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**Closure Continues** Construction on the Melendy Road Bridge began recently, closing the road around Able Street and impeding some of the traffic from Hudson Memorial School. According to the Hudson Town website, the reconstruction will continue through mid-July.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Library Park Trolley Stop Reconstruction to Begin

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the April 8 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a bid for the Library Park Trolley Stop.

"I'm sure a lot of people have been wondering about that," Jay Twardosky said during the meeting. It was explained by Twardosky

that the stop was destroyed last year.

"As you may recall, the Library Park Trolley Stop was destroyed last year due to a motor vehicle accident. I have been working closely with Primex, Colonial Adjustment and Peter Ripaldi of Three Dudes Construction to develop a plan for rebuilding the

structure," Twardosky wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. Twardosky said they have received everything they need from insurance in order to move forward.

"The insurance company got back to us with everything we needed," he said.

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## Energy Rate Increase Spurs Contact of Consumer Advocates

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Community Power Coalition of NH was once again discussed during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting under old business.

"As you may recall Henry Herndon, Acting General Manager of CPCNH, was asked several questions including proper protocol for notification to CPCNH customers regarding rate changes, moreover that which sets a rate higher than the Eversource rate," Town Administrator Roy Sorenson told the Board of Selectmen. "He explained that a particular Coalition Member may request CPCNH issue email notification of the rate change to all customers, for whom CPCNH

maintains email addresses, notifying the customers of the rate adjustment."

It was explained by Sorenson that CPCNH said they would be willing to help provide them with a template and help facilitate the mailer through a third party, but wouldn't be responsible for sending it out.

He also noted that they would send the notice via email to anyone they have email addresses for.

"It is not their protocol to issue mailers; rather they would work with the Town to facilitate such action through a third party with costs to the Town for the mailing," Sorenson wrote in the memo. "He did provide a template thereof which is attached."

It was explained by Sorenson that they don't have enough funds from the Sustainability Committee to cover the costs.

"Funding for this request would be through the Sustainability Committee, 5055-2 14, which is insufficient, and which would need to be made up within the overall budget," Sorenson wrote. "The Board should have a discussion on this matter to set expectations moving forward as this exact circumstance could continue to occur."

Selectman Dave Morin said since their last meeting, he has done research on the issue.

He explained that there have been some things that have taken place in other

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## HCTV Considers Ways to Combat Funding Issues

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Cable Utility Committee held its first meeting of 2025 with growing concern over declining revenue for local access television in the town.

"HCTV is funded exclusively through the franchise fees that the town collects from Comcast. Those fees are paid by cable subscribers from the town of Hudson, and it's just on the cable portion of their bills," explained Committee Chair Mike O'Keefe. "If you have internet or phone or whatever, it doesn't come from that."

With the growing popu-

larity of streaming, that decline is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. HCTV received around \$86,000 from the townwide franchise fee during the August 2024 quarterly report and around \$84,000 during the February 2025 quarterly report.

"I am trying to budget around losing \$2,000 per quarter from this franchise payment, that's the only way we can go, unfortunately," said Director of Community Media Mike Johnson. "We're being very conservative with our purchases and only buying things we absolutely need."

He called the revenue issue the "number one

threat" to HCTV as an organization.

"It's affecting every local access facility around the country," said O'Keefe. "Those organizations are having to get a little creative in how they fund things."

Johnson indicated that a more fundamental change to the funding structure of public access television would likely be needed to solve the problem in the long term. However, he had a few ideas to supplement some of the lost revenue, including a sports underwriting program. He indicated that such a program would be somewhat similar

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# Trustees Prepare Survey for Strategic Plan, Vote to Permanently Abolish Fines

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees came together for its April meeting to hear an update on the library's strategic plan. Trustee Lisa Weber and Library Director Linda

Pilla remained active on a strategic plan committee to determine what goals Rodgers Memorial Library could aim for over the next few years.

"One of the things we're talking about is the survey. There is going to be

a survey, the questions still have to be finalized, but the survey is not going to be mailed out, although it will be available in various places. You'll be able to access it online, we'll have paper copies in the library, but mostly it'll be a QR

code," explained Pilla. "Really, we're just looking for honest feedback. Again, I think I've said this many times, but what can we do better? What would you like to see that we're not doing, or what would you like us to stop doing that we are doing?"

She stated that the survey would run by early May and hoped to wrap it up by the end of that month for analysis in early June.

"Paper copies will be at the library and they can be returned at the library too," added Trustee Karen Bohrer.

Without waiting for the results of the strategic plan, the Trustees discussed making their fine-free policy, which was initially put in place on a temporary basis.

"All late fees had been waived during the pandemic. Five years later, what do we do about those fines?" asked Bohrer. "I'm inclined to say that we go fine-free except for a few categories like the Library of Things

because of the cost of equipment."

The fine-free policy does not extend to the Library of Things, ILL, or museum passes. Other Board members agreed to eliminate fines long-term.

"We've lived without fines for five years," said Trustee Mimi Guessferd. "All research in library literature points to the fact that going fine-free encourages people to return things much more frequently, because some people can be deterred by the fine so they keep the item instead."

Treasurer Margaret St. Onge wanted to know whether eliminating fines impacted timely book returns.

"Do we feel that people are returning them promptly? Or do we have to go after people because they feel there's no fine, so a popular book is being kept a month?" asked St. Onge. "Are we finding that is a burden?"

Pilla stated that later returns had not been a

major problem. Items that are damaged, lost, or never returned will still be billed for the cost of repair and replacement.

Specialized, irreplaceable equipment like the library's 8mm reel-to-reel camera was also exempt from the fine-free policy. According to the Library Director, it was "surprisingly rare" for anyone to check out specialized equipment and such lending always came with a set of specialized conditions for each item.

"It's not something that's a part of normal routine. It's something that's handled very specially," said Pilla, who otherwise had no objections to formally abolishing fines.

The Trustees unanimously voted to make their fine-free status permanent.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is set to meet on Wednesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Building.

## Cable Funds

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to sponsorships, where local organizations would provide financial support in exchange for visibility and branding opportunities.

"This is something we've been exploring. Some of our sister stations do this, and I've heard stories of stations raising approximately \$25,000 doing this," he said. "We would give supporters a thank you on HCTV, our social media, and right on the broadcast for the opening graphic during game breaks."

The Director hoped to focus the underwriting program on at least 40 local

sports broadcasts, including Alvirne games, yearly. He noted that the idea of underwriting was nothing new and that many other local access networks have been experimenting with similar underwriting programs to make ends meet.

"I know you've been focusing on sports. Is that what you're going to limit it to? Sporting events?" asked O'Keefe. "Assuming you move forward with this proposal, I think it'd be important to get some statistics available for when you're pitching this to businesses, so they know what they're getting."

Johnson stated that he

could expand the program to other areas like closed captioning, but planned to start with high school sporting events, which have some of the highest viewership numbers on HCTV. While he did not foresee any legal difficulties, Johnson expressed his intention to discuss the issue with the Town Attorney and Town Administrator before moving forward, saying the program could start next September if everything goes well.

The Cable Utility Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

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# Board of Selectmen Selects Planning Board Liaison

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At the April 22 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a discussion took place regarding who should serve as the liaison for the Planning Board for the next year. Selectman Dave Morin nominated Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd, who previously served as the liaison. Selectman Xen Vurgaropulos nominated Selectman Heidi Jakoby for the position. Morin said he heard

from public input about her nomination, but said they have heard several times Jakoby say, "I'm learning, I'm learning."

He explained that Jakoby and Vurgaropulos had never served on boards in Town before and that they are learning. Morin also noted that Vurgaropulos was selected to serve on the Budget Committee, which made sense because the budget is a main focus for the Board of Selectmen. Jakoby, who was elected

last year, previously served as the liaison for the Budget Committee.

"You need to learn how the budget works and how that process goes," Morin said.

Jakoby said, "That was true the first six months of my tenure here," when it comes to saying she was learning. She also noted that she is familiar with the Planning Board, saying she has been involved with public input and in a variety of different ways. "The

best way to learn is to be a part of it," Jakoby said.

She also noted that she thinks everyone is continuing to learn things still. "I think we're all life long learners," Jakoby said.

She said that she thinks she would be a good selection as either an alternate or regular member of the Planning Board. She also noted they heard from the public about moving people around from different positions each year, and also those from the public who

think it makes sense to keep what is working. During public comment, James Crowley, a member of the Planning Board, said Jakoby and Guessferd were the only two Selectmen who weren't on the top five important boards and committees, in his view, and that he thought they should be selected.

Morin said he would be willing to give up his alternate spot on the Planning Board, which he previously served in. "Then she can

learn," Morin said.

Jakoby said she thinks that Guessferd has done a good job on the Planning Board and not the reason she was looking to take over the position. Dumont said he looked at the different liaison assignments based on everyone's skill sets, and that none of the assignments they were selected for should be looked at negatively.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for May 13 at 7 p.m.

# Selectmen Moves Forward With Electricity Supply Aggregation Program

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the Nashua Region Electricity Supply Aggregation program.

"The program is an aggregation of 17 towns and school districts in the Nashua area formed for the purpose of procuring electricity from a competitive supplier," Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Sorenson that Hudson has been participating in the program since 2012, which essentially allows them to get a bulk rate when it comes to electricity.

"The Nashua Regional Planning Commission has been working with towns

and school districts since 2011 to procure electricity from a competitive supplier. Since that time, the aggregation has completed eleven contract rounds and has saved members over \$2.5 million," Sorenson said. "The Town of Hudson has been a participant in this program since 2012 and has saved an estimated \$860,000."

It was noted by Sorenson that the current electricity supply contract will be expiring in November of 2025 and NRPC "is offering the Town the opportunity to participate in the successor program

as they prepare to go out to bid in the coming months."

As part of the frequently asked questions it stated, "The goal of the Nashua Region Electricity Supply Aggregation is to purchase electricity as a group from a competitive supplier at a Lower rate than each member could receive on its own. By purchasing as an aggregation, municipalities and school districts can offer electricity suppliers a Larger demand than if they each tried to purchase electricity individually. The larger demand, in turn,

allows suppliers to offer a better rate to the aggregation than it could to individual members. The aggregation also makes it possible for members to share the costs of documenting load data, organizing an RFP process, selecting a supplier, conducting negotiations, and managing energy contracts."

In terms of how the bid is selected it states, "NRPC works with an energy advisor, Standard Power, to solicit bids from suppliers and interpret the results. Price, contract terms, and prior experience serving

municipalities will be considered when selecting a supplier."

Sorenson explained that if they can't beat the Ever-source cost, then they won't take the contract.

"While it is possible to go through the bid process and not get a lower price than the default utility rate, the aggregation members would simply exercise their right to reject all proposals and choose not to pursue the project," the fact sheet stated.

Based on the Town's past savings, Sorenson said he was recommending that

they continue to participate.

"I recommend that the Town continue to participate in the Nashua Region Electricity Supply Aggregation," Sorenson said.

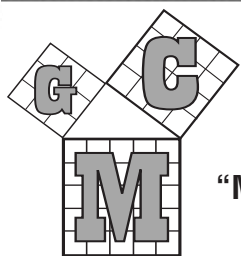
It was also noted by Sorenson during the meeting that the contracts are typically for two to three years based on what has taken place in the past.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved signing the MOU with NRPC in order to participate in the Nashua Region Electricity Supply Aggregation program.

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# Editorial

## Preventing Lyme Disease

Being a native of New England, you experience all four seasons, each offering different outdoor activities and an outdoor quality of life.

Most of us enjoyed getting outside and soaking in some fresh air. However, my relationship with the outdoors changed after I was diagnosed with Chronic Lyme Disease.

With summer approaching, and in recognition of Lyme Disease Awareness Month fast approaching, it's important to refresh our knowledge about ticks and Lyme disease.

Many people believe you must have a bull's-eye rash to develop Lyme disease, but this isn't always true. Typically, when a person first contracts Lyme disease, they may develop flu-like symptoms after a tick bite, with or without a rash.

Lyme disease can affect various organ systems, including the heart and central nervous system. Today, Lyme disease is called "The Great Masquerader" because it can mimic the symptoms of many other illnesses.

Lyme disease can lead to serious symptoms, such as cardiac arrhythmias and even sudden cardiac arrest. Neurological symptoms may also appear, resembling conditions like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. In addition to flu-like symptoms, some less obvious signs of Lyme disease include buzzing or tingling sensations on the skin, burning nerve pain,

significant joint pain, muscle pain, and extreme muscle stiffness.

Victims often experience "brain fog," resulting in poor memory, difficulties with language skills, and, in some cases, even dementia. Ticks are most prevalent in the summer, but they can bite throughout the entire year.

Fortunately, there are several ways to prevent tick bites. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make it tick-resistant. DEET or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil can be used as skin insect repellents. Wearing light and bright-colored clothing can make it easier to spot ticks. Tucking the bottoms of pant legs into socks can help prevent ticks from climbing onto your legs. Additionally, you can put clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes after returning from outside to kill ticks.

If a tick becomes attached, remove it as soon as possible. Place the tick in a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel, noting the date and the name of the person bitten on the bag. Bring it to a doctor or send it to a lab to determine if it carries Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia, or Anaplasma.

Despite the risks, enjoy the fresh air this season, but take preventive measures against tick bites, and seek prompt treatment if necessary. Stay safe!

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# Letters

## When a Town Looks the Other Way, People Pay the Price

To the editor,

Imagine this: You're blowing dust off your windows for the fifth time this week. Your pool's filled with sediment. And the town keeps telling you it's not a problem.

Now imagine learning the same soil causing all this may be toxic - and that the very official who voted to approve the project just admitted it.

That's what's happening in Hudson, NH.

Rep. Jordan Ulery, who sits on the Planning Board and voted to approve the massive Target Flow Center

project, on Friday, April 18, declared that the soil on-site is toxic and contaminating the nearby river.

And here's the twist: when residents begged for air monitors back in 2024 - we were shut down. "Not needed," we were told. "No concerns." But now, suddenly, in spring 2025, those air monitors are quietly being installed.

Why the change? What did they know and when did they know it? Were we breathing in contaminated dust this whole time?

Let's be clear: this isn't a political issue - it's a public health crisis in slow motion.

The town refused to test the dust. Residents were

told to do it themselves. Planning Board members were denied access to the site. And the same people who approved the project are now distancing themselves from the consequences.

Hudson residents deserve more than car washes and boilerplate emails. We deserve accountability, testing, and the truth.

Because if we've learned anything from history - whether it's Love Canal, Flint, or Hinkley - it's that silence, delay, and red tape only serve the powerful. And it's the rest of us who pay the price.

Victor Oates  
Hudson

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## Trolley

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It was explained by Twardosky during the meeting that the insurance company thought the cost of it would be upwards of \$25,000 to replace it. The quote they ended up receiving is significantly lower than that.

"Mr. Ripaldi's quote of \$17,000 is well below the insurance estimate. Per our current purchasing procedures, this project does not require a bid process since it falls under the \$20,000 threshold," Twardosky said.

Twardosky said they couldn't do anything with it during the winter and they would be able to get started on it once they get approval

from the Board of Selectmen.

"We're going to get started on that very shortly," he said.

Twardosky said it's going to be similar to what they have now but newer. "He's going to keep that as original as possible," he said. Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont asked if they were going to be reimbursed for it from the insurance company if they had to pay up front. "They're sending the Town a check," Twardosky said.

Twardosky said it's possible if insurance is collected from the other insurance company that they could get the full value for it. Dumont asked if there would be any improvements made with

the extra money.

"I don't count on that money, I count on what they are definitely giving us," Twardosky explained, noting that they haven't looked at how they would spend any extra funds.

Selectman Dave Morin asked if they could look into having a flashing light to let people know there is an upcoming red flight.

Dumont said procedurally they should go through the Highway Safety Committee.

Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne noted that it can be a challenging intersection over the years. "It's a tough intersection," he said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the contract during the meeting.

## Have an Announcement?

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# Ferry Street Subdivision Plan Avoids Some Zoning Issues

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on April 23 to hear a presentation from Joseph Maynard from Benchmark, LLC, who was at the meeting to outline a subdivision plan for 71 Ferry Street.

"The land is a town residential zone, and the total lot area is .98 acres in size. Currently, the property is developed, with one multi-family building and that building sits at the southwest side of the lot," he explained. "There are no wetlands on the site."

The landowner received a variance to subdivide the lot last year and the new lot would be on the northwest corner of the property. Maynard called it a "straightforward subdivision" and previously agreed to implement several suggestions from town officials during

the initial variance request. Nonetheless, the Planning Board had a few questions about the proposal.

"Does the existing lot before the subdivision have any monumentation?" asked Board member James Crowley, expressing concern over the land surveying process. "Will the applicant agree to add a legend on their proposed monumentation for the subdivision?"

Maynard stated that there are no monumentation markers on the lot, although the property owner planned to mark the corners of the subdivision and was open to more extensive across the block. He promised to label everything on the plan before starting any construction.

Board member Victor Oates wanted to know whether the proposed subdivision would create a situation where one or both lots

were no longer in compliance with town zoning laws. He worried the reduced lot size could limit available parking beyond what would normally be allowed.

"Can it be added to the plan that Zoning will sign off on the parking side?" asked Oates. "Agreeing to the subdivision as-is could inadvertently create a zoning violation."

There were other concerns that the change in size could also interfere with dimensional requirements.

"This plan has been reviewed and signed off on by the Zoning Administrator, so there is no zoning violation. There is no zoning issue on this," said Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah, who clarified that any previous zoning violations were resolved with the original variance. "Parking requirements are

under the town's site review requirements, not the zoning ordinance."

"We're having comments about zoning on the lot. We're the Planning Board, not the Zoning Board," said Board member Todd Boyer.

Oates also wanted to confirm the topography of the lot.

"The staff report notes that the site is mostly flat, it

doesn't identify drainage as a current concern. What are your thoughts on recommending that we still include a condition to address potential stormwater runoff?" asked Oates.

Maynard stated that it would not be a major issue due to the small size of the project and the lack of grading, while Boyer confirmed that other lots in the area rarely had much of a

problem with stormwater runoff.

The plan did not include any waiver requests and no member of the public spoke for or against the proposal. The Planning Board unanimously voted to approve the subdivision plan.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is set for Wednesday, May 14, at 7:05 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Power Rates

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communities, including last year when the Consumer Advocate went to the Department of Energy to pause the implementation of the program in multiple communities.

Morin explained that the reason for it was because the rates that they

were getting were going to be higher than the guaranteed rate.

He also noted that some communities were going to join this year, but decided against it after seeing what the rates would be. "I think we need to contact the Consumer Advocate ourselves and get some more informa-

tion," Morin said.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont said he thinks it's a good first step to see if there is a breach of contract. The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to have Sorenson contact the Consumer Advocate for the state.



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# Planning Board Discusses Lighting Land-Use Changes

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board hoped to discuss proposed updates to the town's land-use regulations with a focus on outdoor lighting.

"This initial draft had allowed some light trespass onto abutting properties or public rights of way, and there were some variations as to what you could do, but it was the feeling of the Board that there should be no trespass of light onto abutting properties," said Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah, giving an example of a suggested rule change. "We should tighten up the language."

Other changes included

removing references to anything outside the scope of land use, like public lighting, a larger maximum base for light poles, and uniformity requirements for lighting in parking lots. Due to their need for large-scale lighting, many suggestions focused on parking.

"You talked about parking, but does this also qualify for walkways?" asked Board member Julia Paquin, reading through uniformity language. "It's the side of buildings or walkways, or is it only regarding parking lighting?"

Minkarah confirmed that uniformity lighting mainly applied to parking lots to avoid casting dis-

tracting or disorienting shadows, although most other lighting regulations were more generalized, applying to different situations.

Board member Victor Oates suggested adding more exact phrasing for uniformity requirements, noting that the current four-to-one brightness ratio could make it difficult to understand how bright or dim a lighting fixture was supposed to be.

"For the lumen levels, I didn't see that anywhere in the chapter for lighting," said Oates. "I know we previously discussed breaking that up by zone. I pulled up my notes and I think it says

residential lights have 1,000 lumens per fixture, commercial 3,000, and industrial 5,000. Fixtures would have to meet those. That's something that I'd like to see added in."

He also argued for more restrictions on canopy lights and internally illuminated signs near residential areas, at least outside business hours.

Chair Tim Malley reminded the Board that two-family and single-family units are exempt from lighting regulations. Other exceptions apply to temporary lighting in construction or infrastructure projects and holiday lighting during November, December, and

January.

"The only thing I would throw out as a caution is that if you limit the lumens produced by a light fixture, you could end up requiring more to meet life-safety codes and things like that," warned Malley. "You could also be increasing the number of poles in a parking area."

Alternate Todd Boyer argued that 3,000 and 5,000 lumens were "not that bright" and agreed that setting those rates would be counterproductive.

Local regulations would not override state or federal law.

"The general principles need to be applied, with a

practical application on a case-by-case basis, I think, which needs to be left to the Board to determine," said Vice-Chair Jordan Ulrey, who argued for greater flexibility with many lighting rules. "You're making an ordinance, a general ordinance that basically says don't go blasting light everywhere. The individual ordinance is site-specific, and no amount of legislation is going to be able to address every building that's ever built."

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:05 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Conservation Commission Approves Wason Road Condo Proposal

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on April 14 to hear a presentation for a conditional use permit for a property located at 134 Wason Rd. Nick Loring hoped to add two new homes to the property on behalf of applicants Marco and Cindy Plante.

"It's about a 24-acre parcel that currently has one single-family home on it. We are looking to extend that existing driveway and add two additional homes," explained Loring. "The new homes would be in a condominium form of ownership."

The conditional use permit would include around 1,000 square feet of environmental impact to the surrounding wetland buffer zone created by the placement of the driveway, the gravel shoulder, drainage, and grating designed to control stormwater runoff. The plan did not involve any direct wetland impact.

"They'll be individual condos. Each will have individual ownership, and there will be individual ownership among all units for the common area," said Loring.

While much of the land contains wetlands, they would remain undeveloped under the current plan.

"Is this nonresidential if it's condominiums?" asked Commissioner John Walter, who noted Hudson has a larger 75-foot wetland buffer for nonresidential projects.

Loring assured the Conservation Commission that small, more numerous living units counted as "residential" and that the 50-foot buffer would apply.

"I'm a little concerned about all the ponding work that's close to the wetland area, but you're going to have that pretty much controlled by impact materials," said Walter.

Secretary Chris Cameron wanted more clar-

ity in the plan, especially regarding a grass swale that would require grading work that did not seem to be suitably marked.

"I see it, but it's not clear from the plan that there's any work happening here," said Cameron. "I would call it out as slope grading."

With a focus on the driveway, the proposal marked any new pavement or heavy construction without giving as much attention to drainage.

"A swale is still an impact," noted Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson. "You need a treatment swale to handle runoff from the driveway."

Beyond that, the Vice-Chair stated that the proposal seemed "normal" for a conditional use permit and was not seriously concerned about the plan.

"This impact is pretty small for such a large property," said Dickinson. "It's fairly light usage."

While it was not necessarily under the purview of the Conservation Commission, Cameron made several recommendations for what town officials would probably want to see in a comprehensive site plan.

"I'd want to see any limits of clearing if there are any, though it looks like it's pretty well cleared, and it should be calling out very clearly where the grading is

taking place," he said. "From a conservation perspective, it's not a requirement from us, but you might want to look at planting some trees. It would help mitigate some of the stormwater."

Loring agreed to add the swale to the overall design plan and was confident the owners would add extensive landscaping later on.

The Conservation Commission unanimously voted to recommend the conditional use permit.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



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# Hudson Cable Updates Policies & Streaming Equipment

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The April 14 meeting of the Hudson Cable Utility Committee saw a series of updates to the policy and procedures for cable users. Director of Community Media Mike Johnson hoped to clarify a few issues for 2025.

"I cleaned up some verbiage in our policies and procedure manual just to make things a little less confusing," explained Johnson. "Say somebody came into the studio and wanted to do something solo, they would have more options. Before, it was that 'candidates will be permitted one interview

or announcement each during the pre-election period. Said announcement was to be not more than 25 minutes.' I added one minute, because we don't do spot advertising, but if a candidate wanted to come in and speak solely, they could now do an opening statement, that's why I added it."

The change would now impact candidate interviews. Most policy updates were similarly minor, although they did attract a few questions from the Committee.

"I have a question on Appendix E. It says HCTV does not give out copies of

any one program. Is there any specific reason for that?" asked member Len Segal.

According to Johnson, giving out copies often requires writing from the school district, especially for events such as local concerts.

"I see you moved the video submission deadline from two weeks to one week. You're okay with that?" asked Chair Mike O'Keefe. "That won't put too much of a burden on you?"

Johnson promised it would not be a problem. The original policy of limiting video submissions before

elections was designed to prevent HCTV from getting overwhelmed at what is typically a busy time.

"Sometimes people will produce something independently, and it seems weird that they might have an event close to an election. They'll take the time to record, and we won't air it," he explained. "I think the one-week deadline makes a little bit more sense."

No member objected to the changes, which were unanimously recommended by the Cable Utility Committee. The Board of Selectmen must approve any

changes to HCTV policy.

The Director also announced a crucial equipment update to the HCTV IT room following the failure of their channel six cablecast unit.

"If you visit our cablecast screen app or our website on HCTV.com, we have that 'watch live' button in the top corner, channel six is missing and that's because that unit is toast," said Johnson, who was able to find a newer replacement. "We'll now have four streams, so this will also host our HD channel."

Previously, HCTV had one server for each live

channel. The new unit will act as a server for all four live channels, with older units acting as backups.

The IT room will also receive a new air conditioning unit in time for the warmer months.

"That room is where we keep all of our servers, all of the equipment for cablecasting and livestreaming," said O'Keefe. "It needs its own dedicated air conditioning unit to keep it cool, like most server rooms."

The Cable Utility Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

# Library Trustees Accepts Wave of Donations from March

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on April 16 to hear the library recently received an unusually large number of donations.

"We have received a little over \$950 in donations," reported Treasurer Margaret St. Onge, with many of the donations coming from the children's program and others from Hannaford's Grocery. "Anyone who bought a bag from Hannaford's, thank you very much, because they donated that money."

The Hudson Lions Club also made a donation for large print books and general use. The Trustees unanimously voted to accept all donations.

The Treasurer also announced that the library was "on budget."

"The budget is up to almost 75%, and we have almost another quarter to go," said St. Onge. "We're doing well; we're right on."

In her report to the Trustees, Library Director Linda Pilla outlined 78 events held by Rodgers Memorial in March, which were attended by around 1,500 people.

"It was everything from story time, to book groups, to crafts, to library Jeopardy, planning a stress-free vacation for the adults,

Dungeons and Donuts, Mystery Lovers book club, some introduction to AI to teach the basics, and of course we were helping with the taxes again in March," said Pilla, who added that the tax aid program helped process over 500 returns. "We're very grateful for everybody that participated."

Circulation numbers were up compared to last year, especially among younger age groups.

"I was pleased to see an increase in circulation numbers for 'tween' materials in 2025 over 2024,"

said Trustee Karen Bohrer.

Pilla stated that the library's department heads were actively preparing for what she expected to be a busy summer season.

"We're talking about plans for the summer reading program, getting all the staff up to speed on what the forms are that we're using this year to get all the people registered," said Pilla. "When things happen, it comes in a big rush, so it helps to have the staff prepared."

The next department head meeting will happen on Thursday, May 8 at 1

p.m., followed by an all-staff meeting on Friday, May 9 at 8 a.m.

In combination with their update to library bylaws, the Trustees also moved forward with a new dismissal policy.

"What it is in its entirety is the RSA covering dismissals of library employees. New Hampshire is not an 'at-will' employer of library employees, so there is a procedure for any library employee facing dismissal," said Bohrer. "One thing Linda was wondering about, and I was too, was whether the policy should

include specifics like employees put on administrative leave and if those employees would still have their emails and logins to systems."

Bohrer recommended getting legal advice before putting anyone on administrative leave, and that the procedure would likely follow a case-by-case basis. Typically, library staff members cannot be dismissed without good cause.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is set to meet on Wednesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Building.

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# Conservation Commission to Built Trails on Tiger Road Land

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on April 14 to discuss future goals regarding conservation property on Tiger Road and near Robinson Pond.

“We had the opportunity to walk it. I think we scouted a potential trail along the shoreline, but we noticed quite a bit of trash out there, which we obviously need to take care of,” said Chair Carl Murphy. “Do you think we need a kiosk out there?”

Secretary Chris Cameron argued that “some-

thing” was needed if the town was going to build a trail and open the land up for local hikers.

“I don’t think people know that’s there,” he said, suggesting the addition of a trailhead sign, even if the land did not warrant a full kiosk.

Commissioner John Walters suggested asking a state forester to survey the land, while Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson suggested trying to remove invasive plants in the area, in addition to the trash clean-up.

“So, this year at the

Tiger Road property we’ll establish a loop trail, we’ll get rid of all the trash that’s there, and we’ll have all of the trail signs made up,” said Murphy.

Another uncertain goal of the Commission was whether or not to maintain open space at Rangers Town Forest.

“We had a tree harvest there a while back, and they created a landing for the harvest. It’s open space now, and I’d like to just go ahead and put some seed down to allow grass to grow, maybe the standard

conservation mix so we can maintain it as open space,” Murphy suggested.

He added that such a mix would need to be down within the next few weeks to be effective.

“How big is the area?” asked Cameron.

Nobody had an exact number, but Dickinson stated the space was at least 100 feet wide, and that it could “extend back as far as you want it to” with several thousand square feet.

“We have to decide whether or not we have to mow it, either every year or

every other year,” said Dickinson. “I guess that will have to be a decision to make down the line.”

As with Tiger Road, suggestions were for signs to guide hikers through any trails going through the open space.

“I think this would be a good use of our time this year,” said Dickinson, referring to the process of getting both properties ready for recreation. “If we do something out on the Tiger Road property, we should spend some time at Rangers too.”

Murphy agreed to do a

walkthrough of the new open space to see how large the open space was and to prepare a conservation mixture, hoping to get everything planted soon. The Commission unanimously agreed to expend up to \$100 for the purchase of the seed mix needed for the new open space. They informally agreed annual mowing would be needed to prevent shrub growth in the coming years.

The Conservation Commission is set to meet on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

# Selectmen Choose Its Policy Sub-Committee Members

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the April 22 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, was in regards to who will be on

the Policy Sub-Committee for the upcoming year, from the Board of Selectmen. “At this point in time we have a lot of work to do here,” Hudson Town Ad-

ministrator Roy Sorenson explained during the meeting. He explained that in view the sub-committee “is pretty important.”

“I would like to figure out who the next two Selectmen will be,” Sorenson said during the meeting.

In a memo to the Board of Selectmen, Sorenson explained that at the “Sept. 3, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting, a Policy Sub-Committee was formed to include two Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Department Head as appropriate for any policy that is being reviewed.” It was noted by Sorenson that the sub-committee previ-

ously included Selectman Heidi Jakoby and Selectman Kara Roy until the recent March election.

Roy, who was up for re-election opted against running for re-election this year.

“At this time it would be prudent for the Board to reassign members to this committee to continue with much needed work in this area,” Sorenson wrote. Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont explained that he thought it made sense to have Jakoby stay on as a representative from the Board of Selectmen, saying he was happy with the work she has done on it.

Newly elected Selectman Xen Vurgaropulos volunteered to join the sub-committee this year. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved selecting Jakoby and Vurgaropulos for the sub-committee.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen heard a proposal from the Police Department. “The Police Department would like to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 for permission to withdraw money from the Bullet Proof Vest Capital Reserve Account to purchase replacement Bullet Proof Vests from the Fiscal Year 2025 Police Budget,” Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Dionne that the total price for the purchase would be \$22,492.20. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the proposal to purchase 15 bullet proof vests from the Bullet Proof Vest Capital Reserve Account.

In other news, during the consent agenda portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a donation for the Fire Department. “We received a check for donation for \$400 from The Bar located at 2B Burnham Road in Hudson,” Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo. We would request the Board of Selectmen accept this donation with thanks.”

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for May 13 at 7 p.m.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Varsity Baseball Downward Trend Continues

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

Week two of the high school spring baseball season had the Alvirne High School baseball squad facing two opponents, with the downward trend continuing unfortunately.

The Broncos started week two on Monday, April against Windham High School. Broncos Pitcher Brady Mitchell put on a solid performance, allowing just three runs through five innings. Broncos Right Fielder Jameson Krueger got the Broncos off to an early 1-0 lead in the top of

the first inning, but this would be Alvirne's only run in this game.

The Broncos maintained their lead until the bottom of the third inning when the Windham Jaguars scored three runs, two coming from a double by Windham's Jason Sullo. The base-stealing effort by Windham, led by Joe Coviello with two, kick-started their scoring bursts that ultimately sealed the victory for them.

What separated the Jaguars from the Broncos in this low-scoring affair was the monster performance by Pitcher Josh Martino. He

had 14 strikeouts in six innings for the Jaguars compared to Mitchell's four. Mitchell finished with four strikeouts, allowed four hits and walked two.

It was a 1-4 loss for the Alvirne Broncos, the team's fourth consecutive defeat.

On Wednesday, the Broncos took on Nashua South High School. The Panthers took advantage of the short left field fence at Alvirne, giving themselves a comfortable lead early in this game. They scored two runs in the top of the second inning thanks to a double from Nashua South's Adam Murray. Home runs from Gus Smiley and Leo Depaolo added three more runs in the top of the third for the Panthers.

Alvirne couldn't come up with the timely hitting needed to capitalize on the runners they had in scoring position. This resulted in only one run for the Broncos coming from Short Stop Alex Small in the bottom of the fifth inning.

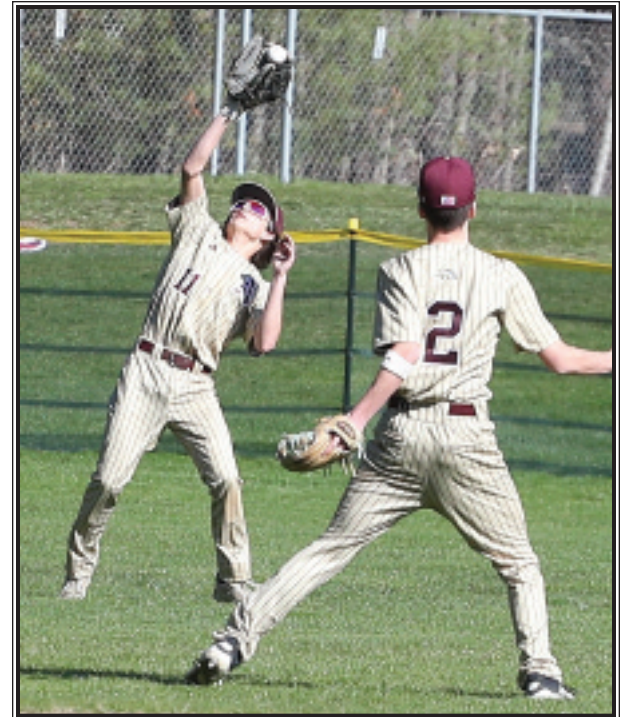
Broncos hits came from Matty Bebris, with two, Mitchell, Mikey Beach and Jaxson Polleck each had

one.

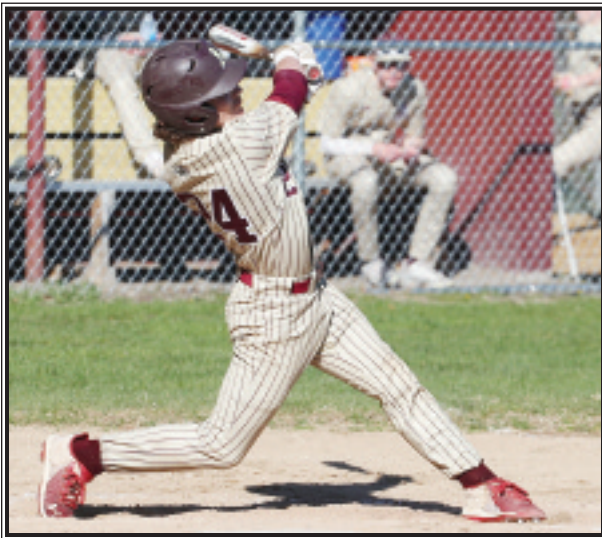
Tanaka, Kochanek, Depaolo, and Smiley finished with two runs each for the Panthers. Murray also got himself a run in this one, giving a final score of 1-9 to defeat the Broncos.

Brody Buja suffered the loss, pitching two and two-third innings and allowing five hits, five runs and striking out three batters.

Alvirne just could not get it done at the plate in either game this week, with two total runs in two games. This has been a more noticeable and concerning trend throughout the early stretch of this season. The Broncos continue to search for their first win as they take on Nashua North and Salem this week.



Jaxson Polleck makes a grab in left field with short-stop Alex Small.  
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# Broncos Varsity Softball Struggle to Find First Victory



Avery Willard

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

It was another week of misfortune for the Lady Broncos Varsity Softball team. Alvirne opened up against Windham on Monday. They gave up a whopping 12 runs in just the sixth inning.

This inning featured a walk from Mitrou, a single from Wright, a single from Vickers, a single from Runde, a tag-up from Wright, and a walk by Ballard that gave the Jaguars one run each. A double from Pendleton gave the Jaguars three more runs. Mitrou hit a double, adding another run. Wright also hit a double that resulted in two more runs.

A pair of walks in the top of the first inning gave Windham their first two scores of the day. The Jaguars added to their lead with an impressive second

inning where Grace Soucy, Arianna DeCotis, and Lily Carballeira each scored a run.

First Baseman Ryleigh Dressel (#17) led the Broncos with two runs batted in.

Alvirne gave up 19 total hits to Windham in this game, nine of which came in that 12-run sixth inning. The Jaguars defeated the Broncos 19-2.

The Broncos then faced off against the Nashua South Purple Panthers on Wednesday. The Broncos scored the first run of the game in the top of the first inning after a fielder's choice.

It didn't take long for the Purple Panthers to gain and maintain the lead in this one after a single and a ground out gave them two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Nashua South turned it on in the second inning, scoring nine runs on four hits. A single from Paradis

led to two runs, walks from Leblond and Marvin added on two more, Richard and Donaghey were both struck by pitches that gave Nashua South two more runs, a double from Koskela added another two runs, a double from Njau added one run, and a single from Paradis added another run.

The Purple Panthers got another four hits in the bottom of the third inning. Three singles, one batter struck by another pitch, and a run on a fielder's choice led to six more runs in this inning.

The Purple Panthers tacked on five more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning after singles from Njau and Richard and a walk from Leblond.

Dressel led the Broncos with two runs batted in on the day. Catcher Nyiah Stroming (#16) led the team in hits after going 2-for-3. Alvirne fell to Nashua South 2-22.

The Broncos played their final game of the week against Exeter, where again their opponents took off running early. The Exeter Blue Hawks scored six runs to open up the game after two errors, a ground out, a walk, and a double. They led the Broncos 7-0 by the end of the second inning.

It wasn't until the bottom of the third inning that Alvirne would see their first run after a solo home run to right field by Catcher Cori Sevigny (#2).

The top of the seventh inning featured nine more runs for the Blue Hawks on eight hits.

Sevigny and Stroming continued to show life for the Alvirne Broncos, putting up their only two runs of the outing. Exeter defeated Alvirne with a final score of 18-2.

Alvirne (0-6) will take on Keene (1-4) on May 5 as they look to gain their first win of the season.



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# Girls' Tennis Continues to Dominate, Boys Hit a Road Bump

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Broncos Girls Varsity Tennis team continues to impress this season. They went undefeated on the week, taking down Winnacunnet, Goffstown, and Bow. The girls are now 6-1 on the season.

Winnacunnet made for some competitive matches on Monday, with most settled by just two points. The Broncos closed out four singles matches and two doubles matches. Lilly Belmore (#2) won her match 8-5. Sammie Schiller (#4), Ella Proulx (#5), and Aliana Giroux (#6) each won their matches 8-6.

Belmore (#2) and her partner, Zailyn O'Leary (#3), took down their doubles opponents 8-5. Proulx (#5) and Giroux (#6)

teamed up, defeating their matchup 8-3. This gave the girls a respectable 6-3 record for the game against a strong opponent in Winnacunnet.

The girls played against Goffstown in Manchester on Wednesday.

Emma Coppi (#1) set the tone with an 8-0 victory in her singles match. Belmore (#2) beat her opponent 8-3. O'Leary (#3) and Proulx (#5) each finished strong with 8-6 wins, respectively. Giroux (#6) took down her opponent easily with a score of 8-1, capping the fifth victory of the six singles matches. The girls also swept all three doubles matches, totalling an 8-1 victory for the Lady Broncos on the day.

The girls capped off their week with a perfect 9-

0 victory against Bow High School on Friday.

Emma Coppi and Proulx both won their singles matches with a score of 8-1. Belmore and Giroux won their singles matches 8-3. O'Leary won her match 8-6. Auri Anderson filled in for Sammie Schiller on Friday, earning herself her first win in her first match of the season with a statement 8-2 win. Anderson teamed up with Proulx to add on to the successful day with an 8-4 win in the third doubles match.

The boys could not find a win in their three matches this week. They started their week against Winnacunnet on Monday. They lost all nine matches, not many of which were very close. The Broncos took on Goffstown on Wednesday,

where they would go scoreless in three singles matches and one doubles match. Sam Hergenbahn (#1) was involved in the only two match wins on the day, winning his singles match 8-2 and his doubles match alongside Owen Surprenant (#3) 8-3. Hergenbahn is now 5-3 on the season in singles and 4-3 in doubles matches.

The shorthanded Broncos struggled in their matchup against Bow on Friday. Alex Valenzuela and Brian Bartone filled in for Sean Mendes and Owen Surprenant as Alvirne faced yet another 0-9 defeat.

Alvirne is headed to Spring break this week. The girls will return on May 5 at home against Portsmouth, and the boys will be in Portsmouth on May 6.



Sam Hergenbahn (#1)

# Progress Being Made on Dog Park Rehabilitation Project

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on April 17 to discuss recent progress on their dog park rehabilitation program, which saw limited progress during winter.

"I checked in this morning with Jeremy Faulkner, he is the DPW's street working leader, and they did a good job. They placed dirt filling in the holes, they graded it, and I just stuck my head in on the way there, and it looks very, very good," said Chair Jack Madden, who was grateful to the Department of Public Works for their willingness to help. "There were people using the park tonight. That's a good sign."

Other members were impressed by the work so

far. The rehabilitation plan will also include improved drainage swales to prevent water from causing more damage in the future.

Madden went into detail about plans to install a security camera at the dog park.

"It was requested from various people that they would like to have a camera within the park, although Jay from DPW stated that it would be better to have the Friends of Benson purchase it. The money would be more scrutinized if purchased by the town," he said. "We would have someone to manage the camera, change the batteries, pay for a subscription, etc. I would think that it's not going to be worth it, that's my opinion."

He stated that he believ-

ed a camera at the entrance of the dog park was a good idea in principle, though through the Benson Park Committee with its limited budget.

"I don't think we have a compelling need to put a camera in the dog park," said Madden. "The context is that if you have two dogs who have a negative interaction, you'd have a video record of it."

Most of the Committee agreed, voting not to approve directly adding cameras to the dog park.

The new Selectman Liaison, Heidi Jakob, asked the Chair to keep her updated on the situation.

"It works out really well whenever somebody asks me a question as a rep on a committee," said Jak-

by. "I look forward to serving on this committee."

Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park announced that the nonprofit organization was still looking for summer volunteers at the Elephant Barn store, which had to cut hours this year due to a lack of staff.

"We're looking for help on Saturdays, it's the only day we're going to be open

this season from noon to 4 p.m.," she said.

On the topic of volunteers, she invited Committee members and all residents to Nashua's Greater Nashua Volunteer Fair.

"I've done this the last couple of years for the Friends of Benson Park, we've had a table," said Newell. "What it is are a bunch of nonprofits that are looking for volunteers that

have tables set up within the Nashua Library, and they come in to talk to nonprofits who are looking for help."

The Fair is set to happen on Thursday, May 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Nashua Public Library.

The Benson Park Committee is set to meet on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.



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# Cable Access Committee Plans for New Year, Discusses Closed Captions

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The Hudson Cable Utility Committee held its first meeting of 2025 on April 14 with a review of HCTV's coverage of the town's March election season.

"I felt we had a very successful run this year. We produced 29 videos on our social media/website, and I tallied up all the viewership numbers. These were videos like Meet the Candidate, the deliberative sessions, the warrant article videos, and we tallied in at 25,978 views across those platforms," reported Director of

Community Media Mike Johnson. "It's good to see that across the different platforms, people are seeking information from us."

He singled out and thanked residents Dianne Cannava, Pete Lanzillo, Selectman Heidi Jakoby, and the town department heads for their content creation work related to the election and set new goals for 2026.

"We want to continue improving scheduling concerning candidates to make it easier for everyone," he continued. "That's one thing I dropped the ball on a little bit this year, and I need

to make sure I get the information to the Town Clerk so it goes straight to the candidates so it goes straight to them when they sign up for the election."

Johnson also announced progress on several ongoing goals from the end of last year.

"We finished the election and political season, we filled our production coordinator vacancy, and we completed our podcast about a handicapped accessible stage in our studio. That way, if somebody comes in with a wheelchair, they're able to just go right in at

ground level," he said. "The cablecast phone app is available now, and we've done some tutorials for folks looking to access that."

According to Johnson, expected Town Hall upgrades related to HCTV are still "in review," beyond the addition of wireless HDMI transmitters designed to improve the visual quality of videos on the town site. HCTV upgrades are not expected until the upcoming renovations to Town Hall have been completed.

Looking at a few of HCTV's future goals, Committee Chair Mike O'Keefe

asked the Director and the rest of his committee to consider ways to implement closed captioning support for its programming.

"The system we use to cablecast and livestream and all that already has the capability to do closed captioning for the programming," he said. "It's an automated process; it uses the cloud to listen to the audio and tries to figure out what you're saying."

He warned that it was "not a free service," but an add-on to the current system with per-minute costs, something HCTV has been

reluctant to implement due to budgetary concerns, especially for longer meetings and events.

"A lot of communities offer captioning, and if we were a bigger community we'd be required to do it in the next year or two," said O'Keefe. "But just because we're not required, doesn't mean we shouldn't do it, as it opens up our programming to a wider community."

He raised the possibility of submitting a grant proposal to fund captioning. The system covers live events and translations to other languages.

# 'Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler' Set to Take Off at Aviation Museum

This charity run/walk event route includes Londonderry Rail Trail on Saturday, May 3. There are three weeks remain to enjoy discounted advance registration.

Get outside and welcome spring with the 4th annual 'Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler' on Saturday, May 3. Sign up before Race Day and enjoy a generous pre-registration discount.

Starting and finishing at

the Aviation Museum of N.H., the run/walk event will take participants on a winding route through bucolic North Londonderry, highlighted by the newest stretch of the Londonderry Rail Trail.

The race starts at 9 a.m. and is open to all runners and walkers. The event is a fund-raiser to support the non-profit Aviation Museum's youth education programs, which include an

annual summer camp and student plane-building projects at three N.H. high schools.

Registration for the 'Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler' is \$40; \$35 for those 12 and under and 62 or above. Registration on Race Day is \$50 per person. The first 100 registrants will receive an official "Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler" shirt.

Participants may regis-

ter online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com); under "Find a Race," search for "Aviation Museum."

New this year: participants can register to be a "fundraiser" and enlist support from friends and family to aid the non-profit Aviation Museum of N.H. Supporters may also donate directly to the Aviation Museum of N.H. via the road race registration page.

Starting at the Aviation Museum of N.H.'s historic 1937 terminal building at 27 Navigator Road, the course will first wind through lightly-trafficked streets of North Londonderry.

The route, which includes two water stops, will then take participants along the recently opened

1.2-mile section of the Londonderry Rail Trail, which passes through the remote Little Cohas Brook Reservoir area.

The route will then take runners and walkers back to the Aviation Museum and the finish line.

"Our 'Run the Rail Trail 4-Miler' is a great way to celebrate spring, get outside and have fun, all while supporting a great cause," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H.

Because the route includes several stretches of roadway with a narrow shoulder, the event is not recommended for participants with strollers. Also, no pets are allowed.

Traffic control and

security will be provided by the Londonderry Police and Fire departments.

The Aviation Museum is also seeking volunteers for Race Day. If you're interested in helping out, contact Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 or at [ldearborn@nhahs.org](mailto:ldearborn@nhahs.org).

Sponsors include Signature Aviation of Manchester, Summit Packaging Systems of Manchester and the Backyard Brewery of Manchester.

In addition, the museum is seeking business and community sponsors to help defray costs of organizing the event. For information about sponsorships, contact Jeff Rapsis at (603) 236-9237 or at [jrapis@nhahs.org](mailto:jrapis@nhahs.org).

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## Loyalty Day

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

## Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Sat. May 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry experience a Artisan Craft Fair. Stroll through over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts. Whether you're looking to buy unique crafts or works of art including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, art of various media, windchimes, soaps, pet accessories and a host of many others, you will be certain to find the perfect treasure. Satisfy your appetite

with a grilled burger or hot-dog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats. Don't forget to try your luck with the ever popular raffles or to look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair benefits the local community and serves as a fundraiser for the church. It will be held rain, or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>

## Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Ben-

son Park website [friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

## Legion Meeting

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

## Adventurers Storytime

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

## Digital Navigators

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

## Casino Fund Raiser

The Nash Casino, located within the Pheasant Lane Mall, will be donating a portion of every dollar earned from April 29 - May 5 to the Friends of Benson Park. This

is a great opportunity for a fun night out combining dining, entertainment and gaming while helping to raise money for the planned Benson's Museum and Discovery Center. Get out and have some fun while supporting the Friends of Benson Park and the Nash Casino! For more information about the Friends of Benson Park, check out our website [friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) or [facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark](https://facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark).

## Movers & Shakers

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

## Teen Hangout

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

## Brunch Bunch

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

group is large enough.

## Library Scholarship

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

## Dino the Therapy Dog

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

## Clean Water Survey

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## A Good Yarn

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

## Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, **continued on page 15**

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If you plan to fertilize your lawn, keep in mind that the type of fertilizer you use and how and when you apply it can have a big impact on the environment around you. Fertilizer contains nutrients that plants need, such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. If not applied properly, those nutrients can be car-

ried away by stormwater runoff and washed into lakes and ponds. Those nutrients are causing too much plant growth in our surface water, which can cause real damage. Some areas of New Hampshire, such as the Great Bay Estuary, are grappling with issues of excess nitrogen and other popular lakes and ponds are seeing excess phosphorus.

## Excess Plant Growth in Lakes and Ponds Can:

- Stimulate algae blooms including cyanobacteria, which can be harmful to humans and pets.
- Reduce oxygen levels for fish.
- Fill in lakes or ponds over time.

It's important to note that there are alternatives to using fertilizer; for example, you can get a similar effect by leaving lawn clippings and leaf litter on your

lawn. The nutrients grass use to grow are trapped in the blades. Leaving grass clippings to break down in your lawn returns those nutrients to the soil to be used again. (Good news! Leaving clippings does not contribute to thatch.) You are feeding your lawn and saving yourself the work of emptying a mower bag. If you do want to use fertilizer, though, you can help to protect our lakes and ponds, whether you live near them or not, by following some general application guidelines.

## Choosing the Right Fertilizer

No two fertilizers, or lawns, are necessarily equal. You will see that fertilizer packaging comes with a number code, such as "33-0-4" and "5-10-15," corresponding with an N-P-K. These numbers tell us how much of a nutrient is in the fertilizer: the first

number is N (nitrogen), then P (phosphorus) and lastly K (potassium).

The amount of certain nutrients you will need in your fertilizer depends on what your soil is lacking. Most established lawns in New Hampshire do not need a lot of phosphorus. New Hampshire soils naturally contain the phosphorus most lawns need to grow. Leaving your lawn clippings can also provide phosphorus for your lawn.

You don't want to apply more nutrients than the plants can take up – that wastes your money and labor and causes pollution. Look for N-P-K that are 10 or lower – these are generally organic (natural) sources that are naturally slow release. Look for the OMRI label [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org). In addition to slow-release, look for water-insoluble nitrogen. A water insoluble choice will help decrease the number of applications needed.

Soil tests will always be the best way to see what nutrients your lawn needs. You can find soil testing facilities across the state, including the UNH Cooperative Extension <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/pest-disease-services> and the Natural Resources Conservation Service [www.nrcs.usda.gov/NewHampshire](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/NewHampshire) in NH.

## Applying Fertilizer

Maybe the biggest cause of excess nutrients finding their way into our surface waters is over-application of fertilizers. It is important to know your lawn's square footage to determine how much is needed. You can typically cut the recommended amount of fertilizer found on the packaging by about one-half to one-third.

You can also reduce the amount of fertilizer you need by choosing the right type of grass seed, leaving your lawn clippings, mowing at least 3 inches high and avoiding any over-watering.

Important: No fertilizer can be applied within 25 feet of a public waterbody or storm drain, and only slow or controlled-release fertilizer may be used between 25 feet and 250 feet away. If applying fertilizer, or chemicals of any kind (pesticides, herbicides, etc.) within 50 feet of a waterbody, it must be applied by a professional licensed for pesticide application in the state of New Hampshire.

If you do end up with leftover fertilizer, you can save it and use it next year. When storing fertilizer, it's important to make sure to store it in a dry place and close the bag with a clip, so there isn't a danger of nutrients leaking from the

bag.

## When to Fertilize

The best times to fertilize your lawn are in the spring – between April and mid-June – and fall – between Labor Day and October 1.

Mid-May is a great time to apply fertilizer to your lawn as the grass is just starting to wake up and grow. Fall is an even better time because it allows the plants to store nutrients for the next year. It is also best to plant new lawns in early fall because there are less weeds at that time, and the grass will have a chance to grow before it gets too cold.

Never fertilize in July and August since grass grows less in the heat. Since the grass is growing less, it isn't able to take in as much of the fertilizer, which can then easily be picked up by rainwater and washed into lakes and ponds. Check the weather forecast before application too, and be sure to apply it before a small to medium rain event, but not before a big storm that could cause it to all be washed away.

If you're going to apply fertilizer, a little forethought and planning can help you grow a healthy lawn and protect the water quality of our ponds and lakes.

## Around Town

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whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

### PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey ([surveyMonkey.com](http://surveyMonkey.com)) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: [Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov](mailto:Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov)

@des.nh.gov,  
603.271.8801

Phone:

### BINGO!

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

### Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rodgerslibrary.org](http://rodgerslibrary.org)

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment email [info@unitedway-nashua.org](mailto:info@unitedway-nashua.org) if you have any questions.

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