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Sean Chipfunde and Garrett Hall celebrate after receiving their diplomas on Thursday night, June 11, at the 75th Alvirne High School Commencement at the SNHU Arena.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Alvirne Holds Its 75th Annual Graduation

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Class of 2026 celebrated a major milestone last week as hundreds of seniors crossed the stage during the school's annual commencement ceremony, held at the SNHU Arena in Manchester. This year's graduation marked Alvirne's 75th graduating class, a point of pride noted by district leadership and one that added an extra sense of history to the evening.

Families began filling the arena well before the 7 p.m. start time, with seniors arriving early to prepare for the processional and final instructions before taking their seats on the arena floor.

Alvirne Dean of Academics Daniel Pooler opened the ceremony by introducing the honored guests and reflecting on his long connection to the Class of 2026. Although this

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## Budget Committee Continues Criticism of the School Board

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

Criticism of the School Board continued at the Hudson Budget Committee's June 3 meeting after Board Liaison Dan Kilgour reported that May financial numbers were still unavailable.

"You can blame this on your system, but today is June 3. You should be able to quickly run the numbers on June 1 for May," said Committee member Shawn Jasper. "Looking at numbers that are over a month old is not terribly helpful when we're in a new month. I don't know why they can't run in a timely manner."

Committee member Kevin Walsh added that even the April numbers,

which were emailed to the Committee earlier in the day, appeared incomplete.

"We requested that all funds be supplied to us. What was supplied in the email today was just the general fund," Walsh said, citing RSA 32:22, which allows local budget committees to request and review expenditures. "We don't know the performance of the other funds that are there, for example, the food service. We know there's a substantial shortfall there."

Kilgour said Superintendent Daniel Moulis had attempted to attend the meeting but was unavailable.

"When we ask for somebody to be here, even

when the person in charge isn't here, I'm pretty sure there's an assistant superintendent, a business administrator, it goes down the line. Somebody has to know this information," said Committee member Robert Everett. "There is a succession thing somewhere. Somebody could've been here."

Budget Committee Vice Chair Dave Morin called the lack of representation from the district a "slap in the face," while Chair James Lawrence urged a more structured approach.

"The Town Administrator came to our last meeting and did a very thorough presentation for us. He unfortunately could not be

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## Alvirne High School Honors Top Graduates of Class of 2026

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HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School celebrated the Class of 2026 at its June 11 graduation ceremony, recognizing the school's top scholars: Valedictorian Abigail Conroy, Salutatorian Dani Wimmer, and Class Essayist Ben Pinnell, the three highest ranked graduates in this year's class.

Salutatorian Dani Wimmer, described by faculty as "an accomplished artist," created the senior capstone mural featured on the cover of Alvirne's 2026 graduation program. She plans to attend the University of Delaware, majoring in Chemical Engineering, while also pursuing a cer-

tificate in tattoo artistry. Wimmer thanked her friends and family for their support and reflected on the challenges the Class of 2026 has overcome.

"Once we stumble into the next chapter in our lives, I think we all will be grateful, and we are leaving at a healthy time whether you're going to college, the military, getting a job, or pursuing your own path," she said. "Today is an exciting day that we've made it to with the struggles of the

school and our own personal lives. Only you know what you've had to go through to get to today, and only you can choose a greater path. Find those who support your dreams and make sure not to settle for people who hurt you."

Valedictorian Abigail Conroy, known for her deep involvement in the performing arts, will attend the University of Massachusetts Lowell to study Biomedical Engineering. Drawing on

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COVERAGE INSIDE  
Congratulations to the Class of 2026!**

# BOS Agree To Solicit Bids For Town Owned Property

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen voted at its most recent meeting to move forward with soliciting sealed bids for a Town owned parcel on Oak Avenue, taking another step toward resolving a property that has carried decades of tax record confusion and questions about its legal status.

The discussion stemmed from an April 28, 2026 vote, when the Board authorized Chief Assessor Jim Michaud to obtain a formal Zoning Determination (ZD) for the parcel. That determination, now completed, confirmed that the lot “is a valid, existing lot of record, lawfully non-conforming... which may be built upon without requirement of a variance by the Zoning Board of Adjust-

ment (ZBA).” The clarification was a key prerequisite before the Board could consider selling the land.

Michaud explained that Town Code outlines the specific methods the Board may use to dispose of tax deeded property. Those options include sealed bids, public auction, or charitable transfer. The Board is also authorized to hire licensed real estate professionals to list and sell such properties, though doing so would require a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

“If the Selectmen were to vote to sell the property through a licensed real estate broker or a licensed auctioneer, the process lengthens out,” Michaud said. “The BOS would need to direct the development of an RFP to have brokers or

auctioneers apply through that process.”

Michaud also recommended that any sale include a turnaround easement to allow the Department of Public Works to continue snow clearing operations. He further advised sending written notice of the sale process to approximately 11 direct and indirect abutters along Oak Avenue.

As part of the presentation, Michaud walked the Board through the property’s unusual and complicated tax history, one that spans more than half a century.

He explained that in 2023, when the current owner of the adjacent property at 13 Oak Avenue purchased their home, they attempted to assert ownership of the Town owned

parcel by referencing it in their deed. After reviewing the claim, Town Counsel advised the Assessing Department to tax the parcel to the owner of 13 Oak Avenue, which the Town did at the time.

However, earlier this year, legal representatives for the owners of 13 Oak Avenue discovered that the Town had actually acquired the parcel through a 1941 tax deed, meaning the Town, not the abutter, is the rightful owner.

Michaud noted that the Town’s assessment records reflect the confusion. From at least 1968 to 2012, the Town assessed the parcel to the predecessor owners of 13 Oak Avenue. From 2013 to 2022, the Town carried the property as Town owned and tax exempt. The shift-

ing assessments, he said, are important to understand because they affect how any future sale proceeds must be handled.

“The Town would be eligible to retain any missed property taxes on the property from the time it was tax deeded, along with interest, penalties, fees, and costs such as legal fees,” Michaud said.

However, he cautioned that the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Tyler v. Hennepin County* requires municipalities to return any remaining proceeds from a tax deeded property sale to the rightful former owners or heirs. Under that ruling, any surplus funds must be deposited with the New Hampshire court system through an interpleader filing (RSA 5A:1), allowing the court to deter-

mine who is legally entitled to the balance.

“All of this information becomes important if the BOS decides to authorize a sale,” Michaud said, noting that the Town must follow the proper legal process to ensure compliance with federal and state law.

After reviewing the zoning determination, tax history, and legal requirements, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to direct the Town Administrator, or a designee, to solicit sealed bids for the sale of the property at 13 Oak Avenue. The Board set a minimum bid of \$125,000.

The vote begins the formal disposition process for a parcel that has been the subject of decades of confusion, and now, finally, a clear path forward.

## Town & School Officials Voice Support for Budget Committee’s Deadline

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee continued its push for an earlier budget season during its June meeting, reaffirming an October 5, 2026 deadline for receiving both town and school budgets. The Committee has been seeking a more efficient schedule following multiple delays last

year. “Has the Board of Selectmen come down with a formal position as to what our schedule is going to be for this year’s budget cycle?” asked Committee Chair James Lawrence.

Selectmen Liaison Xen Vurgaropulos said no final schedule had been adopted but confirmed the Board supports the earlier dead-

line.

“We spoke about it at the last meeting, if not the meeting before, and we talked about how we wanted to do October 5,” Vurgaropulos said. “I’m amenable to that, and I think the entire Board is amenable to that. We just have to circle the wagons a little bit to gear the department heads up to let them

know it’s going to be sooner this year.”

Committee members Kevin Walsh and Bob Wherry also urged the Board of Selectmen to provide clearer definitions of encumbrances, a recurring point of confusion in both town and school budgets.

“An encumbrance is something that you have a legal obligation to pay at the end of the fiscal year,” explained Committee member Shawn Jasper. “For instance, you’re not going to pay the salaries out on the last day of the year that is encumbered to the next pay period. But anything else has got to be something you have a signed contract for.”

Jasper added that leftover funds do not automatically return to taxpayers. “Anything left over in the

budget isn’t automatically going to be returned. It goes to the fund balance.”

School Board Liaison Dan Kilgour reported that more than half of the district’s encumbrances stem from under spending in special education accounts. That prompted concern from Vurgaropulos.

“I’m going to try to say this without sounding abrasive, but you guys fought for more funding for special education at the budget last year, and yet we’re still under budget for this one,” he said. “The optics aren’t good.”

Walsh questioned whether the under spending reflected timing issues or whether the district knew in advance that certain contracted services would not be used.

“We’re looking for spe-

cial ed encumbrances of \$250,000 to \$260,000 for tuition,” Walsh said. “When you’re saying ‘It’s under spent,’ it makes it sound like you probably knew ahead of time that the contracts were not going to be filled.”

Kilgour said he would bring the concerns back to the School Board. He also confirmed that the district intends to meet the Budget Committee’s October 5 deadline.

“That is the target,” Kilgour said. “From the reports we got at our latest meeting, the date is doable. It’s feasible. That is our target as well, and we’re going to do what we can to get it to you by that date.”

The next meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.



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# Conservation Commission Makes Plans for Old Home Day Booth

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The Hudson Conservation Commission met on June 8 to prepare for a busy summer, including potential participation in Old Home Day.

"That's August 7 through August 10. In past years, the Conservation Commission has had a booth at Old Home Day, though last year we did not," said Chair Carl Murphy. "Does the Commission have any interest in having a tent? We'd have to be there all four days."

Several members expressed interest but raised concerns about staffing a booth for the full duration of the event. Vice Chair Ken Dickinson suggested partnering with another board or committee, though the dissolution of the Sustainability Advisory Committee a past partner complicates that option.

"There's no Advisory Committee," said Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont. "I think Benson Park did something similar last year, and there are other

committees, other groups. Staff has done a tent in the past." He said he would bring the matter to the Board of Selectmen to see who might be willing to collaborate.

Dickinson suggested using the booth to promote the Commission's trail app. "I think our trail app is still working, and we should get more people to try and use it," he said. "We could at least inform people about it, maybe show them on our phones and show them how it works."

Dumont recommended printing trail maps and QR codes to make it easy for residents to download the app, noting that the Nashua Regional Planning Commission already has resources available.

"It sounds like it could be a good thing," added Secretary Chris Cameron. "A couple ideas would be spreading awareness of what properties and trails we have in town. I'm sure a lot of people know some of them, but not a lot of people know all of them.

We're also trying to get a lot of people out for our Trail Work Days; this will let people know that we do them or that we try to do them every month."

Murphy reported that the Commission had fallen behind on trail maintenance after the most recent Trail Work Day was canceled due to poor weather. "It was not a good day to be in the woods," he said, suggesting a makeup date later in June.

"We have more light now. We don't have to hold

it on a Saturday morning," said member Kathy Griswold. After discussion, the Commission agreed to keep its usual schedule and set the next Trail Work Day for Saturday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m., meeting at the end of Rangers Drive near the Rangers Town Forest trail-head.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room at Town Hall.

# Hudson Community Media Aims to Upgrade Video Storage Hardware

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson Community Television (HCTV) Director Mike Johnson announced plans to upgrade outdated and failing hardware following ongoing storage limitations affecting the station's Video on Demand (VOD) system.

"We're at a point right now where we need to get some kind of storage for the Video on Demand files on our website," Johnson said. "Something this year that went out of date was

our Pelmac camera security software. We still have access to it with the cameras, but the software is no longer supported. To update to the new version, we have to get a new piece of hardware that can host it. The current one we have does not do that. So what we're looking to do is replace the unit we have now that has 12 terabytes of space on it."

Johnson described the potential upgrade as relatively inexpensive if the department can find hard-

ware with greater storage capacity. HCTV staff also expressed interest in off-site storage to back up Town Hall systems. In addition, a sports camera used for local baseball coverage was reported to be "on its way out."

Equipment replacement has been an ongoing issue for HCTV, which recently replaced a Tricaster Mini production system with the Osee Gstream Duet Kit.

"This unit has a lot of capabilities," Johnson said.

"You can livestream to social media, ISO record the cameras, and depending on how much we can push it, there's more we can get it to do. You can also do embedded audio. If I ran audio to a camera, I can run it through the Gstream. It's a nice little toy."

HCTV has also expanded its collaboration with Alvirne High School, gaining access to an AI powered Hudl camera already installed at the school. The system will make it easier to record games and is expect-

ed to save both HCTV and the Hudson School District money over time.

"Is that going to go before the School Board so they know this has been a savings?" asked Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "I think it's important for the school district as well as the town to know what they can save working with HCTV moving forward."

Johnson agreed to include the information in his next report to the School Board.

School Board Liaison Dan Kilgour asked for a

summary of the Hudl system. Johnson explained that the camera is designed for coaches who want game footage without hiring a cameraperson. He called access to the system "huge" for HCTV, though he noted it would not replace camera crews for varsity games.

"Typically, we wouldn't cover some of the JV games and stuff like that, but we'll be able to do that now," Johnson said. "The school owns the Hudl cameras, so it's a good collaboration for everyone."

## Budget

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here tonight, I knew he wasn't going to be here, so I give him a pass," Lawrence said. "The school, unfortunately, we actually requested somebody from the district come and present to us at this particular meeting, and they have declined to honor that request."

At Lawrence's request, the Committee unanimously

ly voted to require a representative from the School District to present expenditure updates from the preceding month at the next regular meeting.

"It may be worthwhile to have alternating presentations from the school and the town," said Committee member Bob Wherry. "Giving alternating presentations would give us the opportunity to ask, fairly contemporaneously, how the expenditures are

going, what the concerns are, and that kind of thing."

"We answer to the taxpayers, and the school has to understand that they answer to the taxpayers also," added Committee member Rick Rice. "There's no accountability anymore. That's a huge problem."

The next meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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# Editorial

## Father's Day: The Love That Stays With Us

Hard to believe June is already half over. And right in the middle of it all comes Father's Day, a weekend that means something a little different to each of us.

Father's Day began 112 years ago, in 1910, when Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to honor her father a Civil War veteran who raised her and her five younger brothers alone after their mother died in childbirth. "His kindness and the sacrifices he made inspired me," she said in 1936. Her love for her father created a holiday that still stands today.

But fathers of the 21st century face new realities and new challenges. Families look different now. Some kids have one parent, some have two moms or two dads, some are raised by grandparents, and some by people who simply stepped up when they were needed most. What hasn't changed is the impact a father or a father figure can have on a child's life.

As kids, we see our dads as mythical beings. The ones who can fix anything: a broken toy, a broken heart, a car that won't start. The ones who somehow know when a simple game of catch is exactly what we need. The ones who bring comic relief at the worst possible moment and somehow make everything feel lighter.

Today, we celebrate the real dads the ones who look under the bed when we're scared, who tell us we're safe, who love us even when life is messy and

complicated. The dads who try their best, even when they're tired, even when they're unsure, even when they're not perfect. Dads are human after all. They make mistakes. They get confused. They worry. And we love them anyway.

For some of us, Father's Day is a little harder. For me, it's a day filled with love and a little ache. I miss my dad. I wish he could have met my children. I was a daddy's girl, and there are moments big and small when I still feel that empty space where he should be. Illness took him too soon, and there are days when that loss still catches me off guard.

Father's Day isn't just about the fathers who are here. It's also about the ones we carry with us. The ones who shaped us. The ones whose voices we still hear when we need guidance. The ones whose love didn't end just because their life did.

So whether you're spending the day with your father, missing him, or honoring someone who stepped into that role take a moment. Recognize what he gave you. Say the thing you've been meaning to say. Share the memory that still makes you smile. Do something that connects you to him, even if he's no longer here.

Because Father's Day isn't just about celebrating fathers. It's about celebrating the love that stays with us long after they're gone.



## Hudson Lions Club Awards 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Hudson Lions Club awarded the organization's annual scholarships to local students. Leo Club recipient Amaya Dorsey received a \$1,500 award. Additional \$1,500 scholarships were presented to Mikayla Dionne, Garrett Hall, Jaclyn Kriscunas (Bishop Guertin), Avery Woods, Nora Lesmerises (Al Rodgers Scholarship), and Sloane Whaley (Phil Rodgers Scholarship). Victoria Suppa received the \$2,000 Joe Kasper Scholarship. The Club is also accepting applications for the 19th annual Lion Ron Boisvert \$2,000 Medical Field Scholarship, open to Hudson residents currently enrolled in college level medical studies. Applications are available from Scholarship Chair Roger LaTulippe at [scholarships@hudsonlions.org](mailto:scholarships@hudsonlions.org) and are due July 31, 2026.

*Courtesy photo*

## Selectman Accept Dog Food Donation for Police Department

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen recently accepted a donation to support the Hudson Police Department following an increase in animal related cases handled by the town's Animal Control Officer.

In a memo to the Board, Police Chief David Cayot explained that the department has seen a rise in situations where dogs are surrendered to police custody. While waiting for space to open at local shelters, the department is responsible for feeding and caring for the animals.

"During the period of time between the animals being signed over and transport to an available shelter, the Hudson Police Department is responsible for the care of the dogs," Cayot wrote. He noted that while the ACO was purchasing dog food for one of the cases, America's Pets

offered to donate supplies.

The Board unanimously approved accepting a donation of dog food, dog treats, and a dog bed, with an estimated value of \$1,000.

In other business, the Board heard a proposal from the Hudson Fire Department regarding membership in the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District (SNHHMMAD).

Fire Chief Scott Tice explained that funding for the membership transition, from the Souhegan Mutual Aid Response Team to SNHHMMAD, was approved as part of the FY27 budget.

Tice said the move would expand the department's capabilities by partnering with regional agencies. Membership provides representation on the district's governing board and operations committee, made up of community officials and fire chiefs.

Key benefits include:

- Hazmat and Rescue Capabilities: Access to hazardous materials response resources and future technical rescue equipment.
- Rehabilitation Services: A rehab truck offering shelter, refreshments, and the ability to fill cascade bottles.
- Advanced Equipment: Use of drones, off-road vehicles, and a mobile command unit.

Tice said the collaboration strengthens Hudson's technical rescue abilities while distributing costs across the region. Funding for the membership is included in the Fire Administration budget under association dues and fees.

The Board unanimously authorized the Fire Chief to end the department's membership with the Souhegan Mutual Aid Response Team and join SNHHMMAD effective July 1, 2026.

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# Top Graduates

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her years in the music department, she thanked her family, friends, teachers, and the school band for its performance of "Pomp and Circumstance."

"It's a really long song, it takes a lot of air, and your face, hands, and brain hurt by the end," Conroy said. "Personally, I have played 'Pomp and Circumstance' three times, and let me tell you, it's definitely a different experience walking to it instead of playing."

Conroy spoke candidly about the pressures of academic achievement and the reality behind the title of valedictorian.

"Not being best at everything is something I'm still struggling with, and something I will continue to struggle with my entire life," she said. "I graduated as valedictorian, and yet I cried an innumerable

amount of times in homework and tests. What I mean to say is I'm not perfect."

Conroy also sang with the B-Naturals in a performance at the graduation ceremony that evening.

Principal Steve Beals congratulated the top graduates and the entire Class of 2026, praising their resilience and accomplishments.

"I'm proud of each of you and offer you my admiration, my respect, and my hope for your future successes and happiness," Beals said. "In your many years and alumni reunions ahead, I hope you'll fondly remember me as a school principal who wanted relationships with everyone, cared for your safety, attended tons of your activities, and saw each good and bad decision you made as a learning and growing experience."



Alvirne Class of 2026 Valedictorian, Abigail Conroy, singing during B-Naturals performance at her graduation ceremony last week.



Alvirne Class of 2026 Salutatorian, Dani Wimmer, speaks at the 75th Graduation Ceremony on Thursday night, June 11.  
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# Rodgers Memorial Financially Stable Going into June

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At its May meeting, the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees reviewed its financial status as it approached the end of the 2025–2026 budget year, which expires on June 30.

“We’re down to less than what we were at last quarter, but it looks like we’re doing okay. We

should meet all of our obligations and should not have any issues,” reported Treasurer Margaret St. Onge. “We’re buying new books, the money is there, and we’re getting stuff ready for the Summer Reading Program and celebration. Money is being spent there, and it’s all great.”

She added that the library’s financial position

had been strengthened by several recent donations.

“The Greater Federation Woman’s Club has donated \$100 for general use, a Jay McCarthy donated \$100 for books, and the New Life Christian Church donated for our National Night Out Day, sponsoring the dunk tank and water for the dunk tank, the rental of which is \$520,” said St. Onge. “It’s all very generous, we’re excited.”

Another resident, Karen Brown, donated \$200 for general use. The Board unanimously voted to accept all donations and expressed appreciation to each donor.

Saving money remains a central goal of the library’s Strategic Plan, which has seen new

progress in recent weeks.

“The Strategic Plan working group last met on May 11, and we had a great meeting, they’ve got some super ideas,” said Library Director Linda Pilla.

According to Vice Chair Lisa Weber, the May 11 meeting included a two hour walkthrough of the library to identify ways to save money without requiring major upfront investments.

“What was wonderful about all this was the focus on working with what we have, which can lead to really big savings. There were lots of ideas on how to reconfigure how the room is,” Weber said. “It was all very interesting.”

Some ideas, including constructing a “glass wall,”

were deemed too expensive.

“We want to avoid any expensive construction,” Pilla said. “We also probably have enough people to do a community outreach working group if there’s a person on this Board willing to be a Trustee attending those meetings. That’s going to be a little squishier as to what’s the definition of success for us. We already have some great community partners.”

The new working group has not yet met, and its structure and goals remain under discussion.

Income was also a topic for the Friends of Rodgers Memorial Library, which has struggled to replace revenue lost after the Trustees stepped back from the Hills

building, forcing the Friends to end their Second Hand Prose used book sales.

“We’ve been in a little bit of a slump with the loss of Second Hand Prose,” admitted Jan Walsh, Vice President of the Friends. She said the nonprofit now relies heavily on its Buy-A-Brick program. “I have about eight brick orders to put in. Most people have been getting the more expensive three-line bricks instead of the two-line bricks, which has been nice.”

Anyone interested in purchasing an engraved paving brick can contact the Friends of Rodgers Memorial Library through their Facebook page.

## OBITUARY

### Richard “Dick” A. Joyce



Richard “Dick” A. Joyce, age 74, a lifelong resident of Hudson, NH, passed suddenly at home on the morning of June 10. Prior to his passing, Dick was enjoying retirement from a long career in commercial refrigeration beginning at ACR in Lowell, MA, and ending with 45 successful years with Hussmann Corp. in Salem, NH, where Dick was the longtime installation manager. Dick was a graduate of Alvirne High School and earned an Associate’s Degree from NH Vocational College.

Dick previously held a private pilot license and in his later years enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Dick was also an avid sportsman, member of the Lone Pine Hunters Club and Hudson Fish and Game. Dick enjoyed golfing with his wife, spending time with his family, working around the house, watching auto and motorcycle racing, fly fishing for trout, pheasant hunting and target shooting. Dick’s other hobbies included caring for his vegetable garden, apple trees, and blueberry bushes.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, Constant C. “Joe” Joyce, Mary A. Joyce (née Schoolcraft), and brother, David Joyce.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Sandra G. (Gagnon) Joyce. They would have celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in October. Dick is also survived by his son, Matthew R. Joyce, Esq., a tax attorney and law professor practicing in Boston, MA, his wife, Norelle W. Joyce, and his favorite granddog, Penny, of Attleboro, MA.

Dick’s other surviving family members include his brother, Gerald A. Joyce, Ph.D., his wife Patrice Joyce, their daughters Elaine Joyce and Renée Joyce, M.D., all of Newton, MA; his sister-in-law, Linda Downing, her husband, John Downing, of Nashua, NH, their children, Kate Partridge, D.P.T., her husband Tim Partridge, and Kerry Rickrode, her husband Sean Rickrode; sister-in-law, Debra Picerne and her partner Tim Webber, of FL; and brother-in-law, Robert Gagnon, of Barnstead, NH.

A special word of thanks is owed to the Hudson Fire and Police Departments for their quick, professional response and companionship during a difficult time.

Following cremation, a time of visitation was held on Monday, June 15 followed by a Service of Remembrance in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## Summer Water Conservation Advisory Issued by Hudson Water Department

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“Together, we can conserve water today — for tomorrow,” the advisory reads.

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# Planning Board Members Discuss Procedural Updates

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on June 10 and reviewed its rules and procedures, focusing on clarifying language and improving how information is shared ahead of public hearings.

"I wanted to make a suggestion that we clean up the terminology around the seven day notice for Board members to get information. We've had some problems before," said Board member Todd Boyer, referring to past instances where

packets or correspondence did not reach members in time. "I was just thinking we can add new terminology where it's provided whether it's electronic or posted on the website or paper. That way all bases are covered with today's technology."

Selectman Bob Guessferd agreed but recommended specifying that any packet or correspondence must be directed to the Planning Board. Under current rules, staff must prepare and send packets at least seven days before a hearing. Applicants

must submit materials 14 days in advance, though abutters may still submit written comments later for the public record.

"The Tuesday prior to the meeting they can submit stuff and get it here," said Board member James Crowley, who felt some of the language around public input remained vague.

Board Chair Tim Malley said the Board has historically allowed flexibility for public submissions.

He also recommended removing outdated language regarding alternate

members.

"Some of the current language makes it seem like we're almost trying to exclude alternates from the conversation," Malley said. "For the record, for members to participate in deliberations and vote, only the seated members can vote, but we've always acted where we want everybody's opinion up until we get to that voting session." He called the existing language "redundant" and confusing.

Not every suggestion was workable. Crowley asked whether individual

Board members could request a site walk with the Town Planner if the Board did not schedule one. Malley said that would not be appropriate.

"Once we leave this room and are no longer a quorum, we are just citizens. I don't think we should be having our Town Planner escort private citizens. It just opens a whole can of worms," he said.

He noted that all residents are welcome to attend any officially scheduled site walks held by the Planning Board, Conservation Com-

mission, or other municipal bodies.

More comprehensive changes such as fee updates will require coordination with the Board of Selectmen and likely input from a third party engineering firm. Members agreed that capital improvement fees need periodic updates.

A formal vote on potential procedural changes is expected at the next Planning Board meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

# Car Wash Applicant Asks for Renewed Variance to Begin Construction

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on May 28 to hear a request from Attorney Chris Drescher and applicant Jay Hall for an extension of three variances originally granted in June 2024. The variances cover wall signs, a free-standing sign, and directional signs for a proposed gas station and convenience store project on Lowell Road.

Associate Planner Ben Witham-Gradert explained that a variance extension differs from a new variance request and requires less detail because the original findings remain on record. "I want to highlight that this isn't reevaluating the hardship of the case," he said. "That's different than how

this Board has done this in the past."

The original proposal included a gas station, car wash, and convenience store, but the car wash was removed after public opposition and an initial Planning Board denial. "That's kind of relevant to why we're here today," Drescher said. "We changed the plan, it's been approved, but we haven't changed the plan too much. All of the circumstances that were applicable to the variance requests the first time around are still in place. Nothing has changed, but we took the car wash away, and some of those signs were from the car wash."

Hall told the Board that construction on the gas station could begin this summer if the variances were

extended. "We want to start as soon as possible," he said.

Unused variances typically expire after two years unless the project remains under active review. Witham-Gradert explained that a brief lapse in Planning Board review triggered the expiration clock. "For a short, two month period, they technically were not under review by the Planning Board anymore, which started the timer," he said. "The whole reason they're here today is essentially

due to a technicality in NH state law. For the technical review of the signs, I did conclude that they were equal or lesser to the original variances granted."

Board members agreed the renewal was straightforward. "My instinct is to grant it," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "They're just renewing here."

After a brief discussion about the length of the extension, Drescher requested a new expiration date of February 2028. The Board unanimously approved the extension.

ed the extension.

The next meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled for

Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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# Alvirne Graduation

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was his first year serving as dean, Pooler noted that he has known many of the graduates since their earliest years in the Hudson School District.

He recalled the challenges the class faced together during the COVID19 pandemic, saying, "We struggled in fifth grade together with the challenges of COVID, and you demon-

strated remarkable resilience and adaptability. I mean, who didn't think having to listen to me doing chalk talk wasn't a challenging way to learn." Pooler also remembered traveling with many of the students to Washington, D.C., in eighth grade, watching their friendships, leadership, and confidence continue to develop. He shared that one of the graduates was his own daughter, making the evening especially meaningful for him, and said he understood the pride and emotion felt by the many families in attendance.

Hudson School Board Chair Maureen Dionne, also a parent of a Class of 2026 graduate, welcomed the students and families and spoke about watching many of the graduates grow from their earliest years in the district. "Each of you have a unique story that brought you to this moment," she said. "This



evening we celebrate each one of you. We honor your accomplishment, your perseverance, your growth, and the countless experiences that have shaped your personal journey." Dionne reminded the graduates that while commencement marks the end of one chapter, it also marks the beginning of the next, encouraging them to pursue new passions, embrace new challenges, and remember their ability to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Throughout the ceremony, the audience enjoyed musical performances by the Alvirne High School band and student musicians, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. The event was also broadcast live by Hudson Community Television, allowing extended family members and friends to watch from home. Large screens inside the arena



gave families a closeup view as each graduate crossed the stage, and professional photographers captured individual diploma moments for families to purchase afterward.

During his address, Principal Steve Beals spoke about the significance of the evening and the many paths

students take to reach graduation. He noted that while the SNHU Arena ceremony is the largest in terms of attendance, Alvirne also holds smaller, personalized ceremonies for students and families who need them. Regardless of when or how each student received their diploma, Beals said he is proud of the Class of 2026. "I'm proud of you and offer you each my admiration... and my hope for your future successes and happiness," he said.

As the ceremony concluded and graduates made their way outside to meet their families, the sense of accomplishment was unmistakable. For the Class of 2026, the evening marked not only the end of their high school years but the beginning of their next chapter, carrying with them the memories, challenges, and achievements that shaped their time at Alvirne.

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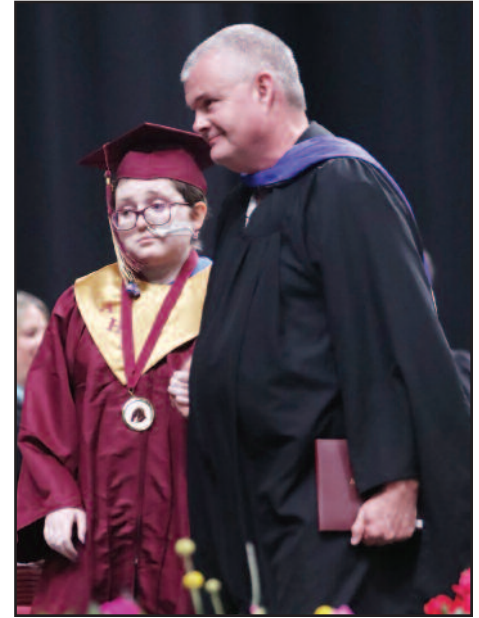
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# Grange Honors Local Heroes at Annual Community Service Awards Night

Hudson Grange #11 celebrated several of the community's most dedicated public servants during its annual Community Service Awards Night, held on June 9, 2026. The event brought together residents, friends, and local officials to recognize individuals who have made meaningful contributions to Hudson through their work in public safety, education, and community service.

Each year, the Grange selects honorees from the Fire Department, Police Department, School District, and the broader community. This year's recipients were recognized for their commitment, professionalism, and the positive impact they have had on the lives of Hudson residents.



The 2026 award recipients, pictured from left to right, are: Teacher, Beth Ide, Hudson Memorial School; Community Citizen, Tim Malley; Police, Master Patrol Officer, Jered Neff; and Fire, Michael Lewis, Firefighter/AEMT

Courtesy photo

Grange members said the annual awards are an important tradition, offering a chance to highlight the people who often work quietly behind the scenes but whose efforts strengthen the fabric of the community.

"These individuals represent the best of Hudson," the Grange shared. "Their dedication, service, and willingness to go above and beyond make our town a

better place."

The evening included remarks, presentations, and time for residents to congratulate the honorees personally. For the Grange, which has deep roots in

Hudson's civic life, the event reflects its ongoing mission to support community engagement and recognize local leadership.

Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients.

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# Eight Unit Proposal Near Route 102 Runs Into Density Issues

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed a variance request on May 28 from applicants Robert Thomson and Maria Stratakis, who are seeking permission to build multifamily dwellings on Derry Street. The proposal calls for eight residential units in two three story buildings on a lot located in the Town Residential (TR) Zone, where multifamily housing is not permitted.

Katie Weiss of Bedford Design Consultants presented the plan, noting the surrounding mix of uses.

"Behind the site there are already residential prop-

erties off Nellie Court and Abbott Street. Across the street is Route 102, so across the street there are commercial uses in a business zone," Weiss said. "We're proposing eight residential units in two separate blocks. The buildings are 30by30, three stories tall, with the first floor serving as garage space."

Weiss argued that the variance would not harm neighborhood character, citing the commercial development along Route 102. She added that the area's traditional New England development pattern "has already been disturbed" and that the project would add to the tax base.

Drainage and Engineering Concerns

Board members raised questions about the proposed stormwater system.

"You have proposed stormwater in the front. Is that the only place it can go?" asked Board member Tim Lanphear. "I worry you have water that's going to seep into the ground and underneath 102. Can you have a sinkhole here? It can happen."

Weiss said the basin is located at the lowest point on the property. Associate Planner Ben Witham-Gradert added that Hudson engineering standards require stormwater to remain on site.

"As water goes to a detention basin, it has to stay on the property as it sinks deeper and deeper into the ground," Gradert said. "It can't go six inches down then flood into an aquifer under the road."

He assured the Board that the plans will be "thoroughly reviewed" before any construction begins.

No residents attended the meeting, but abutters Steve and LeeAnn Middlemiss submitted written opposition. Board members echoed concerns about whether eight units were appropriate for the small lot.

"These are small New England lots, and we're trying to maintain the character of these neighborhoods as best as we can," said Board member Tristan Dion. "I don't know if turning a sub-one-acre lot into eight units maintains the character."

Gradert noted that TR zone density guidelines should be considered. Lanphear agreed.

"If they say they're putting in eight, but three-to-four might be the magic number, that's what we have to say," he said.

Thomson pushed back,

arguing that Route 102's heavy traffic makes single family development less practical.

"The road is too busy to support single family. Multifamily may be a better use," said Alternate Zachary McDonough. "To treat it as a residential New England neighborhood seems abstract."

Citing its authority to limit the degree of non-conformance, the Zoning Board suggested reducing the project to four units. The applicants requested time to explore a smaller configuration, delaying the expected vote.

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# Hudson VFW Post 5791 Celebrates Flag Day and More



Above, Scouts Color Guard before the ceremony. Above right, Post members John Duclos and Tom Thrower fold the flag during the flag folding demonstration while Jason Burket reads about the meaning of flag folding. *Courtesy photos*



**CHRISTINA MADDEN**  
HUDSON VFW POST 5791

On Saturday, June 13, VFW Post 5791 held its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the post on Bockes Road. With the help of Scout Troops 252 and 20, a dignified ceremony formally retired all the flags collected from the flag bins in Hudson and Londonderry throughout the year.

An estimated 1,500

flags were burned in accordance with flag retirement guidelines. The brief but meaningful ceremony began with Post Commander Chuck Chapman leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Chaplain Robert Hewit reading a prayer. As the ceremonial folded flag was placed on the fire, Allison Cummings of the American Legion Post 48 Band

played Taps.

The previous afternoon, members of the post went to Fairview Senior Living for what has become an annual flag folding demonstration. While the flag is folded, a description of the meaning of each fold is read. Post Commander Chapman led the residents in the Pledge of Allegiance before the demonstration began.

Members of Post 5791 have been busy of late. On May 16, members worked in Benson Park as part of their Clean up Day. In May, the National VFW encourages its posts to get involved with their community by taking part in activities that help make the community better. The motto is #STILLSERVING to emphasize the fact that former members of the Armed Forces still serve their communities. In addition to the day of service, Post 5791 donated and helped assemble a picnic bench for the park to replace an old no longer serviceable one.

On Memorial Day, members of the Post and Auxiliary marched in the Memorial Day Parade organized by Legion Post 48. Veterans care about their fallen comrades as well as their communities.

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## Lion Ron Boisvert Scholarship

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## Fly-In BBQ

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## Film Screening

A free local screening of the film "No Country

For Mothers" will be held on Thursday, June 25, at the Rodgers Library from 6 - 8 p.m. The film is a documentary about what motherhood really looks like in America Today. Seating is limited please register at [mobilize.us/momsfirst](http://mobilize.us/momsfirst).

## Amateur Radio Field Day

The Nashua Area Radio Society will hold the annual A.R.R.L. Field Day on June 26, 27 and 28 at Hudson Memorial School, One Memorial Drive (off Central Street) in Hudson. This year, the event starts on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. and will run continuously through Sunday, June 28, ending at 2 p.m. For more information go to [www.n1fd.org/field-day/](http://www.n1fd.org/field-day/).

## Preschool Water Play

Come to the Rodgers library on most Wednesdays at 10 a.m., for a story-time full of music, movement, and bubbles for ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

## Magic Fred

Come to the Rodgers Library on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m., for a one-of-a-kind traveling show with a stunning professional backdrop, and upbeat music to set the tone for a fantastic experience.

## Tween Perler Bead Art

Twins entering 5th to 8th grades can arrange small plastic beads on a pegboard to create cool designs and patterns at the Rodgers Library on Wednesday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m.

## Art in Bloom: Monet's Garden

Elementary students entering grades 1-5 are invited to make garden inspired art with Miss Tanya at the Rodgers

Library on Thursday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m.

## Story Safari at Benon's Park

Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles, on Most Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

## LEGO Club: Build a Treehouse

Drop in to design and build a treehouse or elevated building with LEGO bricks at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, June 25 at 5 p.m. This program is for ages 4+.

## Paws4Safety for Kids

Children entering grades 1-7 are invited to the Rodgers Library on Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m., to discover how to stay safe around their own pets, other people's animals, and local wildlife.

## Summer Concert: The Last Duo

Dan Sirois and Greg Decoteau of The Last Duo blend sweet vocal har-

monies and exceptional musicianship at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m.

## Recycled Percussion Obstacle Course

Race through a series of physical and musical challenges with a coach to cheer you on at the Rodgers Library on Monday, June 29 at 10 a.m. This event is for children ages 6+.

## Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Monday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "The Oh She Glows Cookbook: Over 100 Vegan Recipes to Glow From the Inside Out" by Angela Lidon.

## Leather Working Workshop

This class run by Owl Eyes Wilderness at the Rodgers Library teaches students all about creating usable leather pouches by

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# Alvirne Students Show Off Custom Bike at Laconia Motorcycle Week

At this year's Laconia Motorcycle Week, keep an eye out for a little piece of Hudson pride. Alvirne High School's Mr. Brown and several of his students made the trip north to unveil the custom motorcycle they've been building as part of a regional "buildoff" competition.

What began as a handson classroom project has turned into a fullscale engineering challenge. Over the past several months, the students; working under Mr. Brown's guidance; designed, fabricated, and assembled the bike from the ground up. The project blended mech-

anical skills, welding, electrical work, and a whole lot of teamwork.

Their hard work is now on display at High Octane Saloon. The venue is known for showcasing custom builds to fellow builders, and spectators.

"This is the kind of project that sticks with students long after graduation," Mr. Brown said. "They didn't just build a bike; they built confidence, problemsolving skills, and pride in what they can accomplish together."

Visitors can check out the bike throughout the

week, and the students are encouraging the community to support them in the competition. Voting is open to the public, and every vote helps the Alvirne team stand out among the other builders.

Supporters can vote at High Octane Saloon, or online at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSec-FunSTioHJ5.../viewform>

For the students, the experience is about more than competition. It's about representing their school, showing what young people can achieve with the right tools and mentorship,



and being part of one of NH's most iconic events.

The Alvirne crew will be

at High Octane Saloon throughout the week to talk about the build, answer ques-

tions, and share what they learned along the way.

## Around Town

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hand stitching their own patterns cut from leather on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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

This group will meet on Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m. June's book is "Lavender House" by Lev AC Rosen.

### Tween Art: Bean & Clay Mosaic

Tweens entering grades 5-8 are invited to Rodgers Library on Tuesday, June 30 at 6 p.m., create bean and clay mosaics!

### 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 Robin-

son Pond safe for you and your family during the summer? If interested please contact: RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com

### Teen Wire Trees

Teens entering grades 8-12 can come to the Rodgers Library on Friday, June 26 at 2 p.m., for this creative twist on nature and learn how to twist wire to form a tree.

### 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.

### 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.

### Inhouse Secondhand 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. Connect the Library with any questions.

### 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 ([friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org)) or simply come to the Elephant Barn at the top of the hill to sign in.

### 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.

### 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 sup-

plies and stitch the evening away.

### 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

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