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Wheel Thrills Marq Anthiony performed on the Wheel of Destiny to cap off the new Cirque Cyber Show featured at this year's Old Home Day. The shows were performed throughout the annual four-day celebration. See more Old Home Days photos throughout this week's paper. Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Chair Addresses Public Input Policy Questions

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent had previously Hudson School Board meeting, Chair Maureen Dionne responded to recent questions about when - or if - the district's public comment and participation policy might be

amended.

Resident Craig Powers asked whether the policy would be updated.

"I think you share my concerns with getting that updated," he said during an earlier meeting.

The current policy,

BEDH Public Comment and Participation, states in part:

"During the public comment period, an individual may offer comments on agenda items (only). However, consistent with RSA 189:74, I,

continued on page 7 over 100%.

Budget Committee Frustrated Over District's Delay with Data

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The August meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee saw a response to their June requests to the School Board for more detailed information on school spending. School Board Liaison Daniel Kilgour read a memo from Superintendent Moulis.

"End of year budget, the Finance Department is finalizing the budget report for fiscal 2025, and most recently had the auditors at the School District office financial matters remained last week. The district a significant topic at School expects to have a finalized, Board meetings. end-of-year balance to report to the Budget Com-

\$800,000 for fiscal year 2026 is being finalized once hiring is completed this summer. The district expects to have all hiring reports and new personnel in place to provide an updated report to the School Board and Budget Committee by mid-to-late September."

Moulis promised to send all reports to the School Board and Budget Committee as soon as pos-

Kilgour stated that

"A tentative budget schedule was introduced. I mittee by October," wrote believe we're going to work

Moulis. "The reduction of out the fine details of that at the coming meetings," said Kilgour. "As far as the hiring of personnel is going, we have filled several positions throughout this summer session, and that is going very well. I will say, too, that the staff and student headcount will be provided at the first school board meeting in September."

> Committee member Shawn Jasper was disappointed at the continued wait for financial informa-

> "I'm very disappointed that we don't have any type of preliminary numbers. Certainly, the numbers have got to be out there and

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Committee Presses for Answers on General Fund Spending Over 100%

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Budget Committee met on August 6 to hear a presentation from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson on 2025 revenues and expenditures.

"I want to make sure everyone understands this is unaudited at this," warned Sorenson. "The general has come in, and based on the numbers, spending is at 102%. The sewer fund is at around 70% and the water fund is coming in at around 98%. That includes everything at this time, which means anything that's built into the general fund budget."

Vice-Chair Kim Rice wanted to know why general expenditures came in at

that spending threshold?" she asked. "Do you come to the Board after you spend to ask for money? It's my understanding that for anything over 100%, you need to come to the Budget Committee before you expend those dollars."

According to the Town Administrator, the issue was related to encumbrances or future fund commitments that have not been closed out. Salary calculations also played a factor, as Sorenson indicated the number would "balance out" over the next two months with more upto-date numbers.

"That money hasn't been spent if it's part of an encumbrance. Having an encumbrance just means

"How do you go over that money is put aside; it's not spent yet. That still calculates in the overall number against the general fund," said Sorenson. "One of the major encumbrances is the Melendy Road Bridge. It's a huge number: \$1.2 million. That money was set aside in the budget, and once we receive the check from the state, which is probably coming in, maybe even this week, then the books will be rebalanced with an unanticipated revenue."

He claimed the general expenditure would fall below 100% once the town cashes its expected check, and that the budget probably should have already accounted for the Melendy

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School Board Approves Revisions to USDA Civil Rights Complaint Policy

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board recently approved an amended "Food and Nutrition Services: Anti-Discrimination and Rights Complaints" policy during its second reading.

Discrimination Statement, the policy states:

"Following federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, Hudson School District is prohibited

from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a pubassistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil

not have a definitive

answer, although he con-

firmed an audit on the

school books had been

completed and that answers

were "forthcoming" on the

"I'm hoping that we get

rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident."

The amended policy also notes that persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication—such Braille, large print, audiotape, or American Sign Language—should contact the responsible agency or the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY), or use the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Program information may also be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, the policy instructs complainants to complete USDA Form AD-3027, available online, at any

USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing to the USDA. The complaint must include the complainant's name, address, phone number, and a description of the alleged discriminatory including the nature and date of the incident. Completed forms or letters may be submitted by:

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-

2. Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442

3. Email: Program.Intake@usda.gov

The policy further states that any person alleging discrimination in the district's food service programs has the right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged incident. District complaint must immediately forward it to the District's Human Rights Officer, noting whether the complaint was made verbally or in writing. If the complaint is verbal, staff must transcribe it. The Human Rights Officer is then required to forward the complaint to the USDA's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights immediately, without attempting to resolve it locally first.

Additionally, the USDA requires that its "And Justice for All" non-discrimination poster be prominently displayed wherever FNS meals are most frequently provided, such as in school cafeterias. The poster must be at least 11" x 17" and placed where it can be read without obstruction.

The School Board approved the amended policy unanimously.

Data Delay

Continued from page 1 should be just like the town did with their audited numbers. I think that saying 'we don't have them until October' is really unacceptable. It should be unacceptable to the Budget Committee," said Jasper. "They know what they've spent by now."

Committee member Kim Rice offered to send a request to the School Board to provide preliminary numbers by September.

"I'm requesting that we have the numbers by then," she said. "I'll send an email

to Dr. Moulis and tell him we expect those numbers to be here by our September meeting."

Kilgour agreed to support the request at the next School Board meeting, although there was some skepticism as to whether the district officials would be willing to deliver the requested information in

"Can the School Board representative give us any idea of what the process is like on the school side?" asked Committee member Bill Cole

The School Liaison did

our school budget books at least a week out before we start working on the budget. There shouldn't be a reason why we wouldn't be able to have it long before," said Jasper.

The Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton meeting room.

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Sustainability Committee Looks into Adding Apparel Impact Donation Boxes

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The July 28 Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee saw its members discuss possible collaboration with a "textile recovery company" called Apparel Impact.

"What's interesting about this company is that they make what is basically a commitment that nothing turned into them will end up in a landfill unless it's dirty, moldy, or something like that," explained Committee member Deb Putnam, who wanted to put Apparel Impact clothing bins in Hudson. "They take backpacks, bags, so many things people can drop off in the bins.

Apparel Impact is responsible for all costs, they dropoff and empty the bins, there is no cost to the town whatsoever.'

According to its website, the company aims to "keep clothes, shoes, accessories and textiles out of landfills" by reusing and recycling textiles when possible.

"I think it makes a lot of sense. I think over in the State of Massachusetts, you're not even allowed to throw your regular clothing in the garbage," said Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "Although New Hampshire is not currently doing that, we know it's a huge issue to dispose of clothing and have

it go somewhere that works well. I think this is a great idea, and it looks amazing."

Committee Chair Karl Huber recommended talking with the Department of Public Works before making a definitive recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

"Let's see where their head is at and how we would do this," said Huber. "It's part of the day-to-day process that may be worthwhile going forward, especially if it's no cost to us."

Members needed to determine how many Apparel Impact bins to request and where to put them. One suggestion included putting

a bin near the Transfer Station, which regularly sees residents looking to dispose of cardboard, metal, and yard waste.

"That is manned on Saturdays. There is staff there," said Putnam. "Putting it out in any other location, it would be subject to stuff being dumped."

Members agreed to do more research before revis-

The Advisory Committee also continued its search for new grants that could help the town of Hudson reach more goals related to sustainability. After some research on the matter, Committee member Bob Larson

reported there were currently not many opportunities.

"Where money is available either national or statewide, it's either in litigation, or has been cancelled," said Larson. "We would not have an opportunity to apply for any proposals with a realistic chance for getting anything in return."

He recommended lookiting the issue in September. ing for support from other sources, such as Clean Energy NH, an organization Hudson is already a memher of

> "I called Clean Energy NH and talked to Sarah Brock, who is in charge of the Circuit Rider Program

that they have, where the regional people interface with regional municipalities," said Larson. "They will be up-to-date on any changes, legislatively. Also, with their range of talking to all of the towns in New Hampshire, they probably have a good feel for programs we didn't think of. We've got to think a little bit out of the box here, I don't think we should get discouraged."

Committee members agreed to set up a meeting with Clean Energy NH.

"Grants are important," said Huber. "It's a very important thing for us to be educated on."

Iudson School Board Reviews Tentative Budget Timeline

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

Board recently reviewed a proposed tentative budget calendar during its most

Genera

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Road Bridge. The presenta-

tion only accounted for

"I understand exactly

expenditures up to July 15.

what you're saying, but

there's no authority to

increase the budget after it's

passed that I know of," said

Committee member Shawn

Jasper. "You can't spend the

money, even if it comes in,

you can't spend money

the bookkeeping was a

nearly unavoidable problem

due to the timing of the

state. He called the issue a

Sorenson conceded that

without an appropriation."

recent meeting.

The schedule includes The Hudson School multiple additional School Board meetings in October.

> "As you know, we add additional budget meeting

dates in October specifically for the board," School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained.

Hudson Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis said the

audit," but not a "legal dilemma," despite persistent concern from Jasper and other members.

"We're in some sort of conundrum," said Committee member Bob Wherry. "I would like clarification from someone as to whether we are in violation, and if we to have been authorization are, what's the proper remedy for it? As a member of the Budget Committee, I just want to make sure things are done right in the future."

Committee member Kevin Walsh added that taking in unanticipated revenue was relatively common and that the expected upcoming audit would be the best way to solve the problem.

"The town voted to

but the project cost, where was that approved by the voters like anything else?" asked Jasper. "That's still my concern."

Chair James Lawrence suggested doing more research into the matter.

"There does not appear for the town to expend these funds for this particular project," he said. "Unfortunately, I think this harkens back to a conversation we had previously about some of the methods that are being utilized to expend funds utilized for the Target development."

The Budget Committee requested additional information for their next meeting to resolve their issues.

district's new Business school district and the town to add about five budget Administrator outlined the proposed timeline for the upcoming budget season.

"The budget process starts early," Moulis noted, adding that the Finance Director opened the budget books for principals and administrators to begin entering their budget requests.

Moulis also shared that he recently spoke with Town Administrator Roy Sorenson and learned that the school district will present first at this year's Deliberative Session.

"Every other year, the

switch who goes first and who goes second," Moulis explained.

The tentative date for the School District's Deliberative Session is Feb. 7, with the Town presenting the following week.

Board member Ethan Beals suggested holding one budget meeting on Oct. 13 instead of Oct. 15, but it was noted that Oct. 13 falls on the Monday after a long weekend, and budget materials would not be available until Oct. 9.

Dionne said they expect is set for March 10.

meetings in early to mid-October. Tentative dates include Oct. 15, 20, 22, 27, and, if needed, Oct. 29.

Moulis emphasized that the schedule cannot be finalized until the state Department of Revenue Administration releases its time-

"That's why it's discussion-based," he said, noting they expect the state's schedule later this month or in early September.

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Editorial

Let Talk About the Weather

The gardens started the season lush and green, but weeks of relentless 90-plus-degree days quickly turned that promise into scorched leaves and thirsty soil.

This summer has been unusually hot. June brought triple-digit heat index readings, and by now, we've logged around 18 days above 90 degrees—well beyond New Hampshire's seasonal average of about 13, according to climate data.

At first, it seemed like the perfect summer weather for being outside. After months of being cooped up, people were ready to enjoy the sunshine. But instead, we got week after week of sweltering heat paired with dewpoints in the 70s—air so heavy you could feel it the moment you stepped outside.

A few thunderstorms passed through, bringing lightning shows and brief downpours, but they barely dented the lack of rain. A persistent layer of pollen only added to the discomfort. At times, it has felt less like New England and more like the Deep South.

With rainfall scarce, drought conditions are taking a toll on

crops, particularly corn. Even the maples are showing early patches of color—not because fall is here, but because the heat and dryness are stressing them.

Regardless of where you stand on climate change, it's difficult to ignore the reality of hotter, drier summers. This year has been a clear example of how shifting weather patterns affect everyday life.

Still, New England weather is full of surprises. The days are already getting shorter, acorns are starting to fall, and school will begin soon. But those beach days aren't over yet, pumpkins are ripening quietly in the background. In a blink we will be in fall.

This is New England, after all. We complain about the heat now, and soon enough, we'll complain about the snow and ice. But that's the beauty of living here—we get four distinct seasons, each with its own intensity, personality, and charm. And no matter the season, the weather gives us something to talk about.

So, savor these last sticky weeks of summer. Fall will arrive soon enough—and winter will be right behind it.

Rodgers Memorial Library Hosts Annual National Night Out





The annual National Night Out was celebrated by the The Rodgers Memorial Library in partnership with the Hudson Police Department on Tuesday evening, Aug. 5, with plenty of activities for families to take part in. A number of civic groups, businesses and town organizations were on hand with booths and games for children. The Police Department held demonstrations in the field across from the library and finished their night with the annual water balloon battle with different age groups. See additional photos page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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Pumpkin Smash and Button-Up Workshop for November

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on July 28 to go over early plans for their participation in fall events, including a Pumpkin Smash event scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

"That's not really that far away," said Chair Karl

The Advisory Committee intended to work with Black Earth Compost, which specializes in such events, with the goal of removing "pumpkins from the trash" by adding them to compost piles following Committee Halloween. member Deb Putnam was looking at The Farm at Alvirne to find a field that

could serve as a good location for the Pumpkin Smash. She was initially worried that a community garden could interfere with the heavy trucks Black Earth was expected to bring

"At that time of year, by November 8 the community garden will have been put to bed for the winter," said Putnam. "They can turn right into the community garden with their carnival truck"

She added that the area had more than enough parking to accommodate Hudson residents and stated they ran into trouble when trying to hold the event in 2024 when the Sustainability Committee started planning too late in the year.

"November 8 is like the prime date for booking the carnival truck," said Putnam. "The concept presented, and one I was all for, has been to reach out to the Scouts, reach out to departments about making catapults, and making this a fun event."

She hoped to make it "the first of hopefully many events that is enjoyable for both parents and children."

"It looks like it's a good, community event, and would be during a nice time of the year," said Huber. "It looks like the biggest thing this committee needs to worry about or vote on is the authorization to spend \$300 on the carnival truck."

Looking at a picture of

a similar event sent from Black Earth, Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby wanted a few more details about the Pumpkin Smash before approving any money.

"The carnival truck is set up so somebody can launch pumpkins at targets with sticks so the kids can knock them down," said Putnam. "The truck is there for an hour-and-a-half so people can smash their pumpkins any way they want."

She confirmed that the truck was available, as the Sustainability Advisory Committee unanimously voted to dedicate up to \$300 towards the event.

Another event the Advisory Committee wanted to prepare for is the Button-Up

Workshop set for Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rodgers Memorial Library's Community Room.

"Are you receiving fuel or electric assistance? If so, attendance to this workshop is highly recommended as you can get started on 100% of weatherization improvement through the NHSaves program," said Putnam. "This is going to be our fourth Button-Up Workshop over the years."

NHSaves is a collaborative effort of several statewide electric and natural gas utilities. The workshop is free; registration is not required. The goal of the Button-Up is to connect residents with state and

Saturday New Hampshire local resources, including an "energy audit" designed to save energy and reduce costs related to heating and electricity.

"It's a great time of year to do it. It's getting cold out, and people are already starting to focus on things like the oil bill," said Committee member Jake Keller. "A personal goal of mine is to get people I've seen at Old Home Days and National Night Out to get to the Button-Up, especially people receiving fuel assistance. These are our neighbors, these are for people who have fallen on hard times for some reason."

Members agreed that public outreach extremely important.

District to Replace Financial Software with ERP Pro in Two-Phase Rollout

HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items at last month's Hudson School Board meeting was a proposal to purchase a new financial software sys-

New Business Adminis-Jenny Graves explained that, before her district received bids for

arrival, a working group led five different products, by Finance Director Melissa Van Sickle had been reviewing options.

"I would like to give her a special thank you for carrying us to where we are today," Graves said during the meeting.

Graves noted that the

although some were far outside their targeted price range. Ultimately, the working group - which included staff from various departments across the district - recommended School ERP Pro.

One of the selling points, she said, is that the program has a large market share among New Hampshire public school districts. Another advantage is Finance and HR modules, eliminating the need for the district's current separate HR software, Frontline Education.

"As part of this plan, we would no longer need Frontline Education," Graves explained, adding that it would save money over time by consolidating

Phase one of the implementation is expected to

that it would integrate begin in August and run ERP Pro stand out from the through March, with all modules - except Time & Attendance - up and running by then. The total cost is \$166,253, but with a \$56,644 credit from the district's current software provider, MUNIS, the net cost for the FY26 budget would be \$109,609.

Phase two, covering the Budget Time & Attendance module, is scheduled for April to May 2026 at a cost of \$34,110, also charged to the FY26 budget. This would complete the project.

Graves also asked the working group to identify specific features that made competition, which helped support their recommendation.

The School Board unanimously approved authorizing the district to contract with Tyler Technologies for the implementation and annual subscription of School ERP Pro, at a phase one contractual price of \$166,253. The administration will return to the board with a project update and a request to proceed with phase two.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.



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Hudson School Board Briefed on Student and Family Handbooks

HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one topic under correspondence involved the student and family handbooks for schools across the district.

Maureen Dionne said that, told, on the district webthis year, the handbooks for each school were included in the agenda packet so the public and

board members could easi- the agenda packet for the ly review them.

She noted that the handbooks have always been available on the district's website, but this was an effort to call special attention to them.

"They've always been School Board Chair made available, truth be site, but we are actually calling attention to them this evening that the handbooks are linked here in

public; they are here for the School Board," Dionne said.

Dionne emphasized that no formal action was needed by the School Board and that the inclusion in the packet was purely for transparency.

"Those have been put into our agenda packets this evening for informational purposes only," she

She explained that anyone interested can visit the district website, select the desired school under the "Schools" tab, then click on "Families" to find the handbooks.

Hudson Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis commended the administrative team and principals for their work

"You're starting to see with our handbooks more shared content across pointing to consistent cafeteria behavior expectations across all elementary schools

Moulis noted there are still differences between the schools' handbooks, but many themes are now consistent. This year, they also included hyperlinks to relevant policies for families and students. Two policies are not yet linked, he added, because they are

schools," Moulis said, still under review due to new legislation.

> School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell said families will receive links to the handbooks and other important documents before the school year begins, which should be reviewed and signed off

> The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Input

Continued from page 1 and in the interest of protecting personally identifiable information ("PII") as well as other confidential information, comments (including complaints) regarding individual students, volunteers, or employees (other than the superintendent) should be

directed to the superintendent or otherwise as provided under the complaint/grievance resolution processes set forth in School Board policies KE and/or KEB. Members of the public shall limit comments only to those items appearing on the current agenda. Requests to ad-

dress the Board on specific matters (i.e., a request to have a matter placed on an agenda) should be presented to the Superintendent and the School Board Chair no less than fourteen days prior to the next Board meeting and must set forth the specifics of the subject to be addressed. The determination whether to place the matter on the agenda will be made

consistent with Board Policy BEDB."

Powers said he would like to change the wording so that:

"An individual may offer public comment on any agenda items or any district matters."

That language, he noted, would not limit comments to agenda items only.

Dionne said she wanted

to publicly respond to that and other questions she had received via email and during public comment.

"I just figured I would respond to a few of those this evening," she said during her School Board member comments.

She explained that the public input policy will be taken up at the School Board's next policy committee meeting on Aug. 11. After the committee review, she expects it will proceed to a first reading before the full School Board.

Dionne did not indicate what specific changes - if any - might be made.

She also noted that test results are expected to be discussed at the Aug. 18 Hudson School Board meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.



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Old Home Days Carnival Thrills Residents

















Residents were provided with plenty of heart-pounding excitement during this year's Hudson Old Home Day. The annual carnival rides were set up early in the week for the thrill-seeking attendees.

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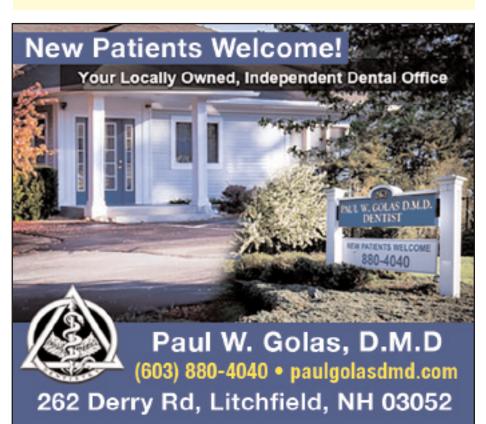




Death Defying

The acrobatic Cirque Cyber show was added to the Hudson Old Home Days schedule this year which had audiences on the edge of their seats during their death-defying routines.

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Member FDIC

Ayotte Criticizes Utility Regulators' Decision on Eversource Rates

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The governor is not pleased with utility regulators approving a new process for the state's largest electric utility Eversource that would allow automatic yearly rate increases.

The Public Utilities Commission's order released Friday increases energy costs for energy, distribution and fixed base assessments, and establishes a new method to set electric rates using a formula based on the cost of living instead of its long-standing cost-ofservices process.

Gov. Kelly Ayotte said she is disappointed in the commission's order.

"I'm extremely disappointed in the recent decision by the Public Utilities Commission," Ayotte said in a statement. "We should be ensuring the regulatory process is transparent, accountable, and protects Granite Staters from rate hikes."

Eversource spokesman William Hinkle on Friday said: "We're still reviewing the decision."

Donald M. Kreis, the state's Consumer Advocate said: "I share the governor's

disappointment. In its rate or recouping the loss of case decision on Friday the PUC gave Eversource 98 percent of what it asked for, and in some respects the PUC actually awarded the utility with more than it sought.

'Customers should be especially upset by the PUC's decision to raise Eversource's monthly fixed charge from \$15 to \$19, because no amount of conservation can do anything to control that particular item on the bill. And energy charges, whether paid to the utility or to a community power aggregation program, are going up at the same time! This is the perfect storm of bad regulatory outcomes, and I am glad to see the Governor mention potential legislative fixes. That's one avenue we too are considering, the other being a request for rehearing followed by an appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court," Kreis said.

Past rate cases were determined by what the utility companies presented as actual operating and capital costs over the last six months as well as unique costs such as storm damage

customers leaving the utility for aggregate organizations like regional electrical cooperatives, and then determine if the company's spending was "prudent."

The new system approved in the order setting the new electric rates for Eversource customers instead is tied to the rate of inflation and a 1.42 percent productivity factor, according to state regulators.

"This alternative regulation approach implements the axiom of simplicity by combining many components previously handled in numerous and complex Commission proceedings with a single revenue requirement adjusted annually, with only stranded costs, a temporary annual recovery mechanism, and major storm recovery outside of the Distribution Revenue Requirement," the commissioners wrote in the order, noting they rejected the utility's more complicated formula to set rates.

"This alternative regulation approach improves gradualism and reduces revenue lag by moving away from the traditional

which has historically resulted in large rate increases for each rate case. Using alternative regulation, the Company receives an annual inflation increase for capital and overhead so that periodic rate case adjustments are smoother and more gradual," according to the order.

Regulators claim the new process will have real cost controls by requiring Eversource to meet aggressive capital and overhead targets to keep the alternative regulation in line with actual spending.

That will result in a streamlined process with costs reviewed only if spending is above the target, thus avoiding a "long, detailed, and arduous annual spending reviews," regulators said.

The head of AARP NH also denounced the order.

"The PUC has granted Eversource's request to fundamentally change the way the company will be regulated moving forward, allowing future increases to be determined by a formula each year without additional oversight from regulators," said Christina FitzPatrick, AARP NH State Director. "While the exact structure is different than what Eversource proposed, the end result is the same: virtually automatic rate increases."

She also criticized the shift of greater distribution costs to residential customers and the rate of return on equity Eversource

ayment due at time of registration

"Residential customers have been ill-served by the Public Utilities Commission," Fitzpatrick said. "The decision approves several aspects of the Eversource plan that place an undue and disproportionate burden on residential customers."

The company had originally requested a rate of return of 10.8 percent but later lowered its request to 10.3 percent. The PUC approved a rate of return of 9.5 percent.

Also at issue is the fixed monthly charge for residential customers.

The fixed monthly charge is paid before a customer uses a kilowatt of electricity.

The last approved fixed monthly charge is \$13.81 but the commission allowed a temporary \$15 monthly charge this spring until the PUC issued its order, which it did Friday.

The order sets the monthly charge beginning Aug. 1 at \$19.81. The order allows the monthly charge to increase each year by \$2 for five years which will bring it close to \$30 a month at that time, which would make it the highest such charge in the country.

Eversource estimated its fixed cost charge was over \$40 a month.

Ayotte said she will continue to work to bring electric costs under control.

"I will continue working with the Legislature to promote an all-of-theabove energy strategy so we can expand options for gy costs for working families," Ayotte said.

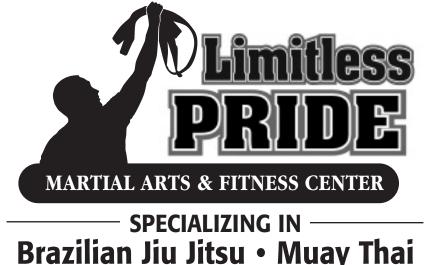
If the governor wants to expand the options for consumers, she may want to veto House Bill 682 which has passed both the House and Senate and is making its way to the governor's desk.

The bill would eliminate the Office of Wind Energy from the Department of Energy, repeals the offshore wind industry workforce training center committee and the offshore and port development commission, and moves the grid modernization advisory council and the hydrogen advisory council to the office of energy innovation.

The changes are designed to align with President Trump's recent executive order to eliminate offshore wind and turbine development.

Ayotte has already signed House Bill 508 which updates the state energy policy with a more detailed plan promoting an all-of-the-above technology solutions approach with emphasis on affordability, reliability and security.

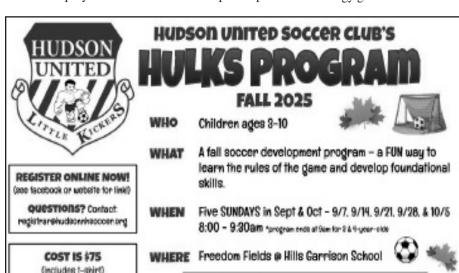
The plan ensures the state's energy independence by removing regulatory barriers to innovation while emphasizing market driven sources supporters said during debate in the House, but opponents said the bill emphasizes "fossil fuels: over alternative energy sources, and favors large power plants over the 21st century innovation of smaller distributive energy generation."



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Drinking Water: What You Need to Know and Look Out For

About half of the people (54%) who live in New Hampshire get their household drinking water from public water systems, which serve a population of 25 people or more and are regulated under the state and federal Safe Drinking Water Acts, and everyone uses water from public water systems when away from home at restaurants, schools, workplaces and public places.

The sources of supply for public water systems include lakes, rivers and wells. The other half of the population gets water from unregulated residential wells.

The mission of the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) is to protect public health by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water, through collaboration, education, assistance and oversight.

Naturally occurring contaminants are common in groundwater in New Hamp-

state's bedrock wells have radon at levels of concern, and an estimated 30% have arsenic at levels that exceed the 5 ppb limit that is enforceable in public water systems. Iron and manganese are also quite common at levels that taste bad or cause staining of laundry or fixtures. Manganese may also occur at potentially unsafe levels. Fluoride, beryllium and radionuclides other than radon are less common but do occur naturally at levels of concern for human consumption throughout the state.

Dug wells are less likely to have problems with minerals (arsenic, radon, etc.) but are more likely to have issues with bacteria, low pH, road salt and nitrate.

The DWGB provides guidance to public water systems and residential well owners. The water provided by public water systems is regulated and monitored, but residential well water is not. NHDES provides a of differences between public water service and a private residential well supply for residents considering alternatives for their home's water supply. NHDES recommends that residential well users test their water supply to determine whether the water should be treated before consuming it.

Sodium and chloride from salt used on roads during winter weather or used in drinking water treatment system are detected in many residential wells and statewide concentrations in groundwater are generally increasing. Nitrate from septic systems and landscape fertilizer can be detected at levels of concern in residential wells. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) occur statewide in groundwater, but a number of activities and land uses seem to be associated with a higher likelihood of contamination. These include nearby

summary and comparison fuel spills or leaks and businesses that use petroleum in domestic, commercial, products or petroleumbased chemicals.

> Poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) types of fires. PFAS have

are in products that are used institutional and industrial settings. PFAS have also been used to fight certain

New Hampshire but are more frequently detected at elevated levels in southern New Hampshire.



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Come show it! Volunteer Clean-Up Day is this Saturday, Aug. 16th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come for a little while or stay the whole time. Every little bit makes a huge difference! Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



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Mess of Fun Had During Annual Pie-Eating Contest



Perfect Entertainment hosted a Kid's Pie Eating Contest under the Community Tent at the Hudson Old Home Days on Saturday afternoon. Those 17-years and under battled in the early bout followed by the 18years old and up group. The Chocolate Cream Pies made for a messy bit of fun. Photos by Chris Paul







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United Soccer Club's Hulks Program

Hudson United Soccer Club's Hulks Program for children ages 3-10. A fall soccer development program on Sundays from 8 - 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Field (190 Derry Rd). The cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. Visit the groups website or facebook to register. Hudsonnhsoccer.org. Any questions? Contact registrar@hudsonnhsoccer.org

Class of 1975 Reunion

A Reunion for the Alvirne and Pelham alumni class of 1975 will be held soon. If you are an alumni of the year and want more information go to the facebook Alvirne high school and Pelham high school class of 1975 page or email alvirne1975@gmail.com

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park 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, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website friendsofbensonpark.org and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m. This month book to discuss is "Leadership in Turbulent Times" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Crime & Cookies

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. This month's podcast will be "Karen Read and the Death of John O'Keefe."

Cookbook Club

On Monday, Aug. 25 at 11:30 a.m., prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others at Rodgers Library. This month's cookbook is "Good

Lookin' Cookin'."

Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome.

Coffee Paint Night

On Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to make a painting using coffee.

Coffee History and Tasting

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m., come to Rodgers Library to learn about coffee's origins, its impact on cultures around the world, and the art of roasting. Indulge in a guided tasting of various coffee blends to discover your perfect cup. This event is hosted by Mill City Roasting Company.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Memorial Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games,

crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rodgers library lawn.

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 Memorial Library.

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.

Free Health Screening

Medical professionals from AFC Urgent Care Hudson will be holding a Free Health Screening at George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. - noon. No registration is necessary. Learn more at www.afcurgent-care.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial 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.

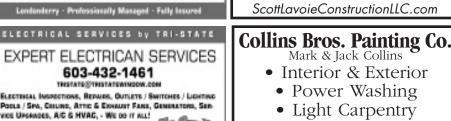
Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial 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

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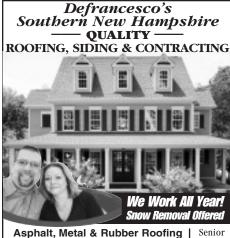
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Hudson Police Log

Excepts Taken from the Hudson Police Call Log - Aug. 3 to Aug. 9 2025

Sunday - Aug. 3 **5:53 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Melendy Road and Able Street leads to an arrest - In Custody. Claude Coulombe Jr. 68, charged with: Driving Under the Influence -Impairment; and Uninspected Vehicle.

8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint Checked on Washington Drive.

Monday- Aug. 4

8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident - Report Taken on Walmart Boulevard.

9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Robinson Road leads to an arrest on Warrant. Matthew Garcia, 35, charged with: Conduct After an Accident; Resist Arrest/Detention; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Bench Warrants; Possession of Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); and Driving after 3:12 p.m. Vandalism re-Revoke/Suspension.

3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Dracut Road and Sherburne Road Taken/Referred to another agency.

4:12 p.m. Theft/Forgery/Fraud reported on Lowell Road - Report Taken.

4:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made On James Roche Drive, Nashua. Doranna Gosselin, 45, charged with two counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking \$0-\$1,000.

7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at the Sagamore Bridge leads to an arrest. Michael Pavlas, 33, charged with: Violation of a Protective Order; and Arrested on a Warrant. **8:03 p.m.** Shoplifting Arrest made on Lowell

Road. Ulysses McMillan, 39, charged with: Theft by Unauthorized Taking -Two Prior Convictions; and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

Tuesday - Aug. 5 ported on Lowell Road. Report Taken.

4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident reported at Lowell Road and Wason Road. Report Taken.

Wednesday- Aug. 6

2:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Lowell Road leads to an arrest. In Custody. Kerry Coughlin, 54, charged with: Driving Under the Influence Impairment; two counts of Resisting Arrest/ Detention; and Criminal Mischief; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Walmart Boulevard Report Taken.

11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident at Lowell Road and Flagstone Drive. Report Taken.

5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Arrest-Summons Issued on Executive Drive. Emma Stevens, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving After Revoke/ Suspension.

6:07 p.m. Theft/Forgery/Fraud Report Taken on Dakota Drive.

8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at Library Street and Water Street leads to Arrest/Summons IsSort Morisset, 28, charged with Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Thursday - Aug. 7 **8:52 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Central Street leads to an Arrest/Summons Issued. Danielle Eccard Nobre, 45, charged with: Operation of a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required.

10:18 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Constitution Drive. Robert Parker, 38, charged with: Theft by Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000); and Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Lowell Road leads to an Arrest/Summons issued. Joshua Baxter, 39, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension.

5:18 p.m. Warrant served and Arrest made on Constitution Drive. Jonathan Disciscio, 37, charged with: Receiving Stolen Property (over \$1,501); and nine counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

6:21 p.m. Warrant served and Arrest made on Derry Street. Daniel Waych Warrants.

Friday - Aug. 8 12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Bush Hill Road leads to an arrest. John Rodriguez, 38, charged with: Conduct After an Accident.

8:02 a.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Constitution Drive. Alexander Coughlin, 25, charged with: Conduct After an Accident; and Improper Backing on an Interstate.

11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Veterans Bridge - Negative Service.

1:18 p.m. Trespassing on Adam Drive leads to an arrest. Marie-Claude Sylvie Martel, 41, charged with: Stalking; Domestic Violence; Breach of Bail.

3:39 p.m. Harassment Report Taken on Constitution Drive.

6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop - Report Taken at Sagamore Bridge and Lowell Road. 7:21 p.m. Disturbance re-

ported on Derry Street. 8:19 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Lowell Road. Tyler Lan-

gill, 24, charged with:

sued. Lorcen William ne, 47, charge with Ben- Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assualt - No Consent; and Sexual Assault - Aggravated.

8:20 p.m. Shoplifting Arrest made on Lowell Road. Eric Mcgee, 39, charged with: Theft by Unauthorized **Taking** (\$0-\$1,000).

9:36 p.m. Theft/Forgery/Fraud Arrest made on Lowell Road. Johnny Vin, 35, charged with: Theft by Deception (\$0-\$1,000); and Bench War-

Saturday - Aug. 9

11:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint at Derry Street and Robinson Road - Given Advice.

12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on A Street - Report Taken.

3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Ferry Street - Report Taken.

5:27 p.m. Assisted Fire Department on School Street. Taken/ Referred to another agency.

7:03 p.m. Disturbance reported on Derry Street - Report Taken.

7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Derry Street - Report Taken.

9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Derry Street - Report Taken.

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A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial 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.

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live life? your 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)

Laptop Donation Program

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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.

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