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**Warm Welcome** A local Mariachi Band welcomed attendees at the annual World Festival at Alvirne High School on Friday night, April 17. The event is hosted by the Student Voice and Multicultural Club to feature the wide range of cultures at AHS. See more photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Conservation Commission Expands Trail Work, Mulls Land Acquisitions

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The April meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission focused heavily on spring trail maintenance and long-term land preservation efforts, with members outlining new work at the Musquash Conservation Area and discussing poten-

tial acquisitions of state-owned land.

Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson said the improving weather provides an opportunity to continue trail-blazing work near the Pelham border.

“We’ll have an opportunity to schedule a follow-up Work Day to work on the

blazing of our trails and finish any clearing with the trails we’ve been working on at the Musquash property near the Pelham town border,” Dickinson said. “We need that blazing so it’s really clear where that trail is. Although it’s passable, it doesn’t look like **continued on page 4**

## Policy Committee to Continue as Town Adds HR Position

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen will continue the work of its Policy Subcommittee for another year, reaffirming the group’s role in reviewing, updating, and modernizing the town’s internal policies. With the recent addition of a Human Resources Generalist, the committee is expected to take on a more structured and efficient approach to policy oversight.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson reminded the Board that the subcommittee was originally formed at the Sept. 3, 2024 meeting to create a more consistent and collaborative process for policy review. The structure includes two Selectmen, the

Town Administrator, and relevant department heads depending on the policy under consideration.

Over the past year, Selectmen Heidi Jakoby and Xen Vurgaropulos have served as the Board’s representatives on the committee. Sorenson noted that with the March election complete, it was an appropriate time to reassign members for the coming year and strengthen the committee’s capacity.

He recommended adding newly hired Human Resources Generalist Michelle Brewster, explaining that her expertise would be especially valuable as the town continues to update personnel-related policies.

“At this time, it would

be prudent for the Board to reassign members to this committee to continue with much-needed work in this area, notwithstanding adding Michelle Brewster, HR Generalist, to the group as well,” Sorenson said.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont praised the progress made over the past year, noting that the committee had successfully worked through a significant number of policies that had not been updated in years.

Jakoby said she was eager to continue serving, especially now that the town has a dedicated HR professional to help guide policy revisions. Vurgaropulos also expressed willing-

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## Future of the Sustainability Committee Still Unresolved

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The future of the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee was once again a topic of discussion at the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting, continuing a conversation that began last month when the Board reviewed the Committee’s proposed charter.

During that earlier meeting, Board Chair Dillon Dumont shared that he had spoken with several committee members and believed the group should consider transitioning into a nonprofit organization.

“I think that they would be better served doing it that way,” Dumont said at the time. “They could get out

from underneath some of our policies. They could run and function the way that they want to. Quite frankly, I think their budget would increase significantly with the donations they would be able to bring in that way and possibly get set up for charitable gaming.”

Dumont emphasized that, like any nonprofit in town, the group would still be able to advise municipal departments and the Board of Selectmen, but would operate independently.

“I just see what they’re going for, the bigger picture of it,” he said. “I think a lot more could be achieved if looked in that direction. I’m not asking for anybody to make decisions, but defi-

nately consider it.”

At the April 14 meeting, a revised version of the proposed charter was presented. Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who serves as the Board’s liaison to the Sustainability Committee, said the updated document addressed concerns raised previously.

She also made it clear that committee members do not wish to become a nonprofit at this time.

Jakoby explained that when the Committee was first formed, it had a broader role, helping departments pursue energy-efficiency upgrades, supporting recycling initiatives, and assisting with grant funding. **continued on page 3**

# Cemetery Trustees Pledge to Start Building Digital Records

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The Hudson Cemetery Board of Trustees devoted much of its March 30 meeting to one of its most challenging long-term responsibilities: maintaining accurate, accessible records of the town's six municipal cemeteries. With some burial sites dating back nearly 300 years, the Trustees acknowledged that preserving historical information is becoming increasingly urgent, and increasingly difficult, as aging paper files continue to deteriorate.

Secretary Christina Madden said she has been looking for additional resources to support the effort, including regional partnerships.

"I did join the Old

Graveyard Association, and they principally deal with things that we do: old graveyards as opposed to cemeteries that still allow burials," Madden explained. "I haven't gotten much from them since I joined, but it's always good to have another source."

The New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association's mission is to "discover, map, maintain, record and preserve our New Hampshire graveyards before they are irretrievably lost." The group encourages local boards to gather scattered historical files and convert them into digital archives that can be easily searched and shared with the public. Madden said this aligns closely with the Trustees' goals.

"We did previously dis-

cuss digitizing our records," she said. "I'm all for anything we can find that has to do with our cemeteries. It should all be digitized."

Chair Dan Barthelemy agreed, noting that the Rodgers Memorial Library has already been holding some cemetery-related files for the town.

"Christina and I visited the library and there were a few files they were holding for us," he said. "In Town Hall, we also have a large file, and they are trying to clean up things over there, digitize and reduce the amount of space they're using. Additionally, if we keep it in paper form, it will end up getting lost over time."

Barthelemy said the

Trustees had previously discussed reviewing the existing documents to determine what should be preserved, what could be purged, and what needed to be scanned. However, he acknowledged that "there hasn't been any progress over the past few months" due to the sheer volume of material and the condition of many of the files.

Some records are fragile, incomplete, or handwritten in fading ink. Others contain "huge gaps," making it difficult to confirm burial locations or historical details. To help move the project forward, Barthelemy purchased a hand scanner for Trustee Mel Gannon, hoping it would make digitization more manageable. He also

suggested reaching out to IT Director Doug Bosteels for technical support.

"I'll make contact with Doug and see if there are any opportunities there for us to simplify things," Barthelemy said.

Madden emphasized that Town Hall remains a valuable source of historical information. She shared a file she recently discovered about the Poor Farm Cemetery on Twin Meadow Drive, which once served as a burial site for indigent residents.

"It was very interesting, you can see they paid a guy for a robe and coffins for the people they buried there," she said. Some entries were vague or incomplete, reflecting the limited recordkeeping practices of the time. "With a

few of the people, you just have to assume they're buried there, but that's as close as you get. They didn't keep records of that. It's all interesting stuff. It's not earth-shattering, but if there's anything anyone wants to know about the Poor Farm, it's in there."

The Trustees are also coordinating with The Hills House, which maintains "extensive records" on local cemeteries, including maps, burial lists, and historical notes.

"They have so many things, it's sitting in binders at the Hills House, and it needs to be digitized," Madden said. "This is going to be a long-term project, but we really need to get into it so all of this will be available to anyone who wants to know."

# Plan for New Homes Would Add Cul-de-Sac at LeClaire Drive

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The Hudson Conservation Commission met on April 13 to review a conditional use permit request from Sam Foisie of Meridian Land Services for a proposed seven-lot subdivision on LeClaire Drive.

"Of those seven lots, six of them are new, and one is going to remain, there's an existing house situated on

it," Foisie explained. "The existing parcel is generally flat, with a wetland that bisects the property. That wetland has some steep banks and does have quite a bit of terrain drop-off."

The project calls for extending LeClaire Drive by roughly 800 feet and constructing a new cul-de-sac. The plan also includes connections to nearby utility lines and gravity sewer

extensions to serve the new homes.

"The main point of why we're here is that to construct this road and stormwater improvements does require some impacts to the wetlands," said Foisie. "It also requires some impacts to the surrounding buffer, both permanent and temporary. There's a total buffer disturbance just shy of 12,000 square feet."

An application for the permanent wetland impact is currently under review by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Secretary Chris Cameron questioned the design approach. "What's driving the layout where the cul-de-sac needs to be in the buffer?" he asked. "Would this subdivision meet any of the requirements for an Open Space Development?"

Foisie responded that shifting the culdesac farther from the buffer would reduce the buildable area and likely eliminate one of the proposed homes. It remained unclear whether the project would qualify as an open-space development under Hudson's land-use regulations, which allow smaller lots in exchange for preserved common land.

Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson noted that the overall design appeared typical for similar subdivisions. "This is pretty standard, there's nothing out of the ordinary here," he said. "There's two culverts here on the plan. Are they adjacent to each other?"

According to the application, the culvert crossings are located in different sections of the property and are easily identifiable on the plans.

Commissioner John Walter asked for clarification on the placement of several homes. "Do you have any idea where the houses would go on lots four, six, and seven?" he asked, noting that the plan did not clearly show how close the new homes would be to the Merrimack River.

Foisie said the homes would be sited closer to the

extended roadway than to the river. "They're going to be as close to the road as possible, preserving as much backyard as they can," he said. "Once you get to six and seven, you do start to lose a little buildable area with the width."

Given the wetland impacts and the topography of the site, the Commission agreed that a site walk would help clarify the conditions on the ground.

"The site walk should be fairly quick," Dickinson said, scheduling it for Monday, April 27, at 6 p.m. "We look forward to doing the site walk and understanding a bit better what it's like out there."

Commissioners also requested "a more complete set of plans," including additional details on nearby drainage basins and stormwater management.



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# Budget Committee Makes Formal Request for Delivery of Numbers by Early October

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The Hudson Budget Committee met on April 1 to discuss ways to accelerate the upcoming budget cycle.

“In the last session, we spent a lot of time discussing the schedule for producing both the town and school budgets, and this committee’s desire to communicate budget information to the Board of Selectmen and School Board much earlier in the cycle,” said Chair James Lawrence. “We want adequate time to do the work we are supposed to be doing. We want

to ensure that everything in those budgets is exactly as it should be, that there are no errors, and that we’re utilizing the resources of the town and school in the most effective manner.”

Committee member Donna Boucher presented a draft notional schedule for the next budget cycle.

“I included possible agenda items so the School Board and Selectmen could have prior notice for when they should present something and when we would like them to be here,” said Boucher. “I have a few holes left, but I roughed out

a schedule.”

She also noted that the Budget Committee has the authority to set the budget schedule, something she encouraged the group to exercise.

“We have some hard deadlines that we’re required to meet,” added Committee member Kevin Walsh. “There’s doing a public hearing and getting things ready for the deliberative session.”

However, the Chair cautioned that the Committee’s ability to enforce an earlier schedule is limited.

“I would say that we

can make requests, and we have made requests, that they supply certain information to us by a certain date,” said Lawrence. “However, it’s difficult for us to enforce any kind of schedule upon these boards unless they agree to collaborate with us.”

Committee member Shawn Jasper agreed, saying the Budget Committee does not have the power to “enforce any kind of specific date.” He still supported setting a “requested” date to encourage timely submissions.

“My recollection is that

we used to always get the budgets in early October and that we were wrapped up by Thanksgiving,” said Jasper, who anticipated “pushback” from both the School Board and Selectmen. “I really think it’s unfair to us here who are volunteering to do this work for the town. We’re being asked to work through the holidays and are not being given the time to look these over.”

Last year, the Budget Committee did not finalize its recommendations until December. The Committee voted to formally request that both the town and

school budgets be submitted by Monday, Oct. 5, 2026.

“I don’t disagree with this at all. I think this is a very reasonable request,” said Selectman Liaison Xen Vurgaropoulos. “Most of a year is plenty of notice. We should at least be able to get it in the ballpark.”

Committee member Bill Cole asked School Board Liaison Dan Kilgour to bring the matter forward promptly.

“I can make no promises, but I will definitely put out that request,” said Kilgour. “There is a lot of coordination that has to happen.”

# Library Materials Being Cleared from Hills Building as Long-Term Plans are Made

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The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on April 15 to review ongoing work at the historic Hills Memorial Library building, where staff have been clearing out remaining materials following a heat-

ing system failure in March. Library Director Linda Pilla explained that the issue stemmed from a timing problem with the building’s new heating oil vendor.

“We have a new vendor, and all of you with heating oil at your house know you

have to get down a timing where you fill your tank before it gets empty, and the vendor has been working at getting that timing finetuned, and we missed it,” Pilla said. “I got down to Town Hall to report the problem, and the person I left a message with was not

in, so the problem got left over the weekend. By the time we got the tank refilled, the fuel line had gotten clogged. This was like a perfect storm.”

With the help of town staff and a local contractor, the line was eventually cleared. Despite initial concerns, the outage did not result in frozen pipes or interior damage.

Meanwhile, the long-term effort to remove books, shelving, and other materials from the Hills building continues.

“The upstairs room is now clear of all books, and the guys are on a last sort of walkthrough to make sure everything is out,” Pilla said. “We’re going to work to dismantle the bookcases downstairs. There’s no way to get them out now that we don’t

have a ramp over there, so the cases will have to be taken apart. The wood is not in very good condition.”

Many of the shelves were described as “temporary” and in poor shape, raising questions about how much of the remaining interior infrastructure can realistically be salvaged.

The future of the Hills Memorial Library building; opened in 1909 and listed on both the National Register of Historic Places (1984) and the New Hampshire State Register (2012); remains a topic of active discussion. The Trustees will appear before the Hudson Board of Selectmen on April 28 to discuss governance and next steps for the building.

“We’re on the agenda for April 28,” Pilla said.

“The public meeting starts at 7 p.m., and we’ll be in the public section.”

Selectman Bob Guessferd encouraged residents to attend and share their views.

“Not sure exactly where you are in the agenda, we’ll see, but we’re not going to be talking about any other buildings, I don’t think, that night,” Guessferd said. “When you’re facing the building, it’s on the left hand side. People typically can go in the door on the side, go down the stairs, and the more the merrier.”

Several Trustees expressed interest in attending the meeting, noting that the Hills building was under their oversight until recently and remains an important part of Hudson’s cultural and architectural history.

# Sustainability

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Many of those grant opportunities no longer exist, she said, and the Committee’s work has naturally shifted.

Selectman Bob Guessferd reiterated that a non-profit structure could give the group more flexibility, especially financially.

“I think they can do a lot more,” he said.

Dumont agreed, saying he does not believe the Committee’s current structure aligns with what it is realistically able to accomplish today. He suggested dissolving the municipal

committee and encouraging members to reform as an independent nonprofit that could still advise the town.

“They could still continue to be advisors to the municipality,” Dumont said.

Guessferd noted that the public has not been fully engaged in the discussion and suggested that residents might be interested in helping form or support a non-profit if the idea were explored more openly.

Jakoby countered that there is no need to rush the decision. She suggested allowing the Committee to

continue operating for another year before making any final determination.

“I don’t think there isn’t reason they couldn’t continue for a year and then have more discussions before they eliminate it altogether,” she said.

After discussion, the Board of Selectmen agreed to table the proposed charter for now, leaving the Committee’s future structure unresolved. The topic is expected to return later in the year once more feedback is gathered and the Committee has additional time to evaluate its long-term direction.

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# Editorial

## It's Time to Talk About Lyme Disease & Ticks

If you're anything like me, you came to New Hampshire for the outdoors, the trails, the woods, the simple joy of stepping outside and breathing in this beautiful place we call home. But after having Lyme disease myself, my relationship with the outdoors has changed. I still love it, but I'm far more cautious. I check for ticks every single time I come inside, no matter the season.

And that's the point: ticks are no longer a "summer problem." In New Hampshire, they can be active almost year round. The highest risk runs from early spring through late fall, but warm spells in winter can bring them out too. We all need to stay alert.

If you find a tick attached, remove it right away. Put it in a small plastic bag with a damp piece of paper towel, label it with the date and the name of the person bitten, and keep it for identification. A knowledgeable provider, or a lab, can determine whether the tick carries Lyme or other infections like Babesia, Bartonella, Ehrlichia, or Anaplasma.

One of the biggest misconceptions is that you must have the classic "bull's eye" rash to have Lyme disease. Many people never get that rash at all. Some get a solid red area instead. Others get no rash whatsoever. Symptoms can show up 7 to 21 days after a bite, or they can creep in slowly over months or even years.

Lyme disease is known as "the great

masquerader" because it can mimic so many other illnesses. It can affect the heart, the nervous system, the joints, and the brain. People may experience burning nerve pain, buzzing or tingling sensations, severe stiffness, migraines, chronic sinus issues, memory problems, language difficulties, or what many call "brain fog." Some symptoms resemble Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's. Others look like cardiac arrhythmias. The list is long, and I don't have the space to cover it all here, but the bottom line is that Lyme is serious, and it's far more common than many realize.

The best treatment is still prevention. A few simple steps can make a big difference:

- Treat clothing with permethrin to repel ticks.
- Use DEET or lemon eucalyptus oil on exposed skin.
- Wear light colored clothing so ticks are easier to spot.
- Tuck pants into socks when walking in tall grass or wooded areas.
- Put clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes after coming inside, heat kills ticks.

New Hampshire is too beautiful to hide indoors. Enjoy the outdoors, but protect yourself. Check for ticks, take preventative measures, and seek medical care if something feels off. Lyme disease is easier to treat when caught early, and awareness is our best defense.

# Conservation

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much to someone that's never been out there."

Commissioner John Walter has been walking several Conservation-managed properties to identify future maintenance needs.

"I made a trip out to where we once talked about crossing a swamp in Musquash to find out it's submerged, it's full of water," Walter said. He suggested revisiting the issue once the current Musquash trail work is completed.

The next Trail Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m., meeting at the Heinz Lane parking lot in Pelham's Gumpas Pond Conservation Area.

Commission Eyes State Land Returning From Cancelled Highway Project

The Commission also reaffirmed its interest in acquiring portions of state-owned land originally reserved for the now-cancelled Circumferential Highway. The state is expected to begin the process of disposing of those parcels within the next year.

"I put our Conservation

Commission on record stating that we're interested in at least some of the parcels," Dickinson said. "It seems like there'll be adequate time, at least a year, probably more—to talk to the Land Trust and do whatever we need to do to identify whichever parcels we could be interested in purchasing, if any."

He noted that land near Kimbell Hill would be particularly valuable for preservation as open space and said he plans to continue discussions with state officials.

Commissioner Chris Cameron added that the NH Land Trust has expressed interest in the area following his attendance at the Saving Special Places conference on April 10.

"They're very interested in walking some of that property," Cameron said. "I don't know if they mean all of it, or some focused sections."

Dickinson said the Commission hopes to pursue state and federal grants to support any future purchases.

"We know we have limited money; we can't buy everything," he said. "We need to be able to rank it, we need to work with the Land Trust. We have a little bit of time."

State officials estimate it will take at least a year to formally dispose of the highway-related parcels, giving Hudson time to evaluate which properties may be worth acquiring.

Conservation Fund Update

The Commission currently has approximately \$825,000 in its Conservation Fund earmarked for land acquisitions. That balance will decrease by just over \$90 in the coming weeks due to a recent land deed filing. The Conservation Fund is separate from the Commission's general operating budget and is used primarily for preserving open space.

"That could change due to anything else related to the Land Use Change Tax," Dickinson noted.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

# HR Position

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ness to remain on the committee for another year.

The Board unanimously approved reappointing Jakob and Vurgaropulos, and formally added Brewster to the Policy Subcommittee. With the expanded membership, officials expect the committee to accelerate its review of outdated policies and ensure that new ones align with best practices.

In other business, the Board reviewed a request from Natilie Newell, President of the Friends of Benson Park (FOBP), seeking approval for several special events planned for 2026. Under the town's 2012 Semi-Exclusive Use Agree-

ment, FOBP must obtain written consent from the Board of Selectmen before hosting activities at Benson Park.

Sorenson outlined the proposed events, which include a mix of educational programs, family activities, and community entertainment:

- Hike to Haselton Barn: date to be determined
- Hike Thru History: May 9, 10, 17, 23, 24, 29, and 30, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Children's "Hiking Stick" Activity: May 2, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Yankee Brass Band Concert: July 24, tentative start time 6 p.m.

Sorenson emphasized that FOBP is responsible for coordinating any logistical needs with town staff.

"Further, it shall be the responsibility of FOBP to communicate with Town staff and/or Public Works as the events draw closer and to act in accordance with the agreement notwithstanding maintenance of premises and standard of conduct," he said.

The Board unanimously approved the full slate of events, noting that Benson Park continues to be one of Hudson's most popular community spaces and that FOBP's programming helps maintain public engagement with the historic property.

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# Benson Park Gets Spruced Up as Spring Clean-Up Begins



Friends of Benson Park and volunteers were scattered throughout the park on Saturday with the first session of the parks monthly clean-up day efforts. Lots of weeding, planting, trimming and mulch spread was taking place all over the park. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# Select Board Approves Funds for Fire Department Training Props

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on April 14 to release funding for new fire department training props, a move Fire Chief Scott Tice says will significantly strengthen the department's ability to conduct essential hands-on training in-house.

Tice explained that members of the Hudson Fire Department recently completed the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Safety and Survival Course during November and December. The pro-

gram focuses on critical strategies and techniques used during high-risk fire-fighting and emergency operations.

According to Tice, the course relies heavily on specialized training props that simulate real world conditions firefighters encounter on the job. "Training props are vital to the hands-on learning experience," he said. "They allow our members to continue to practice and refine their skills in a controlled environment."

By purchasing the props, the department will be able to teach the IAFF

course internally rather than hiring an outside vendor each year. Tice emphasized that these skills must be refreshed annually because they are "perishable" and require ongoing practice to maintain proficiency.

To support that goal, Tice requested authorization to spend up to \$30,000 on the IAFF trademarked props. Because the equipment is proprietary, it can only be purchased through a sole-source vendor, CPAT Distribution, Inc. of Murrieta, California. A procurement waiver was submitted

to allow the purchase without going through the standard competitive bidding process.

Funding for the purchase will come from the Public Safety allocation included in the Hudson Logistics Center Amended Site Plan agreement between Target Corporation and the Town of Hudson. The agreement provides \$1,050,000 for Fire and Police Department training and equipment. The two departments previously agreed to an 80/20 split, giving the Fire Department \$840,000 and the Police

Department \$210,000.

Tice reported that as of April 1, the Fire Department's remaining balance from that allocation is \$684,300, meaning the requested expenditure is well within the available funds.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to release the funds, authorizing an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Hudson Logistics Center Public Safety money, as outlined in condition 61(d) of the amended site plan. The Board also unanimously approved waiving the bid-

ding procedure to allow the purchase from the sole-source vendor.

Tice noted that the department has already taught the IAFF course to some members and received overwhelmingly positive feedback. "The praise for this training was significant," he said, adding that the new props will allow the department to expand the program and ensure all firefighters receive consistent, high-quality instruction.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 7 p.m.

# BOS Briefed on Revenue, Expenses Through Third Quarter

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received its monthly revenue and expenditure report during the April 14 meeting, presented by Town Administrator Roy Sorenson.

Sorenson noted that the figures reflect activity through the end of March, marking the close of the third quarter of the fiscal year.

"As we conclude the third quarter, we are focusing on any occurrences that may cause significant deviation in the remaining budgeted funds," Sorenson said. "The general fund budget, including encumbrances, is in line with the expected overall expenditure of roughly seventy-five percent. That is a good sign as we approach the home stretch."

He explained that most

of the apparent overages are tied to encumbrances, contracts and obligations committed earlier in the year.

"Much of the overage at this point continues to be attributed to encumbrances, including contracts let at the beginning of the year," Sorenson said. "Some departments are also running higher due to retirement pay-out, vacancies, seasonal operational needs,

and items scheduled to be reimbursed through reserve funds, as well as gross ups upon receipt."

According to the report, General Fund expenditures stand at approximately 80 percent, the Sewer Fund at about 65 percent, and the Water Fund at 92 percent. Sorenson emphasized that these percentages include encumbrances, which significantly affect the totals.

He noted that most departments are at or below their expected spending levels, with the exception of the Department of Public Works, which has exceeded 80 percent of its annual budget. A difficult winter

contributed to higher overtime and storm-related costs.

"For the most part, everybody is where they should be," Sorenson said.

Without encumbrances, General Fund spending would be closer to 77 percent across all departments.

On the revenue side, the Town is performing well. Revenues are currently at 83 percent for the year, well above the 75 percent benchmark for this point in the fiscal cycle. Sorenson attributed the strong performance to investment interest and a slight increase in ambulance revenue compared to last year.

He said revenues overall

are "well above" where the Town expected to be.

One area that continues to require monitoring is cable franchise fees, a topic discussed frequently by the Board of Selectmen and the Cable Utility Committee. With fewer residents subscribing to cable, franchise fee revenue has declined. A warrant article passed this year increased the percentage allocated to the Cable Department to help offset the loss.

Salaries are currently at 77 percent for the year. Sorenson noted that the Fire Department and DPW have the largest impacts on salary spending due to overtime.

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# HB 1064 Raises Questions for Local Budgets and Services

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

As the New Hampshire Legislature continues to review HB 1064, Hudson officials are taking a close look at how the proposal could affect the town's insurance costs, municipal services, and long-term budgeting. While the full impact of the bill remains unclear, Hudson leaders say the potential financial ripple effects are significant enough to warrant careful monitoring.

HB 1064 has drawn attention statewide because it could alter how municipalities manage liability and insurance coverage for public facilities and pro-

grams. Towns like Hudson; which operate recreation programs, playgrounds, public buildings, and school facilities; are trying to determine whether the bill could lead to higher premiums or expanded liability exposure.

Although Londonderry Town Manager Shaun Mulholland raised early concerns to Sen. Sharon Carson, Hudson officials share the same uncertainty. Mulholland noted that "much is unknown" about how insurers may respond if the bill becomes law, a sentiment echoed by municipal leaders across the region. If premiums rise, towns could face difficult choices:

increasing taxes or scaling back services.

HB 1064 focuses on municipal liability and insurance requirements. Supporters and opponents disagree on whether the changes are necessary, but local officials agree that the bill could shift how towns manage risk, especially in areas considered higher-risk, including:

- Playgrounds and recreation programs
- School district facilities and athletic fields
- Public works operations
- Town-owned buildings and public spaces
- Community events and volunteer programs

Hudson operates a wide range of these services. Even modest changes in insurance requirements could affect the town's operating budget, staffing, and long-term planning.

Hudson's Recreation Department has grown steadily in recent years, offering programs for youth, adults, and seniors. The town also maintains multiple playgrounds, athletic fields, and public spaces that see heavy daily use. Any increase in liability costs could influence:

- Recreation staffing and programming
- Maintenance schedules for parks and public spaces

• School district budgeting for athletics and facilities

• Long-term capital planning for buildings and grounds

Hudson's Senior Center, community events, and volunteer-supported programs could also be affected if insurance requirements change.

Local officials say they want residents to understand that state-level decisions; particularly those involving liability and insurance; can have direct consequences for municipal budgets and the services families rely on.

Londonderry, Hudson's neighboring community,

has also raised concerns about the bill. Mulholland's outreach to legislators underscores the broader uncertainty shared by towns across southern New Hampshire. Both communities operate extensive recreation programs, maintain large public facilities, and rely on predictable insurance costs to plan budgets.

What stands out most to Hudson officials is the lack of clarity. The bill's language leaves open questions about how insurers will interpret new requirements, how liability standards might shift, and what the long-term financial implications could be.

# Post 48 Field of Flags: America's 250th Commemoration



Each year, from Memorial Day through Flag Day, the Hudson NH American Legion Post 48 presents its annual Field of Flags, a moving tribute in which

American flags, sponsored in honor of Veterans and First Responders, are placed throughout Library Park, 12 - 16 Library Street, Hudson. Each flag bears the honoree's name and notes their service. The display has grown to well over two hundred flags, with more added every year as the community continues to honor those who served.

For America's 250th anniversary in 2026, Post 48 will introduce a significant new addition. In cooperation with the Hudson Historical Society and its Research and Genealogy Committee, the Field of Flags will include a special

arrangement of thirteen commemorative flags honoring Hudson's more than 150 Veterans of the Revolutionary War.

These flags will be grouped by military attachment and engagement, and will include the names of Hudson residents who served during the nation's founding conflict. One flag will be dedicated to the Unknowns, representing those whose names and stories have been lost to history. To distinguish this historic tribute, the Revolutionary War section will feature 13 Star Colonial "Betsy Ross" flags, symbolizing the original

colonies.

Unlike the traditional Field of Flags, which typically concludes on Flag Day, this commemorative display will remain in place through July 4, 2026, aligning with the nation's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The Historical Society notes that this expanded display is part of its ongoing effort to highlight Hudson's deep historical roots and the contributions of its earliest veterans. The Society has drafted a press

release and is requesting publication both online and in print prior to May 25, the opening day of the display. A photo is also available to help increase public awareness and community participation.

Visitors are warmly encouraged to walk among the Field of Flags, from May 25 to July 4, reflect on the sacrifices of generations of service members, and experience this powerful display of remembrance and gratitude.



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# Alvirne Clubs Display Student Diversity With World Festival



Members of the Alvirne High School Student Voices and Multicultural Club hosted the fifth annual "World Festival" inviting the community to attend and see the many cultures that come together at the school. A number of students provided musical performances, made food, and explained aspects of their heritage. Tables were set up as a gateway to explore the diversity of the Alvirne student body while also bringing the community together.

The Student Voices Club was renamed in September and is a student-led organization founded in 2022. Its members have been dedicating their efforts into making the World Festival an Alvirne tradition due to its strong sense of connection and pride it fosters among attendants, students, and staff.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Baseball Look to Rebound After Tough Start

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

After missing the playoffs last season, the Alvirne High School baseball squad

was looking for a much better start to 2026, but three consecutive losses last week have sent the team in the wrong direction again.

The Broncos began the season at Goffstown High School, where the Grizzlies used two big innings to beat Alvirne 10-4.

The Broncos looked competitive early, taking a 3-2 lead in the top of the third, but gave up five runs in the bottom of that inning and were never able to recover.

Alvirne used two pitchers, each throwing three innings. Brady Mitchell gave up seven runs on eight hits, striking out one and walking one.

Jasper Workman allowed just two hits and three runs, striking out one and walking one.

The game started with a bang, as right fielder Jameson Krueger hit a one-out home run to left field, driving in two runs in the first inning.

The Grizzlies answered with a run in the bottom of the frame and tied the game an inning later.

In the top of the third, the Broncos regained the lead on a fielder's choice,

with Krueger grounding out to drive in PJ Millette, who had advanced to third on a steal after a leadoff single.

The lead didn't hold, as Goffstown responded with a one-out home run, followed by three doubles, a walk and an error to take a 7-3 advantage.

Alvirne's only other run came in the sixth inning, when Luke Norse scored on a Workman single.

Krueger had three RBIs with one hit. Matty Bebris and Norse each had two hits, while Workman and Millette added one apiece.

In the team's home opener on Wednesday, April 15, against Concord, another five-run inning by the opposition led to a 9-7 loss.

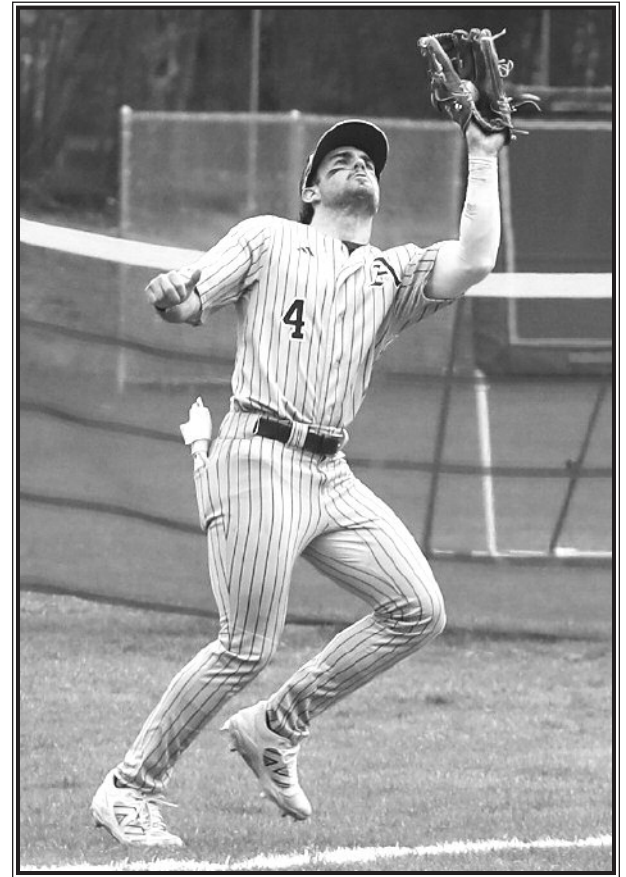
Krueger had another strong game, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and two doubles.

The Broncos used three pitchers in the game. Right-hander Brody Buja started and allowed seven runs on nine hits over four innings. Millette pitched two innings, giving up four hits and two runs, and Memphis Breach finished with one inning, striking out two.

Concord built a 7-3 lead after four innings, fueled by a five-run fourth.

Alvirne answered with four runs in the fifth on two doubles and two singles, tying the game at 7-7 entering the final two innings.

However, Concord scored two runs in the sixth and held the Broncos score-



Right fielder Jameson Krueger player solid defense and had three hits in the team's home-opener.



Alvirne right-hander Brody Buja got the start in the team's home-opener and allowed nine hits over four innings.

Photos by Chris Paul

less the rest of the way.

Catcher Memphis Beach went 2-for-3 with a double. Norse, Alex Drown and Workman each had one hit, while Bebris added a double.

The final game of the opening week ended in a 6-0 loss at Trinity.


Trinity pitcher Brady Sirois was dominant, throwing a seven-inning, near-perfect shutout for the Pioneers' third win, while the Broncos fell to 0-3.

Alvirne managed just two baserunners on walks,

while Sirois struck out 13 of 22 batters.

Gavin Baviello and Workman pitched for Alvirne. Baviello went 4 1/3 innings, allowing five runs on three hits with two strikeouts and four walks. Workman pitched 1 2/3 innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out two.

After another six-run loss to Windham to start the week, the Broncos hoped to rebound in their fifth game of the season at Nashua South on Tuesday, April 21.



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# Hudson Man Sentenced to Over 13 Years in Prison for Attempting to Sex Traffic a Minor

A Hudson man was sentenced to 162 months in prison for attempting to sex traffic a 12-year-old, United States Attorney Erin Creegan announces. After a three-day trial in May of 2025, Stacey Lancaster, age 46, was convicted of one count of attempted sex trafficking of a minor. United States District Court Judge Paul Barbadoro presided over the trial and announced the

sentence, which also included a 5-year term of supervised release. On November 14 and November 15, 2024, in a proactive law enforcement operation, agents posted and monitored an advertisement on a website commonly used to advertise commercial sex. The advertisement contained images of what appeared to be two minor females, and a contact phone num-

ber. Law enforcement agents monitored this line and used it to communicate with potential sex buyers, including Lancaster. During a text conversation between an undercover agent and Lancaster, the agent stated that he/she had a 12-year-old girl available to perform sex acts in exchange for money. The agent then provided Lancaster with the address of a hotel in

Manchester. Once at the hotel, the defendant met with an undercover agent and confirmed that he was in possession of the agreed upon \$100 to pay for the commercial sex act, and that he would use a condom. Homeland Security Investigations led the investigation. Manchester Police Department, the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, and the New

Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force provided valuable assistance. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Anna Krasinski and Matthew Vicinanza prosecuted the case. This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of

Justice. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.justice.gov/psc](http://www.justice.gov/psc).

# NH Parks & Rec Launches Public LWCF Project Database

The New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation has announced the launch of a new public-facing database and interactive GIS map showcasing every state project funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance Program since its creation in 1965. The LWCF, established by Congress more than 60 years ago, has played a central role in expanding outdoor recreation opportunities across the Granite State. Administered in New Hampshire by the Division of Parks and Recreation, the program has supported hundreds of projects that have helped communities acquire land, build and improve parks, develop trails, upgrade athletic fields, enhance play-

grounds, and conserve important recreation areas. With the release of this new online tool, residents, municipal officials, planners, conservation groups, and recreation advocates can now explore the full history of LWCF investments statewide. The database brings together more than six decades of project information in one accessible location, offering a level of transparency and public access that has never before been available. "This new database represents an important step forward in transparency and public stewardship," said Eric Feldbaum, Bureau Administrator for the Bureau of Community Recreation, which led the development of the project. "By providing the public with direct access to

detailed grant information, mapped encumbrance boundaries, and project documentation, we are strengthening accountability and supporting our municipal partners." Key Features of the LWCF Public Database and GIS Map

- Interactive Map Interface: Users can view the geographic location of LWCF-funded projects across New Hampshire, from small neighborhood parks to major regional recreation areas.
- Detailed Grant Information: Each project entry includes award amounts, funding sources, project descriptions, and completion details.
- Program Encumbrance Boundaries: GIS layers display official LWCF boundary areas that carry

federal protection requirements, ensuring that LWCF-funded sites remain dedicated to public outdoor recreation.

- Project Documentation Access: Where available, users can view digital copies of grant agreements, amendments, and post-completion inspection reports.

Feldbaum emphasized that the new tool not only improves public access but also highlights the long-term economic and community value of outdoor recreation investments. "This effort also highlights the vital role outdoor recreation investment plays in our state's economy, driving tourism, supporting local businesses, and enhancing the quality of

life that makes our state such a desirable place to live, work, and visit," he said. While a substantial number of historic records have already been digitized, Feldbaum noted that the work is ongoing. The Bureau of Community Recreation will continue scanning, reviewing, and uploading additional files to ensure the database becomes increasingly comprehensive over time. Since 1965, LWCF State Assistance grants have supported projects in communities across all 10 New Hampshire counties. These investments have strengthened local recreation infrastructure, protected natural resources, and expanded access to

outdoor spaces for residents and visitors alike. By centralizing this information, the Division aims to help municipalities with long-term planning, compliance, and stewardship of LWCF-funded sites, while reinforcing public confidence in the program's oversight and impact. The Division encourages residents, local officials, and community organizations to explore the new tool and learn more about the history and reach of LWCF investments in their region. To view the LWCF Project Database and GIS Map, visit: [www.nhstateparks.org/about-nh-parks/conservation-fund-grant](http://www.nhstateparks.org/about-nh-parks/conservation-fund-grant).

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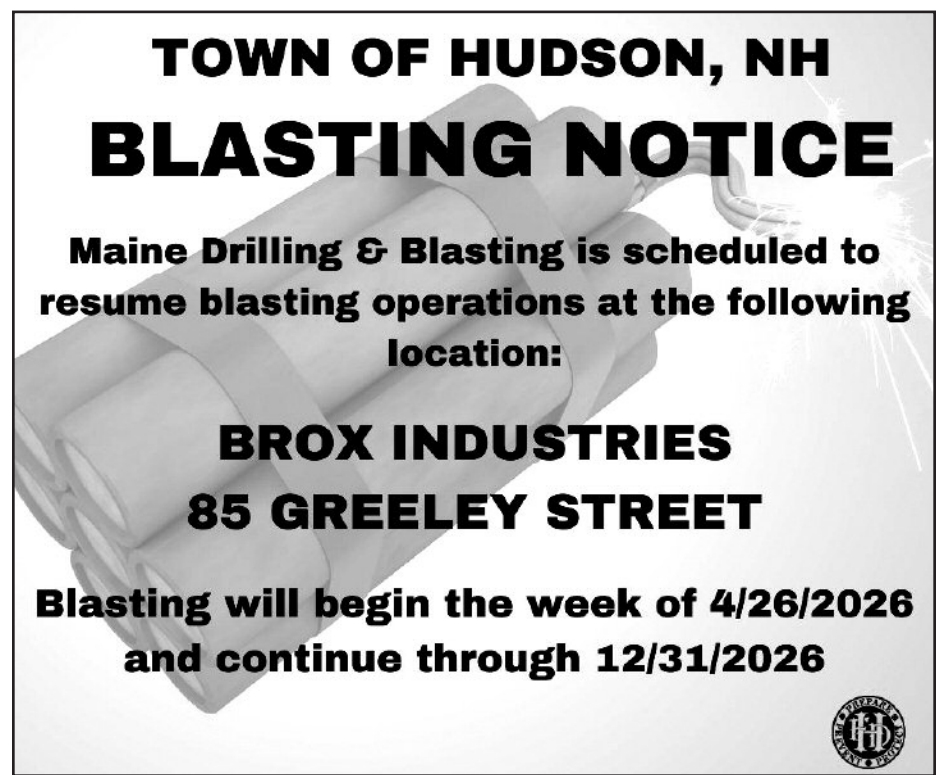
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# O'Brien Honored During National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week offers an opportunity to recognize the individuals who protect both animals and residents every day. In Hudson, that work is led with exceptional dedication by Animal Control Officer Bjarna O'Brien, whose compassion, professionalism, and leadership have made her an invaluable part of the Hudson Police Department and the broader New Hampshire animal welfare community.

Officer O'Brien's responsibilities extend far beyond responding to stray pets. Hudson's animal control unit operates seven days a week and handles a wide range of cases involving domestic animals, livestock, exotics, and wildlife. Her work includes investigating abuse and neglect, testifying in court, enforcing state and

local animal laws, and educating the public on responsible ownership and safety. The job requires patience, technical knowledge, and the ability to respond to unpredictable situations, qualities she demonstrates daily.

Her commitment to humane treatment extends well beyond Hudson's borders. Officer O'Brien serves on the Animal Control Officers Association of New Hampshire and the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals, where she contributes to statewide discussions on legislation, training standards, and best practices. Her involvement ensures that Hudson has a voice in shaping policies that protect animals across the state.

Among her many cases, one stands out as a reminder of why this work matters.

After months of searching and community outreach, Officer O'Brien helped reunite two missing dogs with their family, seven months after they disappeared. It was a moment that captured both the emotional side of animal control work and the persistence required to bring families back together.

Residents often see the results of her work; a lost pet returned home, a wildlife concern resolved, or a dangerous situation prevented; but much of what she does happens quietly, behind the scenes. Whether she is responding to a call in the middle of winter, coordinating with veterinarians, or helping residents understand animal related laws, Officer O'Brien approaches every situation with professionalism and care.



Hudson Animal Control Officer Bjarna O'Brien was recently honored during National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week. *Courtesy photo*



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## Retirement Open House

The Hudson Fire Department will host a public open house to honor Fire Prevention Officer Steve Dube, who is retiring after an extraordinary 45 year career of service to the community. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 24, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 15 Library St., Hudson. A brief presentation recognizing Dube's decades of dedication will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by coffee and celebratory cake. The open house will be held in the apparatus bay.

## Historical Society Meeting

The Hudson Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday,

May 27 at 7 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., Hudson. All are invited! After the meeting they will host a fun Hudson Trivia Game!

## Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, make new friends and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online if possible on the Friends of Benson Park website ([friendsonbensonpark.org](http://friendsonbensonpark.org)) or simply come to the Elephant Barn at the top of the hill to sign in.

## Spring Tea

The Hudson Historical Society will hold an Afternoon Tea on Sunday, April 26, from 1 - 3 p.m., inside the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., Hudson. The event is free but registration is required, as seating is limited. Email [hudsonhistorical@live.com](mailto:hudsonhistorical@live.com) with your name and name of all attendees.

## VLAP Workshop

The 2026 annual Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) Workshop will be held at the NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, on Friday, May 1,

from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The workshop offers volunteers and any lake residents a chance to review lake water sampling techniques, learn about shoreland protection, algae blooms, and aquatic invasive species. Register for in-person or Virtual attendance at: <https://forms.office.com/g/RF6KBbdZPS>

## Psychic & Craft Fair

On Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave., Hudson, there will be a Psychic & Craft Fair. There will be personalized Readings, Crafters & Artisans, Food & Refreshments. Sponsored by the Hudson Lions Club. All Proceeds benefit Lions Club Charities. For further information visit us at: [www.hudsonlions.org/psychicfair](http://www.hudsonlions.org/psychicfair)

## Hudson Safe

Join the Rodgers Library for this five-part series covering first aid, fire safety, disaster preparedness, trauma medicine and more. In Part two you'll learn how to deal with an active attack on your life

and understand the 3 D's - Denial, Deliberation, Decision, on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. Part three will talk about in-home safety, on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. In part four learn how to prepare for, survive, and recover from life altering events, including emotional and financial recovery on Saturday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. Part 5 on trauma medicine to give you the tools, techniques and confidence you need to stop the bleed and save a life on Saturday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m.

## LEGO Party with C3Brix

On Monday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m., Grades K-6 ONLY are invited to the Rodgers library where Cody from C3Brix brings us thousands of LEGO pieces and will lead party-goers through games, challenges, and other LEGO fun.

## Robinson Pond Volunteers

Did you know there is a dedicated group of Hudson volunteers who sample Robinson Pond and its six tributaries every summer? These volunteers are part of

the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and they are looking for volunteers to join their group. Samples are taken in the morning, once per month, from May to September. These samples are tested by the state for chemicals, nutrients, pollutants and bacteria. Lab fees are covered by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Won't you join these volunteers and help keep Robinson Pond safe for you and your family during the summer? If interested please contact: [RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com](mailto:RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com)

## Read 'Em & Eat @ Friendly Red's

The book group will meet on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m., to discuss April's book is "The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches" by Sangu Mandanna.

## Lorax: Interactive Movie

Come celebrate the Earth and join the Rodgers Library on Thursday, April 30 at 5 p.m., for the Lorax interactive **continued on page 14**

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## Around Town

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movie.

### Electronics Recycling

Come to the Alvirne High School Parking Lot on Saturday May 16, from 8 a.m. - noon and drop off unused or broken electronics. Open to residents of NH, MA, or ME. Items vary in price. Cash, Venmo, or checks payable to: "HUDSON-LITCHFIELD Rotary Club" Proceeds support: College and Vocational Scholarships; Local Service Needs; Housing, and Food Pantry Agencies; as well as Other Community Service Projects. For more information 603-882-5289, visit the groups Facebook page or website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2931>.

### Movers & Shakers

Join your friends for a storytime full of music, movement, and bubbles for ages 1-3 and their caregivers at Rodgers library on Wednesday, May 6 at 10 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

### Baby Lapsit and Playtime

Join the Rodgers Library on Thursday, May 7 and 14 at 10 a.m. for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

### Explorers Storytime

The Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers on Friday, May 1 and 8 at 1:30 p.m.

### Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at [www.etz-hayim.org/mah-jongg-tour](http://www.etz-hayim.org/mah-jongg-tour).

nament. Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions? Contact Jean Lisien at [jbortz@comcast.net](mailto:jbortz@comcast.net) or Deb Eisner at [rlc800@aol.com](mailto:rlc800@aol.com).

### Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at Rodgers Library on Saturday, May 2 and 16 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

### Zentangle

Rodgers Library will use the Zentangle method to create a 5" square Zentangle tile on Tuesday, May 5 at noon and Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

### CollabLab Science Storytime

Read stories about eggs, then create a vehicle to protect an egg from a drop off a ladder on Wednesday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m. Ages 5-9 only.

### Rodgers Readers Book Club

This Rodgers Library book club will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m., to discuss this month's book "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn.

### Curious Kids: Bluey Play Day

Explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library on Friday, May 8th & Saturday May 9, at 10 a.m.

### Mystery Lovers' Book Club

The book group will meet on Monday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m., to discuss "Assassins Anonymous" by Rob Hart.

### Kindermusik with Let's Play Music and Make Art

Families with children ages 0-3 are invited to experience the joys of music and learning while having fun together on Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m., at Rodgers

Library.

### Environmental Landscape Gardening

Join Dana Benner at Rodgers Library on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m., for a talk about how to landscape your property in a way that benefits the environment around us.

### Nonfiction Book Group

This book group will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Curse of the Narrows" by Laura MacDonald.

### Calligraphy That Inspired a Nation

Learn to write like America's founders. Participants will get the opportunity to write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence at Rodgers Library on Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

### Cookbook Club

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Monday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "Spiced: Unlock the Power of Spices to Transform Your Cooking" by America's Test Kitchen.

### Afternoon Book Group

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller.

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold its meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m., at Rodgers Library, which is open to everyone.

### Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited

to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Contact the Library with any questions.

### Crime & Cookies

Monthly meeting of the Rodgers Library true crime podcast club will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

### Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., the Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

### Adventurers Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

### 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.

### Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

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### Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is restocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

### Laptop Donation Program

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### Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

### 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)

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