson as the boys and girls assistant track coach for the season.

On a unanimous vote the School Board approved the different nominations for Hudson Memorial School.

Also during the meeting, School Board members

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# Three Committee Appointments Made by Selectmen

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a resignation from a committee member.

It was explained during the meeting that they had received a letter of resignation from Judy Brouillette, a member of the Benson Park Committee.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont said she was a good committee member and did a lot of

work to help out.

"I just want to say first that I sat on the Benson Park Committee while she was on (the committee)," Dumont said.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the resignation during the meeting.

Another agenda item was to make an appointment to the Benson Park Committee.

Currently there are two member vacancies with expirations in April of 2026 and two member vacancies

for April 2028.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved appointing Jake Beauchemin as an incumbent member to the Benson Park Committee.

Another appointment was for Robert Larson, an incumbent member who was looking to be reappointed as an incumbent member to the Sustainability Committee.

Selectmen Bob Guessferd, who serves as the liaison from the Board of Selectmen for the Sustain-

ability Committee, said he hasn't seen any issues with him on the committee.

"I've really had no issues," Guessferd said.

He noted that he took one of the shorter terms to try it out.

"What I can say is that the newer members have really made some contributions," Guessferd said.

Ultimately Guessferd said he thinks it makes sense for him to continue on the Committee.

"I think it would be a benefit to him to retain his

position," he said.

Members ultimately voted unanimously to appoint Larson back on to the Sustainability Committee with his new term set to expire in April of 2028.

A final appointment was for Dan O'Brien, an incumbent member who was looking to continue on the Municipal Utility Committee.

Without any discussion the Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved appointing O'Brien back to the Committee, with his term set to expire in

April of 2028.

In other news, during the consent agenda portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting a donation for the Police Department from a business owner.

"The Police Department received a donation from Judy Laferriere-Mank, owner of The Bar in the amount of \$285.00 check (#1233) for deposit in our Donation Account," Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

## Power

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Xen Vurgaropoulos.

Herndon did not have an exact answer, but called the percentage "small."

"That reserve fund is what is product to operate the business in the long-term with stability," he said. "We shop in the ISO New England wholesale power market. That's the six state, regional power market."

One issue of contention

was transparency, especially from the CPCNH, which conducted several non-public meetings during Jan. and Feb. There was also at least one CPCNH policy violation related to forecasting rates.

"The minutes of those meetings have not necessarily been made public. Should the Board request it, we can provide the policy compliance assessment material," said Herndon, though he was unwilling to give such information during an open, pub-

lic meeting as such material was considered a "confidential document."

"If we're receive that document, it would be subject to a Right-To-Know law and someone could then request it from us, which would then have to remain public. I don't understand why we're forcing the public to go through these channels when the information is out in the open," said Selectman Dillion Dumont. "Quite frankly, this is what poses an

issue as far as transparency."

Morin urged the CPCNH to put more effort into keeping Hudson residents proactively informed following public frustration over the March rate increase. According to him, some residents were caught off-guard by the change.

"We had a gentleman say he was not aware of anything, he had to follow up on it and unfortunately, who takes the brunt of the calls when people's bulls go up? It's going to be the Town Administrator's

office, and it should be you guys," said Morin. "We don't have people looking at your website, they only look at their bill. I think a directly mailing to each house that rates are going up on this date needs to be done."

A formal request to create such a mailer was official made by the Board of Selectmen with a unanimous vote. Over 70% of Hudson residents are part of the Community Power Program.

"The Board of Directors,

we appoint them and they're supposed to work for us, but they're making a decision to make sure the company stays afloat. Is that a conflict?" asked Morin. "We were told we were going to get cheaper rates."

Herndon stated that he did not think there was any conflict of interest from the directors, predicting a "net saving" for customers, even if rates were more expensive compared to Eversource in the short term.

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# Selectmen Temporarily Bring Back Retired Town Administrator

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, there was a non-public session held to discuss and take action on a number of personnel decisions, according to draft minutes from the meeting.

One of the agenda items was in regards to accepting

the resignation of Beth McKee, Town Accountant, who also had been serving as Interim Finance Supervisor, effective March 28, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the resignation.

With the resignation, came another agenda item, which was to retain the

services of former Town Administrator Steve Malizia for up to three months starting April 1 at the rate of \$100 per hour without benefits to assist with the Finance Department.

It also stated that Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, in his purview, would be able to terminate the services within that three

month period as applicable once proper staffing is in place for effective daily operation.

The Board of Selectmen approved the proposal unanimously.

Another agenda item was to accept the resignation of Traffic Technician John Dowgos from the Department of Public Works effective immediately.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the resignation.

With the resignation, the Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved authorizing the Director of Public Works to post for the Traffic Technician position in accordance with the Teamsters Local 633.

An agenda item was

reviewed by the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Director of Public Works to hire Christopher Alers as a full-time Truck Driver/Laborer at \$24.25 per hour effective March 31, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved the hiring of Marissa McDaniel for the position of Dispatcher in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$21.47 per hour at the recommendation of Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice.

Another agenda item was to authorize the Fire Chief to hire Jeremy Zelanis and Alex Bergeron as Part-Time Provisional Call Firefighters, an unpaid

position with no benefits, as recommended by the Fire Chief.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to enter into a contract for legal services, exclusive to those services currently provided, more-over exclusive to and with the law firm of Tarbell & Brodich, PA, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, for the terms as specified in the Proposal for Legal Services 2025-2028 letter as prepared by Attorney David LeFevre.

It was approved 4-1 with Selectman Heidi Jakob opposing.

## Town Hall

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inefficient service flow, limiting the towns ability to serve residents effectively."

"Following the assessment, the Board of Selectmen reviewed four possible options and ultimately selected Option 2 which includes renovations and a 1,000-square-foot expansion per floor. In the recent local election, a warrant article to fund the design phase of Option 2 was approved, allocating \$50,000 for this purpose," Dhima said.

He explained during the meeting that they had two different options to consider in order to move forward with the next phase of the project.

Option 1 was to waive

the bid process "and award the contract to NorthPoint Construction for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, based on the following justifications:

I. Proven Cost-Effectiveness & Qualifications: NorthPoint Construction was the most cost-effective and qualified vendor during the initial building assessment phase.

2. Established Knowledge & Project Familiarity: Having conducted the assessment, NorthPoint already possesses detailed insights into the needs of each department and the existing structural limitations.

3. Fixed Cost Commitment: NorthPoint has agreed to complete the design phase within the approved \$50,000 budget.

4. Public Transparency & Milestones: NorthPoint has committed to providing three public presentations at the 25%, 50%, and 75% design milestones to keep the Board and community informed and implement input on the design."

The second option that the Board of Selectmen had Dhima explained would be to authorize him to seek design services through a formal request for proposals (REP) process.

Dhima said they would save about \$4,000 by going with NorthPoint.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved awarding the bid to NorthPoint.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for April 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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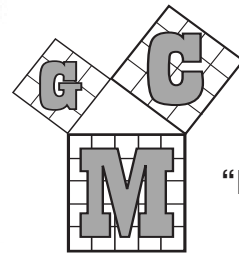
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# Editorial

## April Showers Bring May Flowers

As April comes to a close; we still have our boots, umbrellas, and ponchos out for all the rainy days. Let's not forget to take out our vases for the beautiful May flowers that will soon arrive.

There is an old saying "April Showers Bring May Flowers." But where did this saying originate?

According to Google, Thomas Tusser attributes the phrase to a short poem from 1557, found in his collection "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry". The line reads: "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers."

If we travel back in time to the Fourteenth Century, a poem by Geoffrey Chaucer about April is called "The Canterbury Tales". Chaucer's version goes as follows: "When in April the sweet showers fall, that pierce March's drought to the root and all, and bathe every vein in liquor that has the power to generate therein and sire the flower". While Thomas Tusser may be considered the father of this saying, Geoffrey Chaucer is undoubtedly one of its earliest creators.

This saying likely emerged as a way to help us cope with the depression that comes after a long, hard winter and the dreary, rainy months of early spring. It encourages us to remain hopeful for better weather in May.

As I wrote this, I couldn't help but think of other encouraging sayings like: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning", "There is a silver lining after every dark cloud", and "This

too shall pass."

The reality of death leading to new life parallels the arrival of spring and the promise of sunshine following a season of gloom and sadness. This brings us back to the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers". It serves as a reminder that even the most unpleasant experiences will eventually pass, and we can look forward to more joyful moments. There is indeed light at the end of the tunnel and the promise of abundant flowers in May. This saying also teaches us patience, it encourages us to have faith that what is to be will be and that no matter how bad things get, they will eventually turn around.

Many of life's greatest rewards come to those who wait patiently and endure challenges with a positive outlook. As May unfolds, take in the sights and smells of life reborn. After all, it's easier to appreciate beauty when you start with an optimistic mindset. Have you experienced a season of setbacks, disappointments, or hurdles?

Don't be dismayed. Remember this: there has never been a wind that did not change direction, clouds do not linger forever, and April showers will bring May flowers. My point is that after enduring these challenges, we emerge better prepared and stronger. Sometimes, we must go through some difficulties to truly understand what is important and beautiful, emerging better on the other side.

## First 2025 Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for Mid-April

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee came together at its March meeting with an announcement that the Household Hazardous Waste Collections Program for Southern NH will soon have its first collection day of 2025.

"The hazardous waste collections are resuming in April, hosted by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission," announced Committee Chair Deb Putnam. "Households can come together to do one drop off. Check with your neighbors. After a long winter, there might be some items you want to get rid of that should not go into landfills. As a quick reminder, if you have old medications, you can go into the vestibule of the Hudson Police Department and drop it off at any time convenient for yourself. Syringes are another matter; they have to be in a hard-shell container of any type like a little plastic soap bottle. Those can be dropped off at local hospitals."

The first collection day will occur on Saturday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Nashua Park and Ride at 25 Crown St., Nashua. The minimum charge is \$20 per vehicle, a slight increase from the 2024 rate. All associated fees must be paid using cash or check.

The committee also moved forward with their

delayed selection of a Vice-Chair for the rest of the year. Member Karl Huber was nominated for the role without competition.

"Karl has extensive experience, more than I do," said Putnam. "He's an involved, constructive, and positive contributor to the activities and our goals as the Sustainability Committee."

Huber was unanimously elected Vice-Chair without debate.

With the Sustainability Committee still examining ways to expand the town's renewable footprint, member Bob Larson did research on possibly using federal grant money for a solar project.

"There's a program called the Political Subdivision Solar Grant Program," he said. "It was distributed to state specifically to install PV solar and the political subdivisions can be almost anything: it could be the town; it could be a school."

Proposed grants can range from \$40,000 to \$200,000. Application details for how a town like Hudson might apply for the grant were still sparse.

"Also, there's no information at this time what the financial burden to the town might be. In other words, if we apply for this grant, how much would the town have to come up with? Those details haven't been determined yet," said Larson.

"However, a letter of intent has to be submitted to them."

Interested applicants can also comment on the proposal format for the program by April 18. Despite the only vague overall detail, the rest of the committee was interested in pursuing a solar project.

"Are the funds definitely there?" asked Committee member Chris Thatcher. "They haven't been or won't potentially be withdrawn anytime soon?"

Larson was unsure if the money was still available or if it could be revoked in the near future, although he saw no harm in at least planning things out. Putnam stated that the Sustainability Committee would need to follow procedure and that they would need a more definitive answer on the funding before bringing anything before the Board of Selectmen or the School Board.

"You have to have facts. You have to go with all of the facts," said Putnam, who questioned if they could have a letter of intent ready in time. "There's too many unknowns at the moment and too short a timeline."

Members agreed to continue gathering information about the grant.

The Sustainability Committee is set for Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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## Town Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Hudson Water Utility will be conducting its annual hydrant flushing program in the Town of Hudson starting on Sunday, April 20, 2025, and finishing around May 4, 2025. Flushing is scheduled at NIGHT between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and will continue until the entire system has been completed.

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If you experience discolored water, run the cold water for 5 to 10 minutes, or until clear. If your water does not clear after 24 hours, please contact Hudson Water Utility at 603-866-6002.

Also, residents may want to avoid doing laundry during this period. If it's an afterhours emergency contact WhiteWater, Inc. at (603) 324-8318.



# Lowell Road Remodeling Facility Finalizes Plan for New Building

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on March 26 for an update from Dan Flores of SFC Engineering for a site plan at 100 Lowell Road. The plan, which would allow Inside Out Painting and Remodeling to develop a storage and office building needed to support ongoing operations, originally went before the Board last November.

"We have satisfied third party review comments. We received that yesterday, and all comments were addressed," said Flores. "All department heads have signed off as well."

He thanked the Planning Board for its earlier feedback on the original proposal and stated that the property owner made several changes in response to suggestions from town officials and residents. The site plan included several waivers covering parking quantity,

driveway curb cuts, loading space size, and the 100-foot residential setback.

"We reworked the drainage. We now show either the same or a reduction in peak flow volume for all storm events," added Flores, reviewing a few changes. "With the lighting plan, we have a note that lighting will be off from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. We also added a note stating site lighting will have motion detectors, and we revised the pole height to 20 feet."

At the request of Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, a sewer manhole was added near the property line. Additionally, a drainage impact plan and an updated traffic impact study were added to the site plan following feedback from the Department of Public Works.

"Everything has been addressed. This is pretty straightforward," said Dhima. "It's ready to go; it's

ready for primetime."

Despite this assurance, the Planning Board still had a few questions.

"I see a turn plan for fire trucks, but do you feel that if a tractor-trailer would happen to show up with a delivery, that they could maneuver through the site equally as well?" asked Board member Ed Van der Veen.

Flores confirmed even large tractor-trailers would have no trouble getting in and out of the area.

"A note seems to be missing an ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act, reference. Would you review and correct that?" asked Board member James Crowley.

Flores pointed to a different part of the site plan, stating that the building would include marked parking spaces for people with disabilities, but agreed to clarify the matter in the

final plan. Crowley also wanted more detail on the traffic study, especially after reading through comments from the traffic engineer.

"They recommended off-site improvements, and the study has like three of them," he said, adding that

none of the recommended improvements seemed to be on the site plan. Install 'intersection ahead,' warning signs, replace existing stop sign and marked 'stop' line on County Road, and install a 'stop sign ahead' and warning sign on County

Road."

The Town Engineer stated that all points were "reasonable," and Flores promised to add those off-site improvements to the final plan.

The Inside Out proposal was approved by the Planning Board.

## Staffing

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were given an update on the various travel requests which were approved recently by the District Administration.

One of the requests was for Jeanne Shratwieser for the National Science Teacher Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for

a total of \$600.

Another travel request was for Melissa Van Sickle for the Primex Risk Management Conference Omni Mt. Washington, in Bretton Woods, NH.

The request was for \$597.

A request for \$1369.66 to allow Stephen Baxter to attend the 33rd Tri-State ASBO Conference in White-

field, NH, was also approved.

Pam Clark was also approved to attend a Primex Conference, in Bretton Woods, NH, for a total of \$700.

The School Board was previously required to give final OK on all.

The next School Board meeting is set for April 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.



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# ZBA Approves Staircase Reconstruction for Spruce Street Home

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment opened its March 27 meeting with a variance request from William Coyne, who wanted to reconstruct and expand a staircase on a Spruce Street house.

"A non-conforming structure may not be altered or expanded except by variance," said Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan. "The new deck encroaches the setback by 2.5 feet."

Currently, the deck and staircase violate Hudson's 30-foot front yard setback.

"Substantial justice will be done because a wider deck will allow for better accessibility from a mobility challenged resident and for any ambulatory care," said Coyne. "The deck would make it extremely hard for an older person to get into and out of the house. The old deck had rotten wood, was cracked, and had sunk into the ground."

He stated that leaving the old, non-conforming deck up was not an option, and that Hudson regulations would not allow him to build a new staircase with-

out approval.

"The width of the proposed deck will make for a safer usable space," added Coyne, who promised that his relatively small staircase would not stick out. "It blends into the siding of the house, and it matches in with other decks in the neighborhood."

There was no public input for or against the application. Members of the Zoning Board had no objections to the request.

"I believe that the increased size of the deck with a little bit of encroach-

ment creates better safety for the house and for visitors, whether it be first responders or whoever else," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "I believe that the structure will observe the spirit of the ordinance. It's an older structure that probably had more safety issues before with it being older and falling apart."

He considered the size of the deck to be an "improvement to the property," one that was the "right size" for a front deck.

Board member Tristan

Dion agreed, calling the reconstruction "an extension of the deck."

"I personally drove through the neighborhood and looked at the property earlier today. These are tight lots, these are small properties, and from what I could see of the house itself and looking at the plot plan, the house is situated right on the line from the setback as it is. The current deck is already on the setback I think," said Dion. "There's no harm to the general public here. You're not encroaching upon the setback that much,

and you're not ever going to notice based on where it currently already is."

He agreed that there was an unnecessary hardship considering the original placement of the house.

"You're already sitting almost directly on the setback. You can't really build anything in the front of the house without going into the setback and because of that fact, there is a hardship," said Dion. "This is definitely reasonable."

The Zoning Board agreed, unanimously voting to grant the variance.

# School Board to Have Workshop With Administration

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the April 7 Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a potential workshop between the

School Board and the SAU Leadership Team.

"Annually we have a school board and SAU administrative workshop," Hudson School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said. She

explained during the meeting that they have had it in a number of different formats during past years, with the purpose of it being that it gives them the opportunity to come up

with their priorities and to put goals into place for the upcoming year.

Dionne explained that the format they have used was having it in May as it made more sense to have it in place before the planning process begins during the summer.

School Board member Ethan Beals explained that there have been times when they did it both in May and then again during the summer. He explained that he thinks it is better to have two different sessions because it makes it a bit more "palpable" compared to when they

had one long session to go over everything.

Beals explained that his proposal was to have one workshop day sometime in May where they can get through all the different topics that need to be completed by the end of May, and then they have another one in July which could serve as an opportunity to meet with their new Business Administrator.

Dionne said she thinks it makes sense to have a couple of sessions and that during the July workshop they can go over things like the budget process and other things.

It was decided during the meeting for the School Board members and the leadership team for the District to come up with different potential dates for the workshops.

Also during the meeting

the School Board discussed who would serve as the liaison for the Board of Selectmen.

Dionne proposed that they rotate it each meeting. "Honestly it's a new concept in terms of the Selectmen liaison for the year," she said.

She said the idea would be to have someone different each meeting, which would not only help with people's schedules, but also give them an opportunity to attend the meetings and have interactions with the Board of Selectmen.

It was also noted during the meeting that they could always revisit it if someone decides they are interested in being the only person who attends. "We could always adjust committee assignments," Dionne said.

The School Board approved the proposal during the meeting.

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# Community Power Coalition Faces Questions, Aims to Improve Transparency

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the March 20 meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee, Craig Putnam gave an update on the Hudson Community Power, hoping to answer a series of recent questions from town officials.

Concern over community power was not limited to Hudson, as the statewide Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) came under scrutiny for a perceived lack of transparency amidst the recent departure of CPCNH CEO Brian Callanan. At least one Right to Know Request was already ongoing.

"I will note that a Right to Know request has been filed by Don Kreis, who runs the NH Office for the

Consumer Advocate. That request was filed on March 20, and a preliminary response from CPCNH is expected," said Putnam, who also serves on the CPCNH Board of Directors.

The Right to Know request also wanted to learn more about CPCNH's "procurement of wholesale power" and how it connected to the organization's risk management procedures.

Putnam announced that CPCNH was adding push notifications for community power customers, making it easier for them to stay up-to-date on major issues related to the program.

"There's a Contact Us page at [communitypowerNH.gov/contact](http://communitypowerNH.gov/contact). You can also get to that by going to the Hudson Community

Power page, which is at [communitypowerNH.gov/Hudson](http://communitypowerNH.gov/Hudson)," he explained. "You can sign up on that page for various communications, and they can be either email or text."

Putnam also recommended an "extensive" FAQ page at [CPCNH.org](http://CPCNH.org) for anyone interested in learning more about community power. Despite the information, the Board of Selectmen expected to have several questions about the community power program in the near future. The Board previously expressed some frustration after Putnam was reluctant to answer a few questions due to confidentiality concerns.

"I think what happened is that your inability or resistance to answer some

questions was seen to create a conflict of interest. If the information wasn't public yet, was that your concern?" said Town Administrator Roy Sorenson.

Putnam responded by saying that most questions he did not want to answer were related to specific uncalculated numbers.

"We've had no question as to his ability to sit on this committee and be a CPCNH Director," said Committee member Chris Thatcher, who challenged assertions that Putnam's simultaneous affiliation with CPCNH and the Sustainability Committee counted as a conflict of

interest. "I don't understand exactly where this is coming from."

The Town Administrator considered it a chain of command issue since the Board of Selectmen generally approves appointees to the Sustainability Committee and Hudson's representative to the CPCNH Board of Directors.

"The Board of Selectmen has the authority to appoint people to those committees; they have the authority to ask questions; they would expect to get answers to those questions. That's the context of it," said Sorenson.

After reading a list of questions related to the CPCNH, Putnam warned that a few questions "may not be answerable," even with a Right to Know request.

"Some of these questions depend on things that didn't happen in the past: hedging, contracts, that sort of thing," said Putnam, who promised to answer all questions to the best of his ability.

The Hudson Sustainability Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



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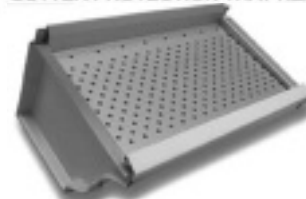
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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Bronco Boys Tennis Start Spring Season, Go 1-2 in DII

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Broncos Boys Tennis Team has stepped down to Division II this season due to current enrollment at Alvirne High School. The team hopes to benefit from the upcoming change in competition.

Four of the 11 boys on the roster are returning players. This includes junior Sam Hergenbahn, senior Sean Mendes, senior Owen Surprenant, and sophomore Samanyu Kudikala.

After a 7-7 regular season last year, the Broncos would fall to Dover in the first round of the Division I State tournament. As stated by head coach Colin Stone, the team's main goal this season is to make it back to the state tournament.

One personal goal for Hergenbahn, the team's #1 last year as a sophomore, is to make it into the individual tournament in singles. He also hopes to reach the doubles tournament with his partner, Owen Surprenant.

The boys have been working hard at practice, preparing for the new competition this season.

The team started their season off on Monday, April 7 with a showing they could only go up from. Hollis-Brookline was all business in the 9-0 shutout they put up against Alvirne. The Broncos looked to bounce back just two days later against Milford.

Luckily, they put on a good show for fans in their first outing on their home court Wednesday.

The Broncos won four out of six singles matches. Sam Hergenbahn took down opponent Will Emerson 8-2. Sean Mendes won 8-4 against his opponent, Brady O'Connor. Owen Surprenant and Christian Figueiredo put on strong 8-1 outings against their opponents.

The Broncos won all three of their doubles matches in this game. Hergenbahn and Surprenant teamed up for an 8-3 win. Fitzpatrick and Mendes won their match with a score of 8-4. The final doubles match, and the highlight of the day, featured Samanyu Kudikala

and Christian Figueiredo. The two started this match off slow in what looked like might be a defeat as they trailed opponents Huselyn Alperen and Ryan Lewis 5-2. The two would then find their groove and only allow one more point to their opponent on their way to an 8-6 win. Kudikala's serving stood out as his three aces helped secure that victory.

The Broncos capped their week on Friday with a 3-6 loss to Merrimack. Hergenbahn was the lone Bronco to win a solo match in this game. He beat his opponent Mikhail Agapov 8-3.

The team put on a stronger showing in the doubles matches, winning in two of the three games. Hergenbahn and Surprenant



Sam Hergenbahn

won their doubles match 8-5. Kudikala and Figueiredo put on the strongest performance of the day with an 8-2 victory.

The Broncos are scheduled for a three-game home-stand next week as they take on Kennet, Souhegan, and Kingswood.



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# Broncos Softball Squad Looks to Improve this Season

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's Varsity Softball team is ready to take on their new season to begin this week. They'll be on the road against Goffstown and Concord, each at 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. They play at home against Salem at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Coach Becky Radziewicz is returning for her

second year as the Varsity Girls' head coach. She has played a major role in multiple levels of softball in Hudson. Radziewicz is an Alvirne alum, playing on the school's Varsity Softball team from 2004-2007.

Radziewicz has 10-years of experience coaching softball at the middle school. Radziewicz also runs the town's recreational softball program.

"It's exciting to see how years of building our softball community are beginning to take shape at the varsity level," said Radziewicz.

Last year, the Broncos Varsity team closed the season with a 5-13 record, but bumps in the road were expected when dealing with such a young roster. Radziewicz saw it as an opportunity for her girls to

navigate the challenges and overcome the obstacles of performing at the Varsity level as a team mostly made up of underclassmen. The team this year will also be heavy on underclassmen, with only three girls being upperclassmen. Still, there are many returning players with an opportunity to continue building chemistry together.

Despite what the record

showed, there are plenty of flashes of potential from last year to look out for in this upcoming season. Current Junior Cori Sevigny batted .481 and current Sophomore Nyiah Stroming batted .422 last year.

Incoming Freshmen Abbie Kowalski and Adriana Vallante are two more strong arms to help out the team.

Avery Williad will be

returning as a Team Captain for her senior year. Senior Lexi Testa and Junior Cori Sevigny were also named captains for the 2025 season.

Radziewicz said, "With a strong focus on player development, mental toughness, and program growth, I am committed to making Alvirne a highly competitive and successful program for years to come."

# Hudson Police Department Hopes To Secure Grant Funding

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the April 8 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a potential grant opportunity. It was explained during the meeting by Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne that their record management system "is kind of dying a slow death."

He also explained that their current system won't be updated anymore after

next year. "We're trying to look ahead and see what we're going to do," Dionne said.

He also explained during the meeting that replacing the system is "very expensive."

Dionne said that he has spoken to other police chiefs in the area and they are looking to apply for funding.

"The Hillsborough, NH Police Chief has submitted

a proposal for Congressional funding which would cover the cost of Central Square's Pro Suite RMS for a consortium of police departments in southern NH," Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board. "The Hudson Police Department, at our request, was included on the initial proposal that the Hillsborough Police Department submitted, and they would be the fiduciary."

Dionne explained dur-

ing the meeting that if they were able to get the funding it would pay for the first five years of the new software.

Police Captain David Cayot said one of the reasons why they are interested in the software is because it comes from the company of their current software, and they would be able to automatically transfer over records. He also noted that some of the police departments across the State

already use them, and the different forms for the State are built into the system.

"So we can do those electronically," Cayot said.

Dionne also noted during the meeting that the Police Department would keep the Board of Selectmen updated as things progress.

"The Hudson Police Department will keep the Board of Selectmen updated on this potential funding and

will bring this grant through the proper approval if it moves forward," Dionne wrote.

Also during the meeting the Board was presented with a proposal to re-appoint Sarah Petkiewicz as an incumbent member to the Benson Park Committee.

Benson Park Committee Chair Jack Madden said "she is a solid individual" and has been serving on the committee for three years, and served mostly as secretary.



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# Jim Michaud Nominated For Annual Loyalty Day Award

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the nomination for the Annual Loyalty Day awards program through the VFW.

“As part of its Annual Loyalty Day awards program, Hudson VFW Post 5791 has requested that the Board of Selectmen provide the name and biography of a Town employee, other than a member of the police and fire departments,

who has made a contribution to the wellbeing of the community,” Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo.

During the meeting he announced that Assessor Jim Michaud would be nominated for the award. “This year I think it’s more than appropriate to nominate Michaud for this award,” Sorenson said.

It was explained by Sorenson that Michaud has helped the Town in a number of different ways. “This year, we would like to nom-

inate Jim Michaud for this award,” Sorenson wrote in a memo. “Jim Michaud has been employed by the Town of Hudson as the Assessing Department Head, now Chief Assessor, since 1995, and is in his 30th year. This makes him the longest serving department head in the modern era notwithstanding. Jim has led the Town successfully through six town-wide revaluations during that period.”

One of the things that Sorenson pointed out about Michaud is his involvement

with the NH Municipal Association.

“Jim is a key member of the administration. Moreover his involvement with NHMA that helps monitor state legislation, including that which could impact Hudson,” Sorenson said. “His knowledge in the public arena and his specific discipline have been well demonstrated and noticed throughout the years.”

When former Town Administrator Steve Malizia retired, Sorenson noted that Michaud filled a pretty

“urgent gap” last year by serving as the Acting Town Administrator for a while.

Some of the things Sorenson listed about Michaud included that he has led the Town through multiple town-wide revaluations.

“Jim has led the Town successfully through 6 town-wide revaluations, 60 tax billing cycles, numerous DRA Assessment Review cycles, hundreds of property tax appeals, and delivered timely reporting and delineation of the Town’s property tax base to NH

DRA for 30 years. Prior to working for the Town of Hudson, Jim was a Staff Appraiser with the City of Nashua. Prior to that, Jim worked as a real estate appraiser and as a revaluation company appraiser in 5 states throughout New England and New York,” Sorenson wrote about Michaud.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved nominating Michaud for the 2025 Hudson VFW Post 5791 Loyalty Day Award.

# Town Looks to Renovate, Fill Vacancies Following March Election

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The April meeting of Hudson Budget saw its members ask for updates on a few recently approved projects, starting with the status of Town Hall renovations.

“That will be coming before the Board of Selectmen this month, and the data and next steps for that will be done at the next meeting, or a meeting in April was my understanding,” acting Selectman Liai-

son Heidi Jakoby. “We’re going to address the warrant article that was passed.”

Warrant Article 11, which allocated \$54,800 towards renovating Hudson’s Town Hall, was approved by voters last March.

“So there is no status on the project right now?” asked Budget Committee member Bill Cole.

Jakoby confirmed that there was no official status on the renovations just yet and that the Board of

Selectmen would work out many of the details of the project in the near future.

Another topic of discussion was ongoing vacancies for the Town Planner and Financial Director roles.

“I wanted to let you all know that for both vacancies we’re moving to start a new process for the Town Planner, and we are well in the process for Financial Director,” said Jakoby. “With the new Town Administrator Mr. Sorenson

coming on board, he has put together an outline on how we’re going to try and recruit for these positions.”

She outlined a plan to expand advertising for the open spots. First-round interviews for prospective candidates were expected within the next few weeks.

“You also have a vacancy for the Town Accountant, right?” asked Budget Committee member Kevin Walsh.

Jakoby stated that the positions of Town Accountant and Assistant Town Administrator were currently vacant and that they were “next on the list” after finding a Town Planner and Financial Director. Former Town Administrator Steve Malizia offered to help “fill in the gap,” taking over

some financial duties.

“It is not going to be a permanent position to him,” said Jakoby, referring to Malizia’s ongoing work with Hudson. “We hope that we will have a Financial Director very shortly.”

Budget Committee Chair James Lawrence also invited School Board member Dan Kilgour to give his first report as liaison.

“I would ask the Budget Committee what information specifically you’re looking for SAU81 employee overview so we can work with Superintendent Moulis and/or human resources to get them that necessary information,” said Kilgour. “We just want to know what the committee is looking for.”

“Jen Burke was the school’s Business Adminis-

trator. Who is the Business Administrator now?” asked Budget Committee member Rich Weissgarber.

According to Kilgour, the School Board was still in the process of hiring a new Business Administrator, although they were keeping Burke on to fill in temporarily.

“With the recent budget that was adopted by the voters there was several new positions available like behavioral analyst,” said Walsh. “Are those postings going to be actively recruited?”

Kilgour was unsure but promised to ask the School Board and report back at the next meeting. The Budget Committee is set to meet on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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## Loyalty Day

The Hudson VFW Post 5791 will hold its Loyalty Day Ceremony at the Post, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson on May 2, the social starts at 6:30 p.m., with the ceremony at 7 p.m. The Ceremony is to honor those in the community who go above and beyond in serve it. This will include first responders, teachers, employees, and Patriots Pen winners from Hudson and Litchfield.

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On April 26, starting at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the American Legion Activities Committee. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central Street, pre-buys are available call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

## Karaoke

On April 25, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to American Legion members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton Street.

## Legion Meeting

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for Post 48 will be May 5 beginning at 6 p.m.

## Trivia Night

On April 19, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting Trivia Night. This event is open to American Legion members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

## Sustainability Series: Your Sustainable Kitchen

On Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m., join Dana Benner for a look at how you can make your kitchen more sustainable at Rogers Library.

## Cookbook Club

This Rogers Library group will meet on Monday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "PlantYou: Scrappy Cooking: 140+ Plant-Based Zero-Waste Recipes That Are Good for You, Your Wallet, and the Planet" by Carleigh Bodrug.

## Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

Meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m., this month at Soho. This month's book is "Recursion" by Blake Crouch

## Free Kids Vision Screening

This screening will be hosted by the Hudson Lions Club on April 22 & 23 at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd0, Hudson, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., for Ages 6 months & older. No appointment or health insurance is needed. The vision screening procedure is safe and non-invasive. No device comes in contact with your child. No eyedrops and no puffs or air used. Children under five cannot reliably read an eye chart. Screening helps to identify children at risk for vision problems, particularly amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misaligned eyes), and other vision issues.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rogers Library on Saturday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m., to play and grab a donut.

## VITA Tax Assistance

Mondays and Saturdays VITA provides free tax preparation. Call the Rogers library or visit [www.events.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.events.rodgerslibrary.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Teen: Spring Wreath

On Friday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m., High school students can create their own spring wreath with ribbon and flowers at Rogers Library.

## Spring Storytime

On Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m., families are invited to Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles.

## Hexbug Mazes

On Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m., families with children are invited to build a maze for a hexbug at the Rogers Library.

## Pokemon Trivia

On Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the Rogers Library for 5 rounds of Pokemon Trivia.

## Marble Run

On Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m., come play with the Rogers Library's marble run!

## Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., (except April 28, and 29) Teens are invited to relax in a teens only space at Rogers Library. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch will be available. There will be a different theme each week.

## Tween Minecraft Party

On Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m., join the Rogers Library for Minecraft-themed activities and crafts. Snacks provided.

## Adventurers Storytime: Ice Cream

On Tuesday, April 22 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rogers Library. This program is for ages 3-5.

## Family Storytime

Come to the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m., for Songs, stories, and bubbles for families with children.

## Lions Club Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholarships consisting of four individual \$1,500 scholarships, two \$1,500 memorial scholarships, honoring Lion Al Rodgers and Lion George Philip Rodgers, a \$2,000 memorial scholarship in memory of Lion Joe Kasper, and a single \$1,500 scholarship for an Alvirne Leo's Club Member. Applicants must be a Hudson resident, graduating from any high school and have been accepted at a school of higher learning. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or by email: [dgroger@comcast.net](mailto:dgroger@comcast.net) or online at: [www.NHLions/Hudson](http://www.NHLions/Hudson). Application deadline April 11, 2025

## Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m.,  
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join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Library. For ages 3-5.

### Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Library.

### Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

### Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

### Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice

holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024). As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

### Library Scholarship

The Friends of the Library are eager to assist area high school seniors in their quest for higher education by offering the \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship. High school seniors must be Hudson residents for at least six months and plan to attend a college, university, or vocational/technical school. Applications need to be submitted by May 1, with an essay explaining

how participation in the library community aided their high school success. Visit High School Guidance Departments, Rodgers Memorial Library and Friends of the Library webpage for applications and guidelines.

### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At

603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

### A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodger Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

### Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

### Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library

fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rodderslibrary.org](http://rodderslibrary.org)

### PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey ([surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com)) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Depart-

### BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

## OBITUARY

### Patricia (Coté) Vachon



Patricia (Coté) Vachon, 91, of Litchfield, NH passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2025. She was born Nov. 4, 1933 in Ste Germaine, PQ, Canada, daughter of the late Joseph and Armoza (Bellavance) Coté.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Pierre Vachon and is survived by her children: Jacinthe Statz and her husband Joseph, Marc Vachon and his wife Nancy, Denis Vachon and his partner Jenifer, Rémi Vachon and his wife Joan, Bernard Vachon and his partner Becky, Martial Vachon, and David Vachon and his wife Ceci; her grandchildren: Joel Statz (Meg Langford), Michael Vachon, Nicole Hatch (Timothy), Alison Fitz (Gregory), Luc Vachon, Kurt Vachon (Ali Reily), Jordan Vachon (Ted MacLeod), Jack Vachon; her great-grandchildren: Haleigh, Lilian and Katelyn Hatch, Mason and Logan Fitz; and her beloved sister-in-law and best friend Rachel (Vachon) Bisson. Patricia was also a nanny for close to 20 years to Adam, Amy and Kari Wagenberg who were considered her second family. She is also survived by many, many nieces and nephews.

Patricia was pre-deceased by her siblings: The Gagnons; Juliette, Antoinette, Antoine, and Roland; The Cotés; Jean-Paul, Marc, Clement, Gilles, Napoleon, Eméla, Julienne and Julien. Also pre-deceased by her Vachon in-laws; Gaston, Jeannette, Jacqueline, Simone, Gertrude, Martha, Lorette, Nicolas, Jean-Claude, Dominique, Guy, and Lisette.

Patricia belonged to the Daughters of Isabella and volunteered her help for many of their yearly bazaars. She was a parishioner at St. John's the Evangelist church in Hudson, and volunteered for many years on the Bereavement Lunch Committee. She also attended weekly exercise classes where she made many friends.

She loved music, loved to sing. She was a great cook and an even better baker. Her specialties were pies, especially tourtière and maple sugar pie. She also made the best crêpes, which were everyone's favorite. She loved flowers. She was also a great seamstress. She could make clothes without a pattern. She could darn, hem, make alterations and figure out how to make look perfect any piece of clothing that had been damaged. She reupholstered many couches and chairs.

One of the family's longest and best tradition, which was loved by Patricia, was getting together on Friday nights as a family, where a lot of us got together to catch up on family news/events and celebrated birthdays. Grandchildren were her greatest joy. She spoiled them by spending time with them. She never missed a chance to babysit or just have them over to spend the night, and always serving crêpes for breakfast.

Patricia was always welcoming, always smiling. She was very nurturing and taught her children by example. She was a true friend and confidante to many and an absolutely wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Fairview Senior Living for their compassion while caring for our mom during these last few months. A special thank you to Sylvie Cotnoir at Laurel Place who came into our lives at a crucial time. Who, through her compassion, support and grace, became a beloved and respected family friend.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Thursday, May 8 from 10 -11:30 a.m., followed by a Prayer Service at 11:30 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. To share an online message of condolence please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com) The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Alfred (Al) H. Orowitz Jr.



Alfred (Al) H. Orowitz Jr., born in Butler, PA, on Oct. 1, 1938, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, April 7, 2024.

He leaves behind his two daughters, Brenda Collins and her husband Bill Collins of Hudson, NH, and Joanne Robbins and her husband Michael Robbins. He was a beloved grandfather to Olivia Kile and her husband Brian Kile, Patrick Collins, and Nicole LaRoche, and a cherished great-grandfather to Lily LaRoche. Lovingly called "Junior" by his siblings, he also leaves behind a sister, Rose Creed, and a brother, James Orowitz, along with several nieces, nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sisters Margaret Brumm, Stella Sanders, and Patricia Quinn. His parents were Isabell and Alfred H. Orowitz, Sr.

Al proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Keppler. Following his military service, he worked in construction as a mason before becoming a welder at Ingersoll Rand, where he remained until his retirement. He married his first wife, Maureen Orowitz, in 1963 and lived in Hudson, NH, until 1995. Upon retirement, he moved to Deltona, FL, with his second wife, Christine Talbert.

An avid traveler, Al fulfilled his dream of visiting Normandy to honor those lost and embarked on a safari in Africa. He was proud of his family and valued his time with friends. Fondly nicknamed "Old Sea Biscuit" by his grandchildren, he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A private memorial service will be held by the family at a later date to celebrate his life.

## OBITUARY

### Joseph "Joe" A. Rodonis



Joseph "Joe" A. Rodonis, 83 of Litchfield, NH, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family on April 4, 2025. He was born Dec. 23, 1941 in Nashua, NH son of the late William, Sr. and Ida (Nadeau) Rodonis. Joe was predeceased by his son Kevin Rodonis and son in law Stephen Kehoe. He was also predeceased by his sister, Mary Ann Nolette and his brother, Bill.&nbsp;

Joe was a loving husband of Marilyn (MacDougall) Rodonis of Litchfield NH with whom he recently celebrated 60 years of marriage in November.

From the age of 6, Joe enjoyed doing what he loved the most, farming at Rodonis Farm Stand until retirement. He was born with a green thumb and filled greenhouses with beautiful annuals, perennials and vegetables. He worked throughout the years surrounded by family, friends and the Litchfield community. After he retired he kept himself busy with keeping his lawn in pristine condition and sitting on the front porch with his wife.

He loved spending time with family and friends playing cribbage and other games, working on puzzles, and doing word searches. He enjoyed starting his day going to breakfast with his family catching up on local gossip and raising hell with the restaurant wait staff.

He is survived by his caring wife, Marilyn; son, Joey "Little Joe" and his husband, Jim Morgan; two daughters, Donna Kehoe, & Lisa Boisvert and her husband, Mark; and three grandchildren, Ashley Kehoe, Nathan Boisvert, and Samantha Boisvert. He is also survived by his brother Dickie Rodonis and his wife, Diana, sister in law; Linda Rodonis, as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joe's life was held on Wednesday, April 16 in the Dumont- Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Joe's loving memory to; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). To share an online message of condolence or for more information, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.





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