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BUILT FOR SPEED Jack “The King” Knapp gets a push down the hill at Benson Park during the Cardboard Sled Race event held on Saturday, March 8. See more photos on pages 8 and 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Budget Committee Formally Wraps Up Its Budget Season

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee came together on March 5 for a short meeting to give a few updates on long-term budgetary matters.

“I thought I’d just give a quick update on the Target Logistics Center exactions,” said Clerk Kevin Walsh. “There are three exactions

that have been received by the town. We all know the Fire Department’s platform truck was received last fiscal year for the public safety exaction.”

That exaction was also being used by the Hudson Police Department to upgrade its drone capabilities, along with a \$100,000 exaction in-house for goals

related to the townwide master plan. The Logistics Center was still moving forward, although Target still needed to complete several key steps, including their building permit.

“The building permit for the main building has not been pulled up at this point that we know of. We do **continued on page 5**

Selectman Raise Concerned About Community Power Rate Increase

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HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen’s first March meeting saw the issue of community power come up following a report putting the Eversource rates lower than the expected Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) rates over the next few months. The CPCNH also required the Selectmen to name a new Principal Executive Officer (PEO) for Hudson.

“It’s been a while since I’ve done an update, there’s a lot going on,” reported Hudson Sustainability Committee member and CPCNH Director Craig Putnam. “The PEO is the person named by the town’s legislative body, by you folks, who is empowered to make

certain decisions regarding Hudson Community Power. Specifically, they determine the choice of the rate for the default plan.”

Currently, Hudson defaults to the cheapest Granite Basic plan for community power users, the plan used almost by almost every participating resident. PEOs can also apply for Discretionary Reserve adders, optional fees to build funds used to invest in the development of new energy projects or customer programs. Hudson has not set up such a Discretionary Reserve. Former Town Administrator Steve Malizia was the old PEO.

Without much debate, newly appointed Town Administrator Roy Sorenson was appointed PEO.

The recent rate increase was seen as the more pressing issue.

“The utility companies and CPCNH have rate periods that run from Feb. 1 to the end of July and Aug. 1 through the end of January, so we’re just in the beginnings of the winter-spring-early summer rate period,” explained Putnam. “CPCNH had set a rate of 8.9 cents per kilowatt hour for this rate period. It has become necessary for CPCNH to adjust that rate; they’re required to cover its costs.”

The new listed rate is 9.7 cents per kilowatt hour for the remainder of the rate period, putting it higher than the Eversource rate of 8.929 cents per kilowatt hour, making it lower than

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Central Street Mixed-Use Development Proposed

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At its last February meeting, the Hudson Planning Board heard a conceptual design review from Ryan Hudock from Horizons Engineering.

“We are presenting a concept application for a mixed-use development; it’s along Central Street. On the southern general portion, we have two multi-family buildings with one being 70 units and the other being 30 units, so about 100.” explained Hudock. “On the northern portion, directly along Central, there’s an existing concrete pad. We’re trying to redevelop that into a mixed-use building with about 12 units on the upper

floor and then commercial on the lower floor.”

He stressed that the design was still conceptual beyond a few early engineering studies and could easily change, especially when the permitting process gets underway.

“What’s the distance from Central to the end of the 70-unit building?” asked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery, who seemed skeptical whether the parking layout had enough room to accommodate larger fire engines. “What are you attempting to get into the lower stories?”

Hudock was unsure what the distance was but conceded that the developer may need to adjust the lay-

out. Due to the early stage of design work, there was no solid plan for what businesses might go into the lower units. Nearby resident Don Dumont, who was involved in the project, stated they were open to suggestions from town officials and residents.

“Would you be open to ensuring certain design standards are met when putting the plan together?” asked Board member Victor Oates. “I am a huge supporter and fan of building out mixed-use. My concern is how it’s done.”

Currently, there are no formal mixed-use standards for Hudson, meaning few definitive guidelines remain **continued on page 4**

Residents Give Initial Opinions on Lowell Road Restaurant Plan

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HUDSON TIMES

The Feb. 26 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw its members give input on the latest site plan for the proposed relocation of T-BONES. A separate conditional-use permit for the site was not yet ready. Meridian Land Services Engineer Sam Foisie and Tom Boucher, CEO of Great NH Restaurants, were at the meeting to give their presentation. Before that presentation could begin, the site plan ran into some issues.

"It was flagged by engineering, but engineering has not reviewed to determine whether this is acceptable and whether or not any

changes need to be made to it," said Board member Victor Oates, referring specifically to possible issues regarding a slip lane bringing patrons from Lowell Road to the restaurants. "I would like to side on not making any decisions until we've had a chance for our Engineering Department to review and make sure it meets our requirements."

Board Chair Tim Malley expressed his belief that the Planning Board "could not render any decision" on the site plan without the conditional use permit, ultimately agreeing to hear the plan without committing to a formal vote.

"This absolutely will be

approved by the Town Engineer," Boucher promised. "We're going to do what the Town Engineer wants."

Going into some of the details of the proposed restaurant, Foisie used the Concord T-BONES as a point of comparison for what the new location will be like.

"The current Hudson site has a deficit of building size and parking," he said, adding that T-BONES wanted to remain in Hudson. "The existing site is vacant now, but there used to be a single-family house on it and there are remains of that house with a well, driveway, and utility pole."

Access to the site was a significant issue, as the original curb cut was deemed inadequate to handle the demands of a large restaurant.

"We've been diligently working for the past six months to acquire the appropriate easements from Walmart to access through Walmart Boulevard, which is a signalized intersection and is the preferred location to access this site from," said Foisie.

Board members agreed that a secondary entrance onto Lowell Road would not require a waiver. As with many other large projects, there were concerns over how the restaurant would impact traffic. The design also outlined extensive landscaping, drainage, and erosion control plans that would minimize any impact on nearby wetlands without impacting abutters.

Several residents were at the meeting to give their opinions on the proposal.

"One of the concerns the neighbors have, looking at the big picture, there is an actual flowing stream that hits Rita Avenue and goes underground, and pretty much stays there," said resident Colin Goyette, who gave first-hand accounts of basement flooding in the area due to the high-water table. "We're concerned that if they disturb that whole area: make ponds, dig foundations, parking lots, and all that, they'll interrupt that flow of water."

He asked Boucher and the Planning Board to keep flooding issues in mind as things move forward.

Decades-long Hudson resident Ed Thompson wanted to know if the new site would include a hotel, housing, or anything similar.

"I think the location is good," said Thompson. "Obviously, like everybody else, we're concerned about the traffic."

Boucher stated he had

no other plans "for the property right now," citing an agreement with Walmart that no further development beyond a restaurant and parking lot would happen for at least three years.

"They have the legal right in the future if they meet the zoning and land-use requirements if they want to come back for something else," added Malley.

Resident and abutter Cameron Levesque worried about safety and privacy, calling the existing neighborhood "a little nook."

"Is this going to be an area that's going to be safe for people younger than me or older than me to walk and get food in the evening?" he asked. "I just appreciate the little gem I like to call our neighborhood, and the ability to have that privacy on a late afternoon."

Boucher hoped to have the restaurant finished by April of 2026.

Have an Announcement?

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Brox Expansion Plan Under Fire for Permanent Wetland Impact

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An ongoing expansion plan of the Brox Industries 85 Greeley Street asphalt and quarry facility continues to run into public opposition following a public hearing with the NH Department of Environmental Services in late February.

In Brox's permit application with the NHDES Wetland Bureau, the company proposed merging "pre-existing sand/aggregate mining operations resulting in the immediate permanent loss of 96,845 square feet of palustrine

scrub shrub wetlands."

Hudson resident Joanne Dowd called the application "disturbing," accusing Brox of "placing business profits ahead of wetlands and nature" while criticizing the quarry for expansion plans that included the permanent disruption of wetlands over such a large area.

"Wetlands play an integral role in the ecology of the watershed. The combination of shallow organisms that form the base of the food web and feed many species of fish, amphibians, shellfish and insects," wrote Dowd, in a plea to NHDES

before their permit hearing on the matter. "In addition to destroying this wetland, more blasting will take place. Blasting with chemicals can contaminate water resources and this property is in a watershed area."

Her comments also include a study by Brandon Kernen of the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, which found that "blasting of crystalline bedrock can contaminate water resources."

Worry over possible groundwater contamination is nothing new to Hudson, and the issues have proven

to be especially concerning in towns across Southern NH. Nearby Londonderry recently received nearly \$11 million in government grants and loans to help build a water main extension following per- and polyfluoroalkyl or PFAS contamination of many private wells. That contamination was traced to the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastic plant in Merrimack.

Beyond the issue of contamination, abutters have argued for months that active blasting risked damage to nearby homes.

"Besides the wetland issue, the blasting affects so many of my neighbors and myself resulting in cracked basements and loud explosions that rock the houses,"

claimed Dowd. "Brox needs to bring the explosives under control."

In a Jan. 7 notice to the town of Hudson, Brox Industries reported it planned to engage in blasting "on and off throughout the 2025 calendar year."

Brox Industries has called the destruction of the wetlands "unavoidable" and considered short-term preservation infeasible given the nature of their quarrying operations and the NHDES reaction to their original proposal to relocate or remove two of the site's wetland areas, preserving the rest. According to Environmental Consultant Bruce Gilday, who was hired by Brox to come up with a wetland preservation plan last

year, NHDES considered "restoration" more important than saving existing wetland patches after the company's inability to move forward with a conditional use permit that would have originally saved four wetland patches. It was unclear why state regulators preferred a long-term restoration strategy.

Brox has repeatedly claimed it is committed to long-term preservation work once quarry operations conclude, something not expected to happen for decades. Brox also maintains that it constantly strives to be a "good steward of the land" and that the company is "a caring neighbor" with "no wetland violations to date" on the property.

Power

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the CPCNH rate for the first time since Hudson joined Community Power. Looking at the rate history since Community Power came into effect, Putnam noted a general downward trend in supply rates due to "increased competition. He claimed that Hudson residents using Community Power saved a combined total of \$475,000 compared to residents using Eversource, though that number was expected to erode with the new rates.

"What are the chances the rates are going to go down again after July?" asked Selectman Kara Roy.

Putnam could not definitively say, arguing there "were many factors" impacting rates, including weather.

"What are we going to do to inform all of the customers?" asked School Board Liaison Gary Gasdia, who was told the rates are available on the town web-

site. "What happened in the past is irrelevant, the whole idea of this was 'we're going to give you the lowest rate.'"

He was critical of the sudden rate increase and wanted a more effective way to keep residents up-to-date, and Selectman David Morin worried there was a lack of transparency regarding CPCNH financials and wondered whether the statewide Community Power organization had a deficit. Putnam denied there was a deficit, but stated that he was unable to disclose all requested information to the Board of Selectmen related to costs versus income. Morin pledged to make a Right-to-Know request to get more accurate numbers from CPCNH.

"If we can get it as a Right-to-Know, why can't we get it today?" asked Selectman Heidi Jakoby. "Whenever somebody says you can get it in a Right-to-Know, that means it's public information, period."

Putnam claimed the

CPCNH preferred to have their staff respond to financial questions rather than Directors.

"The way this is being presented tonight, it's almost like it's not entirely 100% factual. You're not lying, but you're trying to put a good spin on this," said Selectman Chair Bob Guessferd. "People care about what they're paying now and what they're going to be paying for the next five months."

The Chair worried that people could drop their Community Power plans, both in Hudson and in other municipalities, if rates remain higher than Eversource.

"The bottom line is this is a reflection not just on CPCNH, but a reflection on us. What we told our citizens is that you were going to save money," said Guessferd. "That is the way it was presented and now it's a little different. I get it, and hopefully it's only for a short period of time."

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March 16 through 22 is Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business needs to be conducted in the open this is at the heart of a democracy.

If we don't know what our officials are doing, and how they made their decisions, then we don't have the information to hold them accountable, so the more information that is made available, the better, and the greater the trust.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power, and that power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs in the open, available to everyone, especially to those who put politicians in office and depend on them for services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

The key, of course, is open access to meetings and records.

We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level; it's more important at the town and school level, where decisions have a more immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives.

Open government means newspapers, if they're doing their job, must act as watchdogs, asking the often uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. And if documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is at the ready for anyone to use.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know."

That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully spelled out specific situations, to conduct their business in the open, hopefully with citizen participation.

Sure, it's a lot easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where negotiations, deals, off-the-cuff comments, and hypothetical situations can be aired in a controlled atmosphere. But that's not the way things are supposed to work.

Discussion is to be done in public.

Being in public office isn't supposed to be easy, and it requires following the rules, whether you like them or not. Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing loose with open government.

That's why we report the details of what's been discussed. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

So in the midst of what seems to have turned into a rainy season, we're happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

Board of Trustees Approves Policy Updates for Library

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 19 to discuss updates to library policy over the next year with the overall goal of simplifying operations.

Trustee Chair Mimi Guessferd opened the process by pushing for the quick approval of "a couple of changes" to the library's circulation guidelines regarding the popular Library of Things.

"We did end up adding the Library of Things into the circulation policy as an extra section as opposed to a whole separate policy," explained Library Director Linda Pilla as she outlined the signed release process. "When you borrow something for the Library of Things, we want people to know how much it costs us."

The policy requires anybody borrowing from the Library of Things to return items in the same condition as borrowed with renewal limits. The Trustees officially voted to implement the policy changes related to the Library of Things, along with an updated vision statement, mission statement, and personnel policy.

The last one raised a few questions regarding possible changes to confidentiality for those affiliated with the library.

"Is the actual policy and procedures itself a confidential document? Or is it public information?" asked Trustee Margaret St. Onge, who noted a paragraph regarding confidential information had been removed in a proposed revision to the overall policy.

The Director stated that library policies and procedures, including the personnel manual, counted as public information as increased focus was given to employee benefits.

"Are the town and library sick leave policies different?" asked Trustee Karen Bohrer. "Might the library employee be covered by the town's sick leave policy?"

Pilla confirmed this, saying the town has a more generalized paid time off while the library targeted sick leave more specifically.

"The town's is 'accrued, paid time off,' so it is earned time off. It gets to be carried over year-to-year, and if you leave the town, it gets paid back to you," she said. "With the library, and this is how it's always been, we've

just never changed it, not to say that we won't in the future, the Board of Trustees gifts the staff with the sick time for the calendar year, and this is 'use it or lose it.'"

She was not entirely sure whether it was possible to cover library employees under the town policy, saying the two were traditionally treated separately, something likely to continue without more in-depth changes.

No significant changes were expected to the "old-fashioned" payroll system.

"We have timesheets. You're required to complete your timesheet," said Pilla, who added that not every aspect of payroll was manual. "We have a scheduling software, which each department head keeps to track when their employees work, but the document itself which comprises the documents legal claim to salary is their timesheet."

As with leave policy, the library payroll process was slightly different from town employees.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is set for Wednesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

Central St.

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garding factors such as design and aesthetics.

"If I had to throw a few things out there, the only thing I can think of is some sort of retail space that would maybe be set up as a split-mall," said Dumont. "If you look on there, it also calls for a couple of drive-throughs, maybe a coffee shop or a taco shop, something like that."

Oates questioned whether any drive-throughs should be allowed, worrying it would add to traffic. Dumont promised to do his best to stick with "what the town of Hudson is looking

for," including open space with walking trails.

Board member James Crowley worried the application was "overly ambitious," and needed to account for nearby wetland boundaries, flooding concerns, lingering issues like asbestos on the property, and density.

"The Board has talked about how high-density housing is coming to Hudson, but that shouldn't mean warehousing people at the lowest cost. There needs to be a quality of living," Crowley argued. "I don't see anything for recreation for tots. I don't even see a basketball hoop for teenagers. Things like that

are what I'm looking for."

Hudock assured the Board that environmental concerns, including the site's apparent location on a floodplain, were already being taken into account.

"Would your plan be to sell these units? Or would you be renting them out?" asked Board member Tim Lyko.

Dumont claimed the idea was to lease the space out, not sell it. There was no set size for how large the individual apartments would be.

As the project did not involve a formal site design, no vote was taken, and there was no public input.

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Manchester CDL Company Offers to Lease Industrial Drive Parking Area

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Feb. 26 to hear a waiver request for a site plan at 9 Industrial Dr. Town Engineer Elvis Dhima was at the meeting to deliver the request.

"Back in 2010 we saw some plans here at the Planning Board that consisted of a recreational area with parking spaces, baseball fields, things of that sort. Unfortunately, out of that entire site plan, the only thing that came to fruition was a parking area," explained Dhima. "Recently, the Board of Selectmen approved a lease for a business out of Manchester regarding CDL licensing training."

The lease of that parking lot for CDL training would last nine months. Town officials also hoped to push forward with the originally planned recreational development for the rest of

the site.

"For the lease we're going to have for the CDL business, there's no new features being proposed. They're basically just using the parking area to drive around," said Dhima. "I ask you to waive the site plan requirement for this particular use."

The Planning Board wanted clarification on the proposal.

"There's not going to be any trailers or buildings or anything? You just drive in, drive out?" asked Board member Ed Van der Veen.

Dhima confirmed there would not be any buildings or trailers. He added that many staff members in Hudson's Department of Public Works needed a commercial driver's license and that a local CDL site would be convenient for the town.

"You're talking about basic CDL training? Not advanced operations? No

emergency vehicle operations?" asked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery.

The Town Engineer was unsure, although he indicated the CDL business would stick with basic training. The Hudson Police Department already uses the site for a separate emergency vehicle training program.

Originally, the town of Hudson took over the site to alleviate asbestos-related issues stemming from an

old warehouse.

"Unfortunately, as they started digging into the area where the asbestos was, they could not find an end to it," said Dhima, going into the history of 9 Industrial Dr. "A lot of money was put into it. Whatever money they put into building the field had to go into getting the site secure."

State regulators have since cleared part of the site for limited use.

"Can these areas be developed later?" asked Board member James Crowley, referring to parts of the Industrial Drive site not included in the proposal.

Dhima indicated that much of the site south of the parking lot was safe to walk or drive on, but would need to remain undisturbed.

"It's got limitations when it comes to digging in that area," he said, compar-

ing that part of the property to a capped landfill. "The main thing about asbestos is that you want to stabilize it. You don't want it to move, obviously, and that's what they did over there."

All recreational development would happen east of the parking lot, away from the sealed asbestos. The Planning Board unanimously agreed to endorse the site plan.

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know that an inspection contract has been signed. They are on-site to do the inspections needed to move that part of the project along," said Walsh.

While he did not go into much detail, Committee member Shawn Jasper made it clear he continued to oppose the nature of Target's exaction payments, the legality of which was previously questioned by several members of the Budget Committee.

Jasper thanked other members for their work over the past year, with praise for how many recommendations made it to the ballot.

"There have been those in the past who have said 'what's the point in us making recommendations that are just going to get overruled on the floor of the deliberative session?' That did not happen. Obviously

we were in pretty good agreement with the Board of Selectmen. We did some pretty significant work on the school budget. Those numbers held. I think it shows that when you go at things methodically and you have reason behind what you're doing and you're reasonable about it, there can be success," said Jasper. "I look forward to another good year."

New members expressed a hope their experience would help them learn more about Hudson's budget process moving forward if possible.

"I've appreciated my first budget cycle with you all. It was a lot to learn about," said Committee member Donna Boucher. "I hope to be back for the next meeting after the election."

Walsh agreed, saying they would continue to work towards putting forward "reasonable and prudent" budget recommendations with an eye on trying

to limit growing costs. Higher property tax rates have been a central issue for many Hudson voters over the past few years.

"I just want to thank all of you, everyone who was on the Budget Committee this year. It was my first year on this committee," said Selectman Heidi Jako-

by. "It's been an honor to serve with you. I don't know what my liaison position will be in the coming year."

The Budget Committee is set to meet on Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall. It will be their first meeting following Hudson's March election.

OBITUARY

Julius P. DeNitto Sr.



Julius P. DeNitto Sr., 93, of Hudson, NH, and formerly of Trumbull, CT., passed away on Tuesday, March 4th at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH.

He was born in Bridgeport, CT. on Aug. 1, 1931, son of the late Antonio and Antoinette (Tucciarone) DeNitto. He was predeceased by his lovely wife Annette (Cianciola) DeNitto.

Julius "Jay" proudly served in Korea, during the Korean War and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star, Korean Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge and was Honorably discharged. He was a Lifelong Member of VFW Post 5791 and served as Junior Vice Commander.

He was the former owner of Stop & Save Liquors and Family Pharmacy in Bridgeport, CT. Julius was a Graduate of Fairfield Prep. and Fairfield University with a B.S. Degree. He received a M.A. in Education and a 6th Year Certificate in Administration at Fairfield University. Julius was a retired Chemistry teacher and Director of Driver Education at Trumbull High School. He taught Chemistry as an Adjunct Professor both at Sacred Heart University and Norwalk Community College in CT. for several years prior to his retirement. He also received the Sacred Heart Achievement Award in 1967. Julius was a sincere friend, enjoyed outdoor activities, cooking, and entertaining.

Survivors include his cherished daughter Julie St Louis, and devoted son Julius DeNitto Jr. and his cherished grandchildren Megan, Jason, and Kayla St Louis all of Hudson NH. He was predeceased by two brothers and seven sisters along with a significant other, Dorothy McCaffrey of Hudson NH. He brought joy and laughter to many people's lives and will be sadly missed by all.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m., in St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. All may please meet at church. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Jay's loving memory to the charity of one's choice. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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2025-26 Distret Calendar Approved by School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board gave its final approval for the 2025-2026 school calendar, following a number of discussions related to the proposed calendar.

Superintendent Dan Moulis explained previously how the proposed calendar so far is similar to the last couple of years, with school starting on Aug. 25.

Moulis explained during the meeting, that how the

holiday break falls, can have a major impact on the overall calendar.

He explained that there was some discussion about having school on Dec. 22, and or Dec. 23, and Moulis said that they are proposing as of now to go to school on both of those days.

Moulis noted during the meeting that they are using the suggested calendar from the NH Department of Education.

One of the items pointed

out by Moulis, was that they typically have a lot of workshops in the fall, and then don't have one after November until March.

But Moulis explained that since they don't have a primary in September this year, there is some latitude to have one of the workshop days during the middle of the year, this school year.

When some of the workshop days were originally being proposed, it was one of the main items

up for debate.

One of the changes being proposed from the previous meeting was moving the Nov. 4 workshop day that was previously proposed with it now being proposed to take place on Nov. 10, and then there would be no school on Nov. 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Another concern was that they had a January workshop day at the start of the second semester. There were also concerns about

the new proposal to have a workshop day on Wednesday, Feb. 9 since it was in the middle of the school week.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said she ultimately thinks it's better to have the workshop days on a Monday or on a Friday.

Moulis during its Feb. 17 meeting, said they made a change to the calendar to change the Oct. 10 workshop day to a full workshop day.

He also noted that on

Feb. 9 they will have an early release day for students and a teacher workshop in the afternoon, based on the feedback of the School Board.

Winter break will be from Feb. 23-27, and spring break will be from April 27-May 1.

The tentative last day of school, as of now, would be June 19. The last day of school, June 19, would include up to five snow days if needed.

Selectmen Move Two Policies Forward for Second Reading

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen had first policy readings for two different policies that they currently have in Town.

"As you may recall from the Sept. 3, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting, a Policy Sub-Committee was formed to include Selectmen Jakoby, Selectman Roy, myself, and the department head for any policy that is being addressed," Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He explained that Selectman Heidi Jakoby has asked that they bring two policies forward for a first reading and review of the policies.

Those policies include:

- Policy TV J: Conduct - Discipline
- Policy IV K: Conduct - Grievances

"Each of these respectively are attached for discussion," Sorenson said.

It was noted by Sorenson that the policies wouldn't overrule anything in the union contracts.

"Please be advised that these policies do not supersede items provided for in those active Collective Bargaining Agreements effectuated through the Town," he said.

Jakoby explained that they discussed policies originally as a subcommittee that they wanted to review and that they thought were

straightforward to begin with.

She also explained that now that they have a new Town Administrator in place, that they will now be part of the subcommittee as well, which was what the intention was when the subcommittee was originally formed by the Board of Selectmen.

During the meeting, it was explained that there were no changes being proposed to the policy.

Roy explained that she thinks that it's important to still review the policies from time to time, even if they don't end up making any changes to them for now.

One suggestion made by Sorenson was that they have a note somewhere on the policy that states when they reviewed the different policies so they can keep track of them.

It was noted by Jakoby

that one of the things that the policy subcommittee could potentially determine is how often the policies should be reviewed.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately sent the policies to a second reading, with the one suggestion made by Sorenson to include the date the policies were last reviewed.

Also during the meeting, the dates were announced for the Hudson Fire Department Boot Drive.

"The Professional Firefighters of Hudson, I. A. F. Local #3 154, will be conducting their annual boot drive to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on the following dates in the area of the intersection of Chase St./Ferry St./Derry St," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

The dates included:

- Thursday, April 17 from 2 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 15

from 11 a.m. - p.m.

- Monday, June 16 from 2 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 15 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for March 25 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Carolyn (Hughes) Marshall



Carolyn (Hughes) Marshall of Hudson, NH wife of Alden P. Marshall died Feb. 2, 2025. She was born July 1, 1930 in Portsmouth, NH. The daughter of Herman F. and Rosamand (Chapman) Hughes. She grew up in Greenland, NH graduating from Portsmouth HS in 1948 where she was a drum majorette with the marching band.

She married Alden on May 23 1954, living wherever his job took him- including NC, SC, FL, HI, NM and NH. Hudson had been her home since 1975. She volunteered at Southern NH Medical Center for 37 years in the messenger service department, and worked at Anne's Country Florals, a family owned business for 10 years. She did secretarial work for her husband in his beekeeping business, B-Line Apiaries and was a member of the Merrimack Valley Beekeepers Association and the NH Beekeepers Association.

From the time she began tap and ballet dance training at the age of 4 she was often called upon to perform at various functions, musical shows and entertainments. Having taught at the Kennet School of Dance in Portsmouth, in 1950 she presented her first recital of pupils and continued teaching until 1955. She was very proud to have a personal friend of Ilene Woods- Walt Disney's choice for the voice of Cinderella in the animated movie of the same name.

She was a life-long member of the Congregational Church in Greenland where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and edited the first church newsletter as a teenager and young adult.

Carolyn enjoyed volunteering for her sons' schools and attending school activities and sporting events. Also for her 3 grandsons.

Survivors are her husband of 70 years. Sons Craig H. Marshall, Timothy P. Marshall and wife Anne of Greenland, NH. Lee J. Marshall and wife Jennifer of Londonderry, NH. Grandsons Benjamin A. Marshall, Alex L. and Jack A. Marshall of Londonderry, NH. Brothers Robin C. Hughes, and Lloyd Hughes (predeceased '09) both of Greenland, NH. Along with cousins, nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance may be scheduled at a later date, please check www.dumontsullivan.com for information. Burial will be in Greenland, NH in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund of Boston at www.jimmyfund.org or the Community Hospice House of Merrimack, NH at www.hhnc.org or the charity of your choice. To share an online message of condolence please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Board of Selectmen Approve Environmental Grant Funds

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing during a recent meeting, on a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

"This particular grant is something we apply for every year," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima explained during the meeting.

Dhima explained that in addition to applying for the grant every year, the Town has also been fortunate in receiving the grant funds every year.

He stated that he was

recommending they accept it once again.

In a memo to the Board of Selectmen, it was noted that "with this grant, the Town will receive a 50% cost match in 2025 for the DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) services for Robinson and Ottarnic Ponds. The State is not recommending Herbicide (chemical) treatment this year."

The Town's portion of the grant will come from the Conservation Commission Professional Services budget. The total grant amount will be for up to \$12,800.

The Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the grant funding.

The Board was also presented with the agreement for the work to be done.

"Attached please find the contract agreement for Aqualogic, Inc. for the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) work to be done at Robinson and Otternic Ponds this summer," Dhima wrote in the memo.

He explained that the State ultimately decides who is awarded the contract in this particular case.

"The contractor was

selected by the NHDES, and the services are covered by the Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant a 50% cost match, up \$12,800," Dhima wrote.

The Board of Selectmen approved assigning Dhima as the principal for the grant and for the contract.

The Board of Selectmen were also asked to approve signing a contract for DASH work to be done as needed.

"The cost for this contract will be covered by the NHDES Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant at a

50% cost match, and the Town portion of up to 12,800 will be covered through the Conservation Commission Professional Services account (Acct. # 5586-252)," Dhima wrote in a memo.

The Board ultimately approved the request.

After the public portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen also had a non-public session, where it voted on a number of personnel items.

One of the personnel items was to approve the hiring of Alexander Bor-

ghetti with a starting salary of \$28.82 at the recommendation of the police chief.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved appointing Public Works Supervisor Jeremy Faulkner as the Acting Public Works Director until such time current Public Works Director Jay Twardosky returns to work.

They also approved increasing his salary during that time by 7.5% retroactive to Jan. 6.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for March 25 at 7 p.m.

Memorial Benches at Benson Dog Park Gain in Popularity

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on Feb. 20 to review a relatively limited agenda, including the latest update on bench donations for the dog park.

"They do have three dog park benches that are still available for people to donate. The cost is \$1,100 for each one. It includes the memorial plaque," announced Committee Chair Judy Brouillette. "We got approv-

al to put six in the dog park. We have three that have already been spoken for."

Memorial benches have proven extremely popular across Benson Park, and it was unclear when or if the memorial bench program might reopen once the dog park has all six benches. Larger picnic table memorial donations are available across Benson Park.

The Friends of Benson Park announced a volunteer meet-and-greet at the Elephant Barn to be held on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adopt-a-Spot participants and store volunteers are welcome to attend.

"If anybody is interested, not only if you're helping out, but if you were ever thinking about 'what can I do for the park,'" said Committee member Sue Clement. "There's so many dif-

ferent things to help that would only require not even an hour per month. If anybody is interested in doing that, participating in Adopt-a-Spot, or who are just interested in volunteering for the park, feel free to stop in."

The next Volunteer Clean-up Day program has ended until spring, although Benson Park has events throughout the year and is always looking for help.

With volunteer parking permits set to expire by the end of March, Committee member Jack Madden took the time to print out new permits. He wanted to ensure the new permits would be easily recognizable.

"I'll make sure to put on the bottom in bigger letters: 2025 to 2026 so you can see it," he said. "Do we want to get them laminated?"

Clement volunteered to

laminates the new permits, noting she had a laminator at home. Madden expected to have the permits ready within the next couple of weeks.

Months after its restoration, Clement announced a final \$398.81 bill had finally been tallied for work done on Benson Park's Little Old Lady in the Shoe. The Committee wanted to reimburse Paul Tracey and his wife Paul Claudia for the cost of supplies during their recent summer refurbishment of the Shoe.

"I told them we would bring that up tonight," said Clement. "I want to get them reimbursed for months of work."

The Committee's golf cart was removed from service following a battery fail-

ure. Obtaining a golf cart and developing a straightforward policy for its use had been a long-standing issue with the Benson Park Committee.

"I apologize. That was my initiative, and I thought we were doing a good thing having a golf cart that could be shared between the Friends of Benson Park and us, but it just didn't work out," said Madden.

According to Brouillette, the cart was "finicky" but functional when first received.

"Unfortunately, those batteries are ridiculously expensive," she said.

With their limited budget, the Benson Park Committee could not afford to purchase a new battery for the cart.

OBITUARY

Susan (Holt) Dufault



Susan (Holt) Dufault, lifelong resident of Hudson, NH, died March 5 after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of Elaine and Charles Holt born on July 14, 1947. Susan attended Alvirne High School and the University of NH, where she met her future husband, Robert Dufault. She continued her education at Syracuse University where she received a Masters of Library Science Degree.

In 1966 she married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Dufault, and they were married for 41 years before his death in 2007. They began their marriage living in Augsburg, Germany while Bob proudly served as Captain in the US Army. Upon honorable discharge from the Army, they moved into their family home in Hudson where they raised their two children. Susan spent the majority of her career working as the Director of the Hills Memorial Library, but also served as the Assistant Director of the Plaistow Library and Director of the Manchester West Side Library before her retirement in 2007. She loved traveling the backroads of NH visiting quilting and craft shops, and summer days spent on Newfound Lake with her children, friends, and grandchildren were among her fondest memories. Susan was a talented artist and loved painting, rug hooking, and needlepoint. Her family has many treasured handmade creations that she crafted to capture a special memory or point in time.

Susan is survived by her daughter Christina Sweeney and her husband, Daniel, of Hudson and her son, Andrew Dufault and his wife, Laurie, of Merrimack. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren Ryan, Robert and Marissa Sweeney, and Nathan Dufault. She is also survived by her sister, Kathryn Holt Daniel and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her only brother Tom. Susan was loved and cherished by many and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library for the Children's Room. Please mail donations to the library, in memory of Susan, to 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, NH 03051, to the attention of Linda Pilla.

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Benson Park Host Cardboard Sledding Contest



The Friends of Benson Park group organized a Cardboard Sled Race event on Saturday, March 8. There was just enough snow left on the hill near the gorilla cage for a number of successful runs. About a dozen contestants built sleds to bring to the race and were judged for prizes in Speed, Best Design, and Most Creative, for Adult, Young Adult and Grade School. The Friends group brought the event back, since it stopped during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Old Women in the Shoe also welcomed visitors during the wintry event that had been delayed from early this season. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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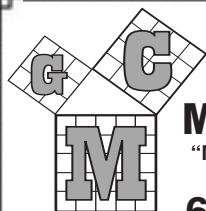
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Crusaders Buzzer Beater Bumps Broncos Out of Playoffs



Alvirne junior guard Sean Chipfunde had 16-points in the loss to Memorial. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Stands were packed at "The Barn" to see the first round NHIAA Division I playoff game between the Alvirne High School Basketball squad and the Memorial Crusaders on Thursday, March 5.

The crowd attending the contest was treated to an emotion-filled exciting finish. A finish that included a lay-up being tipped in as the fourth-quarter clock was expiring.

That buzzer-beating lay-up signaled the end of the Broncos 2025 campaign at the hands of the Manchester Memorial.

Overall, the Alvirne squad had a very good season, finishing at 13-5 and going into the playoff as the number seven seed.

They had beaten the Crusaders 59-45 in the first game of the season and went into the playoffs facing a 10-8 tenth seed.

Unfortunately, after a strong start in the playoff game, hitting three, three-pointer to start, the Broncos got behind 19-20 after one quarter and it took them three quarters to final run down their opponent.

Alvirne trailed 34-31 at halftime and were behind 56-52 by the end of three.

In the fourth-quarter, with time running out, the Broncos caught up and teams were knotted at 56-56 with just under five minutes to play.

The final four minutes of the game had fans believing they'd pull it out in the end.

With just over seven seconds left on the clock, at 65-64 in favor of AHS, the Crusaders were able to go ahead as the buzzer sounded and a collective gasp was sounded by Broncos fans.

Junior forwards Garrett Hall and Sean Chipfunde both had 16-points in their final game of the season.

Chipfunde had four three-pointers and Hall put up three from outside the arc.

Senior guard Evan Betencourt had nine-points



Senior center Andrew Deely had eight points in the final game of his Boncos career.

and senior Andrew Deely finished with eight. the Second Team in the NHBCO Division I picks.

Seniors Same Dewitt and Alex Valenzuela contributed seven-points each. Hall was given Honorable Mention for his contributions this year in the coaches All-State picks.

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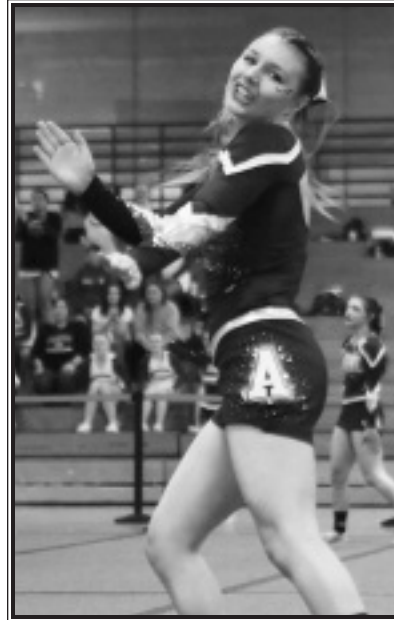
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Bronco Cheer Team Advances to State Championship



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Cheerleading squad is heading to the State Championship after putting up one of the top five scores at the Division I Preliminaries.

The Lady Broncos competed in the Preliminary Round of the NHIAA tournament that took place on Sunday afternoon, March 9, at Pinkerton Academy, with 16 Division I schools competing for the chance to move onto the State Finals this Thursday.

With just five of the 16 moving on, the Alvirne squad edged out the Windham Jaguars for the third spot.

The Pinkerton Astros took first-place with 103.5-points, the Dover Green Wave was second, with 101-points, Alvirne cap-

tured third-place at 95.5, the Jaguars finished in fourth 92.9 and the Lancers got the final spot with 90.1, just three-tenth of a point in front of Salem.

The State Finals, involving the top groups in all three divisions, is scheduled to take place on Thursday,

March 13, at Pinkerton Academy starting at 6 p.m.

The Broncos team members are: Nevaeh Alvarez, Krista Lajoie, Lindsey Moreau, Ashley Nadeau and Riley Peterson; Juniors, Mayah Davio, Shayla Dubois, Lexi Martorana and Julia Allison;

Sophomores, Natalie Faulding and Jenna O'Neil; Freshman, Ava Gove and Emma Peterson.

The Broncos head coach is Shyla Francoeur with assistant coaches Angela Auger and Jessica Siefert.

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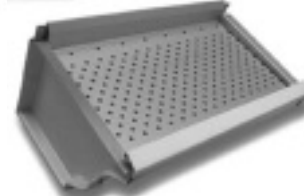
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Broncos Wrestlers Compete at New England Championship

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Three Alvirne High School wrestlers took a trip to Providence Rhode Island this past weekend where they took part in the New England Wrestling Championships.

Senior captains Sean Boudreau and Shayne Mackey and junior Jillian Boncore all earned the right to compete at the event by taking first-place at the DI

and MOC tournaments.

Unfortunately Boudreau and Mackey did not place in the tournament. Mackey had 1 match, then had a medical forfeit.

Boudreau went 2-2 over the weekend, but failed to make the finals.

Jillian Boncore, the only female wrestler on the Broncos team, placed sixth. She became the only female for the Broncos program to ever place at this tourna-

ment, and the first male or female Bronco to place since 2021.

Coaches Connor Gannon and Dana Boudreau coached Boncore through six extremely tough matches over the weekend, with one match ending up in triple overtime before being decided. That match took both competitors through 13-minutes of grueling wrestling before a winner was named.



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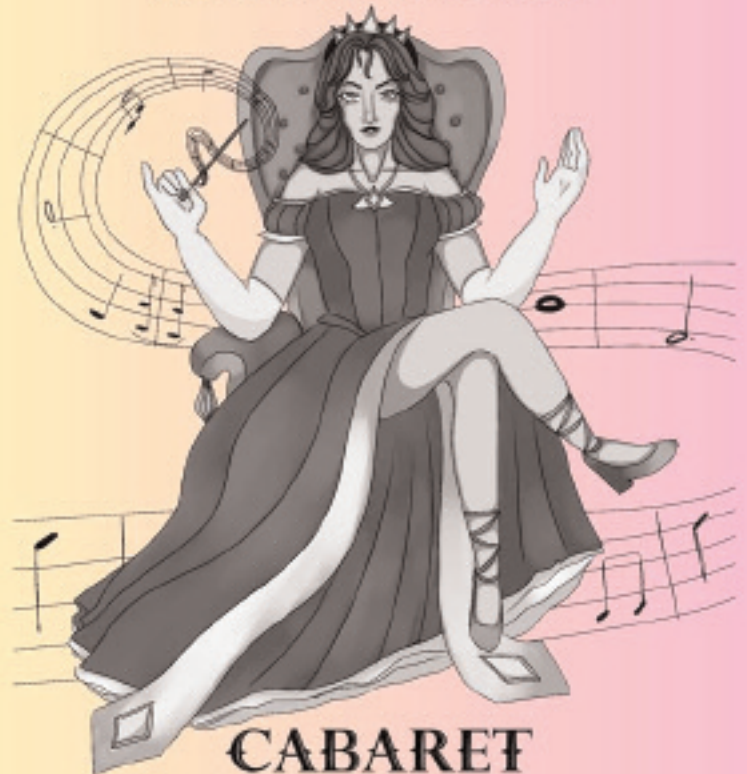
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VITA Tax Assistance

Mondays and Saturdays VITA provides free tax preparation. Call the Rogers library or visit www.events.rodger-library.org to schedule an appointment.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rogers Library book club will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict.

Characters & Cocoa

Come to Rogers Library on Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m., for Characters & Cocoa. This is a monthly support group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft.

Tween De-Stress Sesh

On Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to relax by doing calming activities such as making calm-down bottles, stress balls, and mindful breathing tools at Rogers Library.

Pajama Storytime

Enjoy stories and songs in your pajamas at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

Crime & Cookies

Come to Rogers Library on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m., for a True Crime Podcast Club. Discuss a compilation of stand-alone stories from "Swindled" of corporate evil, religious corruption, con artists and other shady char-

acters on deck for this session.

Leprechaun Traps

Families are invited to drop-in to Rogers Library on Saturday, March 22 any time between 11 a.m. - noon to create a Leprechaun Trap.

Sustainability Series

On Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library John Burkitt from Gate City Bike Co-op shares his mission and presents ways we can help.

Marble Run

On Wednesday, March 26 at 4 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to play with their marble run. Caregiver participates with their child.

How to Plan the Perfect Vacation

Come to the Rogers Library for Stress-Free Travel Tips & Tricks on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Learn step-by-step how to choose the perfect destination, find the best deals, and create a stress-free itinerary.

Rhinestone Tote Bags

On Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m., Design your own (stencils will also be provided) tote bag with rhinestones and enjoy a mocktail at the Rogers Library.

Cookbook Club

This Rogers Library club will meet on Monday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "The Snowy Cabin Cookbook: Meals and Drinks for Adventurous Days and Cozy Nights" by Marnie Hanel.

Read 'Em & Eat

This Rogers Library club will meet on Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Dead Romanics" by Ashley Poston.

Meet Rep. Goodlander

Maggie Goodlander regrets that she was forced to cancel her appearance at the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson on March 20. Goodlander is hoping to reschedule for some time in April. Please keep an eye out for an April announcement.

Karaoke

On March 21, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to American Legion Post 48 members and bona fide guests 21+. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

Meat Raffle

On March 22, at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the Hudson Girls Softball League. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central St and prebuys are available. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

Trivia Night

On March 15, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be host-

Pancake Breakfast

On March 30, from 8:30 - 11 a.m., American Legion Post 48 will host a Pancake Breakfast with proceeds to benefit Veterans and their families. Cost is \$10 and last meal served at 10:30 a.m. The Post is located at 37 Central St., Hudson. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The American Legion Post 48 will hold their Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16, starting at noon until sold out. The cost for this event is \$10. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

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Eversource Energy Announces Sale of Aquarion Water Company

Eversource Energy (NYSE:ES) (“Eversource”) today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell Aquarion Water Company (“Aquarion”) to the Aquarion Water Authority (“AWA”), a quasi-public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut and a standalone, newly created water authority alongside the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”). Subject to certain closing adjustments, the aggregate enterprise value of the sale is approximately \$2.4 billion, which includes approximately \$1.6 billion in cash and \$800 million of net debt that will be extinguished at closing. The aggregate value represents 1.7X rate base at December 2024. The proceeds from the sale will enable Eversource to pay down parent company debt while efficiently reinvesting capital into its core electric and natural gas businesses, enabling additional invest-

ments in reliability for customers and strengthening Eversource’s financial position. As a result of this transaction, Eversource expects to record a loss on the planned sale of Aquarion of approximately \$300 million in its results for the fourth quarter of 2024. This loss on sale includes approximately \$140 million of estimated income tax expense. Eversource reaffirms its long-term EPS growth target of between 5% and 7% through 2028.

“Since our acquisition of Aquarion in 2017, we have built on Aquarion’s longstanding track record of superior customer service, industry-leading reliability and operational success to help them become the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and seventh largest in the country,” said Eversource Chairman, President and CEO Joe Nolan. “I would like to thank the Aquarion leadership team for its sound management

and financial stewardship of the company and extend my sincere gratitude to all Aquarion employees for their tireless, customer-first focus on safety and exceptional service, consistent with our core values at Eversource. By prioritizing prudent investments with a focus on affordability, we’ve worked together to ensure Aquarion’s water service is among the best in New England.”

“This transaction reinforces our commitment to our core electric and natural gas operations as the largest regulated utility in New England, allowing us to optimize our portfolio and strengthening our balance sheet while reinvesting capital to benefit our customers,” Nolan continued. “We will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders across our service territories in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to deliver cost-effective solutions that ensure safe, reliable electric

and natural gas service for our customers.”

“Through the AWA transaction, we are advancing our water utility’s regional supply strategy and are excited to put our organization’s 45-year track record of demonstrating the benefits of RWA’s stewardship, expertise, regulation and organizational stability to work for Aquarion customers, communities and employees as a not-for-profit, quasi-public utility,” said RWA & AWA Interim President and CEO Sunder Lakshminarayanan. “Both the RWA and Aquarion share similar missions to be the service provider and employer of choice. We strive to do this by providing customers with the highest quality water and services at an affordable cost while protecting the environment, and creating a safe and positive workplace where all employees can do their best work on behalf of the customers and communities served.”

Aquarion, headquartered in Bridgeport, Connecticut, serves nearly 250,000 water and wastewater customers in 72 cities and towns across CT, MA, and NH – with more than 360 employees that help provide safe and reliable service to more than 775,000 people. Aquarion has been in the water business since 1857 through its predecessor company (Bridgeport Hydraulic Company) and has continued to grow and diversify its business since its acquisition by Eversource in 2017. Under Eversource’s ownership, Aquarion has added approximately 30,000 customers through six acquisitions – including New England Service Company (CT, NH, MA) in 2021, The Torrington Water Company (CT) in 2022 and the Pinehills Water System in Plymouth (MA) in 2023 – that grew the rate base by a combined aggregate of approximately \$200 million. This growth also includes Aquarion’s entry

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The transaction is subject to regulatory approval by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and the NH Public Utilities Commission, as well as other approvals pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act as well as other customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to close in late 2025.

Citi and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC served as financial advisors to Eversource Energy. Ropes & Gray LLP served as legal counsel to Eversource Energy.

Barclays served as M&A advisor to AWA. Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP served as legal counsel to AWA.

Around Town

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at 6:30 p.m., for Squadron 48 on April 7. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

Lions Club Scholarships

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