

# Chester Selectmen Approve Road Agent Warrant Article

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CHESTER – During the Feb. 3 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting members heard from the Public Ways Working Group.

The group was tasked by the Selectmen in December to look at the possibility of changing from an elected Road Agent to a full-time employee.

Residents Dave Anderson and Mat Stover, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Myrick Bunker, Budget Committee member Jack Cannon, Town Administrator Debra Doda, Town Planner Andrew Hadik, Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette, and current Road Agent Mike Oleson.

Myette said that the group put a lot of thought into it. He said ultimately all they are really doing is going from a two year elected term position to a full-time employee.

He said that the important thing is that they will be hiring a professional and they can have someone in the position long term instead of having to elect someone every two years.

Right now the only qualification for the position is to live in Chester.

It was pointed out by Myette that there has been discussion since 2004 about moving away from an elected position to a full-time employee.

However, he said that this is the first time there has been a group formed to look at it in depth.

One question that was raised was what kind of contract they should expect to give the person as far as the number of years.

Hadik said that they are hiring them like they

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# Town of Sandown Holds a Brief Deliberative Session

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SANDOWN - It took only an hour for Sandown residents gathered for the town deliberative meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5 to discuss warrants articles and move those articles to the ballot.

The new budget totaled \$4,924,225, an increase from last year's budget of \$4,709,135. This sum would have an estimated cost of \$7.23 per thousand.

One resident objected to this new budget citing a wage included in the budget for the currently vacant position of Recreation Director.

The town is currently searching for a new director.

As a result of this and other perceived issues with the budget, a \$150,000 cut was offered by a resident and voted on by the participants in the meeting. The amendment garnered some votes but ultimately failed.

Notably, according to the towns website "This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles."

In all 14 warrants were discussed, with the majority of them not inspiring questioning.

Two warrants concerning funds for the road improvement proceed without much discussion. These funds totalled \$162,044 for road improvement programs and \$547,500 for the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Another warrant raised \$150,000 for the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. According to Selectman Tom Tombarello the money would go to a fund that will be matched 20/80 from the State for bridge repairs that are scheduled for 2027.

Tombarello said if the money isn't put into the fund there will be jersey barriers set up around Phillips Road bridge and possible others. Tombarello warns that these barriers may slow down emergency vehicles.

"This really needs to be done," said Tombarello.

Another discussed warrant would add an additional firefighter and/or EMT, for the cost of \$54,000. Vice Chairman,

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Derry officials have been looking at evaluating the conditions of the public safety facilities and evaluating response times. They are looking at the option of a new sub-station or building a new facility. Photo by Chris Paul

# Derry Officials Look Into Public Safety Facility Needs

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DERRY - During the Feb.1 Derry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the public safety facility needs.

Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron explained that in April they formed a Subcommittee including staff, and Town Councilors Charlie Foote, Joshua Bourdon, and Erin Spencer, who were tasked with evaluating the conditions of the public safety facilities and to evaluate response times.

In June they made a presentation but the Council decided that they needed more precise information.

Since the Town shut down the fire station on Broadway a few years ago there has been a void in

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# Chester Warrant Articles Set For Residents to Vote On

CHESTER - On Tuesday, March 8, polls for Warrant Articles 1 through 7 will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After the ballots are counted, the Meeting will continue on Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m., in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Articles 8 through 27 will be taken up at that time.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officials.

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Amend: Article 2 -** Definitions - Impervious Surfaces

Purpose: To add a clarifying definition of "Impervious Surfaces" as referenced in Table 1.

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Amend: Article 2 -** Definitions - Sign Types

Purpose: To amend the definitions of various sign types.

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Article 5.3.3.12 - Bed & Breakfasts**

Purpose: To amend Section 5.3.3.12 - Bed & Breakfasts by adding a prohibition against the conversion of detached structures into Bed

& Breakfasts.

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Amend: Article 5.7.8 -** Buffers & Setbacks

Purpose: To mitigate excessive impacts to wetlands and their buffers/setbacks by future driveway crossings.

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Amend: Article 11.2 -** ZBA Organization

Purpose: Increase the number of appointed alternate members on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from three (3) to five (5) alternate members.

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**Article 8 - Recission of**  
**Road Agent Position**

Shall the Town rescind the action of the 1924 and 1992 Town Meetings to elect a road agent for a two-year term and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a full-time road agent who will be the Supervisor of Roads. The term of the elected road agent will terminate at the 2023 Annual Town election. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,417 salary and

benefits for the Supervisor of Roads position for six months in Fiscal Year 22-23. Salary and benefits for this position will be carried in the Operating Budget in future fiscal years.

**Article 9 - Revaluation**  
**Capital Reserve Fund**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2009 Town Meeting in order to prepare for the next Town revaluation in 2024.

**Article 10 - Solar Array at**  
**Landfill**

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement to install a solar farm at the Town's closed landfill on Town Dump Road. 2/3rds ballot vote required.

**Article #11 - Renaming of**  
**300th Anniversary Fund**

Shall the Town rename the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund to the Significant Anniversaries Capital Reserve Fund in order to continue accruing funds for future significant anniversaries. 2/3rds ballot vote required.

**Article 12 -**  
**Discontinuance of Hart**  
**Roberts Road**

Shall the Town discontinue as an open highway under RSA 231:45 the following highway: Hart Roberts Road from the intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Halls Village Road to the

intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Jack Road (the entire road). This discontinuance will take effect June 1, 2022.

**Article 13 - Operating**  
**Budget**

Selectmen recommend \$5,531,657. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

**Article 14 - Establish**  
**Culverts and Crossings**  
**Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town establish a Culverts and Crossings Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 II for the purpose of funding the replacement of road culverts and crossings in the Town of Chester, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**Article 15 - CIP Funding**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

**Article 16 - CIP Projects**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$791,250 for the following projects:

Police: Cruiser with Outfitting \$56,250  
Fire: Repaving of Parking Lot \$35,000  
Highway: Annual Surveying & Engineering Services \$10,000  
Highway: Class 8 Plow Truck, Plow & Sander \$240,000

Recreation: WP Causeway Bridge Engineering \$31,250  
Recreation: WP Causeway Bridge Reconstruction & CM \$418,750

and withdraw \$791,250 from the Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

**Article 17 - Highway CIP**  
**Funding**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,370 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2015 Town Meeting with \$144,370 which is the anticipated grant amount this year from the NH Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation and the remainder of \$600,000 to be raised through taxation.

**Article 18 - Highway CIP**  
**Projects**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,251,734 for roadwork in the Town of Chester and withdraw \$551,734 from the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the remaining \$700,000 from the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

**Article 19 - Funding of**  
**Culverts & Crossings CRF**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,885 to be added to the Culverts & Crossings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum, which represents accrued interest in the Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund which causes it

to exceed its cap of \$105k, is to come from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. Should the Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund not exceed \$105k, this article will be null and void.

**Article 20 - Engineering of**  
**Culverts, Bridges, and**  
**Roads**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of funding engineering of the Town's culverts, bridges, and roads. Further to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation.

**Article 21 - Funding Fire**  
**Department Apparatus**  
**Capital Reserve Fund**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2021 Town Meeting. Further to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation.

**Article 22 - PACT**

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "PACT" Fund established at the 2003 Town Meeting, separate from the General Fund and funded by Com-

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# Derry Town Council OKs Moving Forward With Solar Agreement

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**DERRY** - During the Feb.1 Derry Town Council meeting the Council discussed a recommendation from the Net Zero Task Force which would make all their Town

owned buildings run on renewable energy.

The Task Force had a goal of looking at what the best options would be to either directly purchase the solar panel array to be placed on top of the Town landfill or to enter into a lease agreement with a

company. The recommendation by the Task Force was to go with a lease.

Derry Public Works Director Mike Fowler said that they were looking for the authorization of the lease in order to go forward.

Fowler said that one of the main reasons why the Committee was recommending the Town goes with doing a lease agreement instead of buying the panels outright is because it means that the Town will have zero risk, and they don't have to worry about the upfront expenses.

He said that once they are no longer able to produce electricity the Town won't have the burden of removing them.

It was explained by Net Zero Task Force Committee Chairman Jeff Moulton that their recommendation was to go with a lease with the company Encore saying that they had the best offer.

"They put in a very competitive bid to us that we think will save the Town a lot of money," said Moulton.

Fowler said that they were looking for authorization from the Council for Town Administrator Dave Caron to sign the agreements.

"The goal this evening is to achieve authorization or ratification for Dave to sign the first two agreements," said Fowler.

He said that all the contracts were reviewed

by the Town's legal counsel.

Moulton said that construction wouldn't likely begin until 2023 and is expected to be completed in October 2023.

"At that point we would be at 100 percent renewable energy for all the Town buildings," said Moulton

One question that was asked was what happens at the end of the 25 years. It was explained by Moulton that 25 years is what the length of the warranty is for meaning that they may still be able to produce electricity and if so they have the option of extending the lease.

Moulton said that the company would have six months to remove everything and then also restore the site once the contract is over.

Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon, who served as a liaison for the Net Zero Task Force said he was happy that they were able to accomplish their goal of net zero two years ahead of schedule.

"It's a historic day for Derry," said Bourdon.

Through the agreement it will provide the electricity for all 30 Town owned buildings.

The total projected savings per year is between \$70,000 and

\$220,000 for a total of annual increase in electricity costs from Ever-

It was explained that it is based on a 2 percent be for 25 years.

## OBITUARY

**Winifred K. Gillis Lefavour**



Winifred K. Gillis Lefavour, 84, died on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 at the Concord Hospital in Laconia. A resident of the Taylor Community in Laconia, NH, she previously resided in Franconia, NH, Hartland, VT, Derry and Windham, NH, Margate, FL and West Chester, PA. Born in Malden, MA on July 31, 1937, she was the daughter of Walter F. and N. Odessa (Fry) Kuster and was raised in Melrose, MA. She attended Melrose schools and graduated from Melrose High School in 1955 and Chamberlain School of Retailing, Boston, MA in 1957.

She was an advocate of volunteering and community service. She was an active member of the Derry Junior Women's Club in Derry, NH. She served on the Advisory Committee on the founding of the Derry Community Center and served on the Board of Directors of the Alexander Eastman Hospital. She was listed in the 1973 Outstanding Young Women of America. Throughout her children's school years, she served in many capacities in each school they attended. She was an active member of homeowner's associations in Margate and West Chester.

She enjoyed meeting and helping people. She was honored in being named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lafayette Lions Club and served as King Lion of the Club.

She was predeceased by her husband John P. Lefavour. She leaves her daughter, Faith Miller of Belmont, NH, son, Walter C. Gillis of Londonderry, NH, two stepsons, B. Dexter Lefavour of Middlesex, VT, Clark W. Lefavour of Southborough, MA and a stepdaughter, Jennifer L. Rossignol of Orlando, FL, three grandson, Logan and Brady Gillis, and Miles Miller plus 7 step grandchildren.

Following cremation, graveside services will be held by the family at Central Cemetery, Beverly, MA in the Spring. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

**Gary Philip Curran**



Gary Philip Curran, 69, of Sandown, NH, died unexpectedly Sunday Jan. 30, 2022 in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. He was born on Dec. 4, 1952 in Schenectady, NY, a son of the late Philip and Beatrice (LaCombe) Curran. Gary attended school in Windham, NH, prior to graduating from Pinkerton Academy, Derry, Class of 1971. He proudly served his country in the US Navy during the Vietnam conflict. Gary was currently employed as a welder for Nova Associates, Salem, NH. He enjoyed reading books about history, every Harry Potter Book at least twice and more recently the "classics" Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Uncle Tom's Cabin. Gary also enjoyed a good game of 45's and chess, but especially the spirited matches of cribbage with his brother-in-law Dave. He liked to work around the house, tinker in the garage and took great pride in keeping his lawn and property well kept. Gary was his son's biggest fan at every sport they participated in, helping to coach baseball teams and at every wrestling match throughout their Middle and High School years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Gail (Proulx) Curran of Sandown; two sons, Geoffrey P. Curran and wife Aubrey of Navarre, FL, and Ross C. Curran and wife Beth of Derry; four grandchildren, Tyler, Wesley, Kenadie and Bailey; four sisters, Sharon Rogers and husband Dennis of Windham, Dawn Harnedy of Derry, Patti Sherman and husband Roger of Tewksbury, MA, and Moira Alix and husband Alfred of Windham; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry with cremation to follow. Mask usage is strongly suggested for all those in attendance. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or to the charity of one's choice.



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Editorial

### February, Short but Important

It is the shortest month of the year. The month is named for the Latin word februum; meaning purification, together with January. It was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.

February days grow steadily longer, with a promise of spring and better weather.

February is the only month to have a length fewer than 30 days. Most years, the month has just 28 days but if there are 29 days in the month, then it's called a leap year. The next leap year will be in 2024, which means there will be a Feb. 29, 2024.

The reason we have Feb. 29 every four years is because of two different time cycles involved with the rotation of the Earth.

Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. However, in 450 BC, the month was moved to the place that it hold today. February holds significance because it is National Freedom Month, which is always observed on Feb. 1st, this celebrates freedom from slavery. It was the date Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery in 1865. On June 30, 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming February 1st as the first official National Freedom Month in the United States. In honor of African American History Month, the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum all join our nation in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American History.

This year, February 1st is also when we celebrate Chinese New Year. It is the Year of the Tiger.

Feb. 2nd is Groundhog Day, the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.

The 2022 Winter Olympics and the Super Bowl traditionally is played on the first Sunday of the month of February.

Feb. 12th is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; he was the 16th president of the United States.

Feb. 14th is always Valentine's Day, a day celebrated with love, chocolate, and flowers.

Feb. 15th honors Susan B. Anthony's birthday – the great women's rights leader.

Feb. 15th also is President's Day this year, which is a federal holiday and also known as Washington's Birthday. This is always, celebrated on the third Monday in February. Washington's actual birthday is Feb. 22nd.

Feb. 16th is Mardi Gras, also known as "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday. This is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday. There are many more things happening in February, a few I thought I would mention; World Cancer Day, National Boy Scout Day, and National Pokémon Day.

There you have it, some fun information about February.

Letters

She's My Valentine

To the editor,  
She's a very special person  
And she's one of a kind  
And she's always on my mind

And she's in my heart and  
She's in my soul  
And she's truly one of a kind  
And I'm sending her this  
Beautiful love poem

Because I just wanted to say  
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On Valentine's Day.  
David P. Carroll.  
East Derry

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### Chester

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would any other Town employee where they would be placed on a probationary period and if it works out they would continue.

Oleson told the Board of Selectmen that he was in favor of moving to a full-time employee.

"I am 100 percent behind eliminating the elected Road Agent position," said Oleson.

He said that every two years you never know what can happen with elections and that they need to move to having an actual employee.

"It's time we're growing," he said, noting that other towns have or are going to be doing the same thing.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he thought the report was comprehensive and that they should let the voters decide.

Landau pointed out that under the RSA they are only allowed to put this type of warrant article on the ballot when there isn't an election for the Road Agent position in the same year. It means that if they don't put it on the ballot or it doesn't pass it won't appear again for at least another two years.

It was explained during the meeting that aside from discontinuing the elected Road Agent position next year the warrant article will ask voters to approve raising \$55,417. Myette said that it will allow the new road supervisor to work with the Road Agent for three months until March and then can continue to work on their own until July. The salary and benefits would then be added to the operational budget beginning July, 1 2023.

The tax impact would be \$.08 cents per \$1,000.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved moving the warrant article to the ballot.

It was also pointed out during the meeting that they should communicate as much as possible to the public what the warrant article would entail.

It was decided that they would put the full report on the Town of Chester website, and also will have a possible mailer, and will have a segment done on the Chester Public Access Cable Television.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

### Sandown

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Jonathan Goldman said there is currently 40 hours of coverage for this role and the proposal would raise that to 100 hours. This would be equal to 2 people per day with 10 hours per day.

Among the warrants were three that allocated funds for expendable trusts. One was the Phillips Pond Expendable Trust with \$500 for the purpose of protecting the pond.

Another was for the Plowing Expendable Trust and totaled \$50,000 while the last was for the Celebration Expendable Trust and came in at \$8,000.

There was also \$28,245 to control exotic aquatic species including variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond.

Lastly there were warrants for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (\$10,000), Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund (\$10,000), Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund (\$50,000), Government Building Capital Reserve Fund (\$7,500) and Fireworks (\$4,500).

The session lasted only about an hour and was attended by about 20 community members.

The votes were only discussed at the meeting and the actual vote will occur on March 8 at the Town Hall. There citizens will also have a chance to vote on warrants 2-15 and warrant one, (the choosing of town officers.)



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# Chester School Board Approves Return to School Recommendations

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CHESTER - The Chester School Board heard an update from the Chester Return to School Committee during their Feb. 2 School Board meeting.

Superintendent Karen Locke presented the recommendations from the Return to School Committee after the Committee met last on Jan. 26.

It was explained that

the proposed changes they had included the feedback from the School Board regarding the Committee's proposed revisions to the plan that were presented to the Board in December.

Locke said that there was a considerable amount of discussion and there were divided perspectives among the Committee about the masking thresholds section of the proposed plan and the timing of the revisions.

The revised proposed plan included a Matrix of key metrics that would allow the Superintendent to revoke the current universal mask mandate when that threshold was met.

With that said the recommendation for approval was with the caveat from the Committee that updates to the section on adjusting mask requirements should only be considered as a placeholder at this time as it requires

review and further discussion by the Committee

School Board Chairman Royal Richardson said that the Matrix sets thresholds using New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services metrics to allow the Superintendent to relax the current universal mask mandate when those thresholds are met. He noted that the provision was at the request of Chester Academy parents at the last Community

Forum.

Locke noted that although they expected DHHS to have a suggestion for what it will mean for masking, they instead referred the School District to the CDC guidelines which still recommends but doesn't require universal masking indoors for schools.

The School Board voted 4-0 to accept the recommendation of the Chester Return to School Committee to update the

current Return to School Plan.

It was also noted during the meeting that the next New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services partner call is slated to take place on Feb. 23 and Locke plans to reconvene the Committee in March in order to assess the most recent guidance and pandemic level of community transmission specific to Chester and Chester Academy in order to develop a long-term plan.

# Derry Zoning OKs Holiday Avenue Garage Variance

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DERRY - During the Feb. 3 Derry Zoning Board meeting one of the cases the Board heard was in regards to a variance to build a garage at 8 Holiday Avenue. The property is owned by John Glasier.

The variance request was to allow the construction of a 24x24 attached garage less than 15 feet from the side property line.

Representing the owners was Tim Peloquin from Promised Land Survey. He

explained that it has been a non conforming lot since the 1970s.

"The owner's desire is to build a 24x24 two bay garage," said Peloquin.

He said that it wouldn't be uncommon for the neighborhood saying that a lot of houses in the area have two bay garages.

Peloquin explained that because of the location of the house, the septic, well, and apparent wetlands it limits where the garage can be located on the lot.

Because of it Peloquin said that it doesn't allow

for any feasible location within the setback requirements.

"This appeared to be the most viable location," said Peloquin.

Peloquin also noted that the immediate neighbor to the proposed garage wrote a note that they don't have a problem with the encroachment setbacks.

One question raised during the meeting is if 24x24 is too large.

Zoning Board Chair Lynn Perkins said that is the narrowest he likes to

see for garages.

Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey said that is a standard size garage.

"I think 24x24 is probably a standard size," said Mackey.

It was also asked if they

should make a condition that it is only one story which the Board agreed with.

Zoning Board member Crystal Morin said that she thought the application was reasonable.

"I think it's a reason-

able request and will fit in the neighborhood well," said Morin.

The Zoning Board ultimately unanimously approved the variance.

The next Zoning Board meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

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# Derry School District Deliberative Sends Warrant Articles to Ballot

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Derry School District held its annual Deliberative Session on Feb. 5.

The 2022-2023 School District operating budget warrant article was discussed at some length and it will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$94,252,087 for the school district.

The estimated tax impact would be \$0.74 as of now however, Derry School Board Chair Erika Cohen explained that it is only an estimate because they may have some unspent money from positions that they weren't able to fill due to the COVID-19 pandemic and from other areas.

During the presentation some of the highlights of the budget that Cohen pointed to includes adding

an elementary school teacher, and the addition of a part-time human resources assistant.

Cohen explained for the human resources position they did some research and found out that by adding the half time they will be at the same staffing level for human resources as other similar size districts. She said right now they are struggling with all the tasks they have, especially with COVID.

The largest portion of the budget is for salaries which is a total of \$29,654,639.84. Benefits was second for a total of \$17,344,577.80.

If the budget isn't approved the default budget will be \$94,354,540.

One question asked was how many openings they have that they can't fill. Cohen said that currently there are 33.

"They are very hard to

fill," said Cohen.

The warrant article was moved to the ballot.

Another warrant article discussed during the deliberative session was in regards to ratifying the collective bargaining agreement between the School Board and the Derry Education Association.

The estimated increase would be a total of \$1,052,136 in 2022-2023, \$1,072,710 in 2023-2024, and \$1,090,590 in 2024-2025.

School Board Vice Chair Derick Anderson explained that it would include a 2 percent increase in 2022-2023, and an increase of 2.2 percent in the remaining years.

The estimated tax impact would be \$.30 cents in year one and \$.31 cents in the remaining years.

"Both sides wanted to take into account the difficulty of filling open positions," said Anderson.

The warrant article was moved to the ballot.

Also placed on the ballot was a warrant article that would allow the

School Board to call one special meeting if the teachers union contract warrant article is defeated.

Another warrant article that was placed on the ballot was in regards to a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801.

The estimated increase would be \$268,937 for 2022-2023 and in 2023-2024 the increase would be \$189,002.

The estimated tax increase would be 8 cents.

Like the teacher's contract there will be a warrant article on the ballot that would allow the School Board to call a special meeting if the warrant article is defeated.

There will also be a warrant article on the ballot that will ask voters to authorize the School Board to enter an agreement with the Next Charter School to modify the term/duration of its lease of space at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle

School that will allow the best interest of the School Charter School to finance District.

the construction of improvements to the leased space, all on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the

Voting will take place on March 8 at the Calvary Bible Church from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Teresa Vassallo Baker



Teresa Vassallo Baker, 72, of Derry, NH passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. She was born Aug. 26, 1949 in Philadelphia, PA and was a daughter of the late Vincent and Mary (Blee) Vassallo.

Teresa Baker was a loving wife, mother, and dedicated servant to the Lord. She approached all of life's challenges with grace and benevolence. Teresa had many passions, but above all she was a devout woman of God. She attended Holy Family College and went on to receive her Masters in Education from Boston College. Teresa was committed to lifelong learning and was further accredited in theology, spiritual formation and guidance at BC. While in College, she met her best friend and husband Raymond. In their fifty years together, they built a beautiful life and raised two sons in Derry, NH. Teresa was a prominent member, chairwoman, and educator with the National Formation Commission of The Secular Franciscan Order and was an active member of her parish. She taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry and traveled the world teaching for the SFO as a national minister. Teresa cherished this opportunity to meet new people and gain perspective. She was an accomplished author and all three of her published books on the word of God are cataloged at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Teresa was a creative woman who loved to read, journal, bake, work on Sudoku, take walks along Lake Massabesic, watch golf, and spend time with her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Teresa is survived by her loving husband Raymond Baker; her sons, David Baker and his wife Emily, and Vincent Baker and his wife Kristen Keane; her grandchildren, Olivia Gilbride, Lydia Gilbride, Teresa Anne Baker, Abigail Baker, Samuel Baker, Charlotte Baker, Natalie Baker, Gretchen Baker, Hunter Baker, Nolan Baker and Myles Baker; her sisters Mary Falco, Denise McLaughlin, Francine Andrews, and Monica Shallow; her brothers, Vincent Vassallo, Matthew Vassallo, Hugh Vassallo, Thomas Vassallo, and Joseph Vassallo; and her sisters-in-law, Helene Gilbert, and Lois McAlister. Teresa was predeceased by her sister, Meg Reilly; her sister-in-law, Roseanna Moore; and her brother-in-law, Harvey Baker.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Feb. 6 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, Feb. 7 in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Province of the Immaculate Conception, care of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry NH.

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# Selectmen Hear Proposal For Underground Utilities

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**SANDOWN** - During the Jan. 24 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was a request to place septic, water and utilities under Lakeside Drive.

It was explained by Phill Lussier that he owns

a house on the road and across the street is his garage. While he does his house over he wants to be able to put a temporary apartment above his garage. He also wants to have the utilities lakeside for both lots and then have the septic located behind the garage.

Alex Camm who was representing Lusier

explained that the area that made the most sense to put the septic system was across the street from the house because it allows it to be furthest away from the lake.

Sandown Public Works Director Arthur Genuardo explained that they have a couple of roads in Town with utilities under it, which are

for the electric companies.

"Obviously you have the final say but if you approve this you have to have something with (legal) counsel and on paper that if something happens there responsible for it," said Genuardo.

Selectmen Vice Chairman Jonathan Goldman said he's having a time getting to a point where

he is okay with tearing up a Town road.

Lussier said he would retop the pavement from edge to edge. He said that it would be less than 80 feet of road digging and shouldn't take more than a few hours.

He felt that no matter what they do to the road it would be an improvement.

"That road is a disaster," said Lussier.

It was pointed out by Building Inspector Paul D'Amore that he doesn't have anything tangible from them yet on his desk.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins said that he wanted to get more information to make sure that it would be okay to do everything.

"I'm not going to be yes on anything tonight," said Hudgins.

It was ultimately decided that the Selectmen need to get the specifics of what will be done with the road and to get feedback from the Town engineer before they proceed.

The next Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

## Derry

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response time for Southwest Derry.

As part of the committee, Caron said that they were able to outline the different options including for a new substation and the cost for a new public safety facility.

Caron said that under the current conditions a substation would cost about \$6.8 million.

He said that a public safety facility would likely be in the \$40 million range.

"It's a really expensive undertaking," said Caron.

Caron explained that the Alexander Carr property is part of a larger lot and they want to look at a piece of land there adjacent to the drug store on Rockingham Road to place a potential substation.

He said that they would return to the next Council meeting with a resolution asking for a transfer of up to \$10,000

from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund to have a design team look at the site and see if they could place a structure on the site and to see if it would be a safe place to put the station. Caron said if it is feasible they would then look at where the line is for what needs to be used as recreational space and what can be used for the substation.

Either way Caon said that the skate park wouldn't be impacted at all.

Town Councilor Neil Whetherbee asked what the response time would be if they placed a substation in Southwest Derry.

Interim Fire Chief Jim Richardson said that if they placed the substation in that area it would reduce their response time.

"It will definitely get the rest of west Derry in the four to eight minute response time which we are looking for," said Richardson.

Caron also explained that because the projected cost of a public safety

complex would be so much he doesn't think they would be able to build it without going over the tax cap.

Town Council Chairman Jim Morgan said that he thinks a better solution would be to run five substations for now. He said that way if the school district decides to pursue building a new school, taxpayers wouldn't have to pay for both at the same time.

"None of us want to vote to go over the tax cap," said Morgan.

Caron said that he thinks the first step is to build a substation in Southwest Derry to address their response times, and if they are able to rebound with their revenues over the next few years they may be able to build a public safety complex while staying within the tax gap.

He said that they wouldn't need any more staff for the fifth substation, noting that they would move extra staff from the Central Station

to fill in there.

Whetherbee said he thinks they should move forward with looking at the substation more.

Caron said in addition to looking at the substation they can have the designers look at making a plan for the public safety facility, and a fire headquarters.

Morgan said he is supportive of looking at a new substation, just a new Central Station or a Public Safety Complex.

Caron pointed out that they currently don't have many bonds on the books, but it means that they can't rely on bonds coming off the books in order to relieve the tax burden.

Town Councilor Brian Churchillo said it would also be important to know what the schools plan is moving forward so they can fit it in the plan as well.

"That's important to me," said Churchillo.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

**Fred D. Rosenblum**



Fred D. Rosenblum, 75, of Hampstead, NH, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, in his home. He was born in Bronx, NY on Nov. 27, 1946, a son of Murray and Selma (Avrutin) Rosenblum.

He is survived by Ann (Muhlbauer) Rosenblum, his beloved wife of 25 years. He will be missed by his loving family, daughter Meridith and husband William Smith and sons Murray and Decker. He is also survived by Jesse Bartunek and his wife Rachel and Adam Bartunek and his wife Sally and their children Finn and Elie, brother, Carl Rosenblum his wife Nancy; nephew, Nicholas and cousins, Stuart and Ken.

Fred attended New York City public schools, Framingham high school in Massachusetts and Northeastern University. He retired after a long career at Digital Equipment Corporation. Fred was known for his passion for cars and for chatting with everyone he met, even for a few minutes in airports, on planes, and just about everywhere. Jewish people lovingly called this "schmoozing". Another thing about Fred was his total inability to carry a tune. His family loved him dearly anyway. He adored his four grandchildren and will be lovingly missed by them.

Services will be held at a later date in New York. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Chester School Board Gets Update on USDA Reimbursements

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Feb. 2 Chester School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to an update for the Chester Academy Principal Search.

It was announced that on Feb. 8 the Superintendent's Principal Screening Committee would be kicking off the formal search process and reviewing candidates for the position.

Chester School District Superintendent Karen Locke told the Board that the proposed process should conclude and the new Principal for Chester Academy should be announced by March 25.

Also during the meeting the Board got an update regarding school reimburse-

ment rate from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It was explained by Chester School District Business Administrator Sheryl Rich and Food Service Director Leanne Sullivan that on Jan. 7 that the USDA increased the reimbursement rate for school meals by \$.25 cents per lunch.

The USDA made the announcement in a press release saying that the adjustment will help schools continue to provide students with healthy and nutritious meals.

"USDA understands that balancing the pressures of the pandemic with the need to feed children healthy and nutritious meals continue to be a priority for schools across the country," said Agriculture Secretary

Tom Vilsack. The decision will put an estimated \$750 million more into school meal programs across the nation this year, making sure federal reimbursements keep pace with food and operational costs, while ensuring children continue to receive healthy meals at school.

The USDA is also providing up to \$1 billion in Supply Chain Assistance funds for schools to purchase food for their meal programs, \$300 million for states to purchase USDA Foods to distribute to schools, and \$200 million for cooperative agreements to purchase local foods for schools, focusing on historically underused producers.

NH will be receiving \$2,794,943 in Supply Chain Assistance; \$804,244

to purchase USDA Foods; and \$558,989 for cooperative agreements to purchase local foods.

It was also announced during the meeting that the annual School District Election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday,

March 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chester Multi Purpose Room. The Town Election will also be taking place at the same time. There are two School Board positions open which are three year terms. Running for the seats are

Alexandre Nolan Bartels, Jonathan Eckerman, Sabrina N. Harris, and Valerie Weider.

The annual Chester School District meeting is scheduled to take place on March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Chester Academy Cafeteria.

## Warrants

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cast subscribers in the Town of Chester.

### Article 23 - 300th Anniversary

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

### Article 24 - Master Plan

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2019 Town Meeting.

### Article 25 - Winter Road Maintenance Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting and increased at the

2017 Town Meeting for the purpose of plowing, salting, sanding and general winter road maintenance in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed \$105,000.

### Article 26 - Petition Warrant Article: Amend Date of Indigenous Peoples Day

Shall the Town vote to amend celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day to Aug. 9.



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Gymnastics Team Takes First at Londonderry Meet

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Gymnastic team competed in their final competitions before heading into the NHIAA State Championship this coming weekend and finished by taking the top spot against the Lady Lancers, Plymouth and Pelham.

The Lady Astros finished with a team score of 130.4, the Londonderry High School squad took second with 125.95, Pelham High School was third with 114.6 and Plymouth High School finished with a team score of 114.2.

The Pinkerton gymnasts placed in all but one of the events that evening.

In the Vault, the PA squad had sophomore Allie Merrill take first with a score of 8.6. Her teammate, sophomore Sophia Phaneuf, was able to place third with a score of 8.2.

Freshman Sadie Jesmer had a 8.1 and senior Isabelle LeMieux scored an 8.05.

In the Uneven Bars, the Lady Astros took the top two spots. Freshman Abby Lee was first with her exceptional score of 8.9. Sophomore Tina Bjelogrljic had a score of 8.7 to take second in the event. Allie Merrill scored a 7.85 and Michelle McGonigle hit 7.6.

On the Beam, PA had freshman Sadie Jesmer finish with an 8.4 and Allie Merrill get an 8.1. Unfortunately, this was the only event the girls were not able to place in.

In the Floor competition, Tina Bjelogrljic had a score of 8.3 for second place and Allie Merrill scored an 8.2 to grab the third place position.

In All-Around, Pinkerton Academy held the top two places. Allie Merrill was first with her 32.75 and Tina Bjelogrljic was just .15 points behind her, with a 32.6 for second place.

The team will finish the



Astros sophomore Tina Bjelogrljic had a score of 8.7 in the Bars to take second in the event and she also took second in the All-Around. *Photos by Chris Paul*

season this weekend, at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's State Championship on Saturday, Feb. 12, at A2 Gym and Cheer in Salem.



Pinkerton Academy sophomore Allie Merrill took first in the All-Around at the Londonderry meet.

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# Lady Astros Hoops Squad Gets Top Spot in Championship



Astros senior capatain Kristina Packowski has been a force on both ends of the court this season.

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team finished the regular season last week with two more wins and are now heading into the Division I State Championship as the number one seed.

Head coach Lani Buskey and her squad brought their overall record to 16-1 in the final week of the regular season with impressive wins over Trinity and Nashua South High Schools.

In the game against the Pioneers, held at home, on Monday night, Jan. 31, the Lady Astros came away with a convincing 55-41 victory. The evening also served as the team's Senior Night, where the team honored each of the soon-to-be graduates before the game. Seniors Rebecca Farnum, Hailey Frost, Avah Ingalls, Kristina Packowski and

Emma Pollini were all celebrated for their contributions to the team.

In the game, the Pinkerton win was never really in doubt. They led 17-11 to end the first quarter and were ahead 41-18 by the time the half ended.

Buskey's bunch let Trinity back in the game in the second half by scoring just five points in the third and nine in the final period but still came away with the easy win.

Freshman guard Sydney Gerosie led the team with 18-points, six came from outside the arc.

Seniors Ingalls and Packowski had 16- and six-

points. Sophomore guard Liz Lavoie finished with 11-points while forward Alex White had four-points including a three-pointer.

In the final game of the regular season, the team traveled to Nashua South High School, on Saturday, Feb. 5, in a game that was postponed from the night before due to the weather.

The Lady Purple Panthers had only won two games this season and the Astros kept it that way.

The Pinkerton squad led in each of the four quarters for an easy 63-38 road win.

PA started the game with a 13-9 first quarter and by halftime had a 29-17 lead

over South.

The second half had Pinkerton outscoring the Panthers 34-21.

Lavoie had a big game, scoring 23-points to lead the team. Ingalls had 12-points and Packowski and White both had eight-points in the game. Gerosie finished this one with seven-points.

The number one seeded PA team will sit out the first round of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I State Championship and face the winner of the Merrimack vs. Dover game. The Lady Astros will host their Quarter-Final game on Friday night at 7 p.m.

## Astros Wresters Finish Week with Two Wins Two Losses

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling Team had four Dual Meets last week, one on the road against the always-tough Timberlane Owls and one against Manchester Central and then two over the weekend at home during a Tri-Meet to Spaulding and Nashua South.

In that stretch, the Astros

squad suffered a 70-3 loss to the Owls, won 48-0 over Central and 48-36 against Spaulding High School then lost 46-30 to Nashua South High School.

In the Tri-Meet, held at Pinkerton, The team had victories from Cameron McMahon, Anthony Borbone, Mike Follo, Nate Lindquist, Konstantinos Savvas, Mike DeMartino, Jack Mackiernan and Herve Durocher for a 48-36 team

win.

In the loss to South, Pinkerton victories came from McMahon, Sconza, Lindquist, Ryan Gordon and Mackiernan.

They will face Londonderry High School at home on Thursday night for the final Dual Meet of the season then prepare for the NHISS Division I State Championships in Londonderry on Saturday, Feb. 19.

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# Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball Finishes Season at 15-3

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball squad finished the final week of the winter season with two strong wins and a tough loss to the Division I leading Trinity High School.

The Astros will now be heading into the Division I State Championship as the number four seed and are scheduled to start with a First Round game against Londonderry High School on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Pinkerton. The game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

The Astros team started their final week of the regular season with a trip to Manchester and a tough 52-44 loss on the road to the

number one seeded Trinity Pioneers on Monday night, Jan. 31.

The Pioneers were able to control Pinkerton scoring and handed the Astros their lowest offensive scoring game of the season.

Sophomore forward Jackson Marshall led the team in scoring with 16-points and Anthony Chinn had 10-points in the game. Sean Jenkins contributed seven-points, Aiden Kane finished with six-points and Tyrone Chinn had five in the game.

Two nights later, on Wednesday, Feb. 2, the Astros played a make-up game in Hudson against the Alvirne High School squad.

The Broncos came into the game with just six wins

on the season and PA didn't give them their seventh.

The PA bunch came out strong, outscoring Alvirne 23-12 in the first and 12-6 in the second for a commanding 33-18 lead to end the half.

Pinkerton allowed their hosts just 11-points in the second half and scored 31 of their own for the dominating 66-29 victory.

Mashall led the team in scoring again with 20-points with three, three-points made and four rebounds. Kane also had three, three-pointers and finished with 17-points.

Anthony Chin finished with 16-points and 11 rebounds and his brother Tyrone had seven-points.

The Astros Squad finished the regular season with another wide-margin win. This one was at home, on Saturday, Feb. 5, in a game that was suppose to be played the night before, but was cancelled due to the weather.

In that game against the team from Nashua South High School, Pinkerton got its 15th win of the season with a 69-45 win over the Purple Panthers.



Anthony Chinn and his team will head into the state tourney as the number four seed.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Jan. 31



**Cameron McMahon**  
Junior, Wrestling

McMahon wrestles at 120 pounds this season and went 3-1 with three pins on Saturday. His only loss was a 3-1 overtime decision at the Timberlane meet.



**Colby Wong**  
Senior, Bowling

Wong had a great performance on Saturday against Stevens, Coe-Brown, and Merrimack with game scores of 142 and an exceptional 246.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey Squad slipped out of their goal scoring slump and outscored their opponents 8-1 last week.

In the Wednesday night game, on Feb. 2 against Manchester Central-West-Memorial, Pinkerton captured a much-needed 4-0 victory on the road, at the JFK Coliseum.

After a scoreless first period, with just six shots fired on net, the Astros got on the board at 14:19 in the second period, during a power play. Gavin Urnek got his first varsity goal with the assist going to Tylor Pappalardo to lead 1-0. The Astros had 17 shots on the

Manchester goalie in that period.

Three goals were scored in the final period by PA with 22-shots on net.

Bryce Cronin got Pinkerton's second goal from Tylor Pappalardo, at 5:16, just four seconds after a Manchester penalty had expired.

The Astros third goal came at 12:32 on a power play, Gavin Urnek got his second of the night with the assist going to Lorenzo Corsetto.

Another Pinkerton power play goal came at 13:15, Ryan Leighton scored from Patrick Eichen for the 4-0 final.

Astros goalie Damien Carter had 19 saves in the shutout and helped give his

team their fourth win of the season.

The Pinkerton followed that impressive win up with a 4-1 victory over the Windham High School Jaguars at home on Saturday, Feb. 5 in Hooksett.

The Astros got their fifth win of the season despite numerous penalties in the game and were able to maintain the lead throughout the game.

The scoring started quickly in the first period with Pinkerton getting the first goal of the game at :18, Aidan Curran scored, assisted by Tylor Pappalardo.

The second Pinkerton goal came at :50 by Lorenzo Corsetto with another assist going to Pappalardo.

In the second period, the only goal was scored by Andy Sylvain on a power play.

The Astros scored two more unanswered goals in the final period.

Campbell St. Pierre scored at 11:53 from Ryan Leighton on another power

Play and St. Pierre followed that up with an empty netter in the final seconds of the contest.

Carter had 15 saves in the win.

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# Lady Astros Beat Bedford During Senior Night Contest

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey team went through a tough stretch last week, suffering the third and fourth losses of the season, but bounced back on Saturday with a 6-2 over Bedford High School.

In the team's first game of the week, they traveled north to the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin on Monday night, Jan. 31, where they took on the Berlin-Gorham-Kennett high school team and lost 5-2.

The loss gave the Lady Astros their third defeat of the season.

Berlin scored two unanswered goals in the first period to start the contest.

In the second period, Riley Dunn put the Pinkerton side on the board with an assist from Maddie Gibeault.

Molly Fahey scored the only other Astros goal in the game with an assist from Emily Gosselin. And the second period ended with a 3-2 Berlin lead.

In the third, Berlin scores two more unanswered goals for the 5-2 final score.

Two days later, the PA squad suffered a tough 3-2 loss to the team from Oyster River and Portsmouth high schools.

Once again, Riley Dunn got the scoring started for her team with an assist by Hailey Sauer. Period One ended with a 1-0 Pinkerton lead.

The score remained the same through the scoreless second period.

In the game's final period, Oyster River scored two



PA senior captain shoots on the Bedford goalie.

Photos by Chris Paul

goals to take the 2-1 lead.

Dunn scored her second of the night to tie the game at two. She was assisted by Jordyn Gravel-Maher and Maddie Gibeault.

The game remained knotted at two as regulation time ended and the two teams headed onto overtime.

In that extra period, PA was unable to score and Oyster River celebrated the win with goal scored with 47 seconds left in the period.

In the final game of the week, on Saturday, Feb. 5, the Lady Astros began the game by celebrating the efforts of the team's two senior members.

Four year member Molly Fahey and Hailey Sauer were honored with a brief celebration to start the game against Bedford High School.

The Pinkerton girls ended their brief two-game losing skid with a 6-2 that

evening.

The first goal came from Madison Gibeault at 8:48, but the Lady Bulldogs tied the game two minutes later.

Emily Gosselin gave PA a 2-1 lead with about three minutes left in the period.

Fahey gave the team a 3-1 lead at the 4-minute mark in the second with a shot from outside the circle.

Riley Dunn got the final goal of the game for the 6-2 victory.



Riley Dunn had a number of goals last week.

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## DERRY

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

### Winter Bike To Work Day

Join riders from around the world as we brave the elements on International Winter Bike to Work Day on Feb. 11! There will be breakfast specials at The Grind Rail Trail Cafe. Stop by for special "grab & go" items from 8 - 10 a.m. If you are working remote - come work at The Grind and receive a special discount!

### Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all

ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

### Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

### Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

### Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

## CHESTER

### Winter Carnival

On Saturday Feb. 26, A

Winter Carnival will be held at Spring Hill Farm located at 96 Towle Rd., Chester. Winter Activities will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., including: Hot Cocoa Bar, Ice Skating, Kiddie Sledging, Curling Demonstration, Cross County Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Wagon Rides, Winter Olympics. A Chili Cook Off will be held from 4 - 5 p.m., Beans or No Beans, Spicy or Sweet, all ages encouraged to participate anyone can enter anyone can judge. Finally a Bonfire & S'mores making will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Questions contact recreation 603-887-3636-x100 [director@chesternhrec.org](mailto:director@chesternhrec.org)

### Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed for President's Day on Monday, Feb. 21.

### Teen TikTok Extravaganza

Come record some funny TikToks for the Chester Library TikTok account on

Thursday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m., Can't make it? Record a video and email it to [assistedirector@pl@gmail.com](mailto:assistedirector@pl@gmail.com)! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

### Adult Afternoon Book Group

This Chester Library book group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m., to discuss 'The Language of Flowers' by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

### Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) to the Chester Library on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m., and meet other crafters! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

### Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library book group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., to discuss 'The Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moyes. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

### Astrology 101

Let's talk Astrology! This Chester Library workshop

will provide a basic overview of western astrology, including the twelve zodiac signs, the ten traditional planets and the twelve houses of a natal chart on Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. Participants must provide their birth information (date, exact time and location) in order to receive a printed chart. Due to the personalized nature of this program, we are asking for a \$5 non-refundable deposit when you register. Registrations will be at the library circulation desk in person only.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

### Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday,

Feb. 18, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments and masks are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CRO

### Valentine Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9058 from St. Anne's Church will be offering a Valentine themed dinner featuring 'Surf and Turf'. The date is Friday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., held in the church basement, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead, NH. The proceeds will primarily benefit Birthright, Derry, NH as well as other Knights of Columbus charities. In lieu of a set cost, we ask that you please plan to donate that evening by cash or check. Reservations only, space is limited. Please book as soon as possible by contacting Phil Santoro (603) 489-1097.

### Valentine Crafts

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thing elementary school-aged children need to make a heart garland, or a heart crown, or friendship bracelets to share with a friend. Pipe cleaners, beads, and ideas to get started are included. There is also a different Adult Heart Craft-to-Go Kit available on Feb. 11. Each kit contains the materials needed to make a thumbprint keepsake magnet. If you cannot make it to the Library on Friday, call and ask a librarian to put aside a kit for you.

## Teen Art Night

This event is open to all middle and high school students on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. The Library supplies materials, participants only need to bring their creativity and ideas. Participants are free to bring a project they've been working on or start something new. Masks are required for this event.

## Tutu Tuesday

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 the Hampstead Public Library marks the day with crafty fun. Pick up a kit to make a tutu for a favorite small or medium-sized stuffed animal.

## Nonfiction Discussion

The Hampstead library Nonfiction Book Club discusses *The Liberation of Paris: How Eisenhower, de Gaulle and von Choltitz Saved the City of Light* by Jean Edward Smith on Tuesday, March 1 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This book tells the dramatic story of the Allied decision in World War II to divert from the strategic plan in order to save Paris.

## Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at [Yzhanglai@comcast.net](mailto:Yzhanglai@comcast.net) to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

## Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from

4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

## Make Valentine Treats

Impress someone you love, including yourself, with special Valentine baking. The Hampstead Public Library has Cake Pans that cardholders can borrow for the occasion. There is a large Nordic Ware decorative heart cake pan, a heart tartlette pan, a six hearts cookie/cake pan, and a one-dozen hearts cookie/cake pan. These are part of the Library's more than 40-pan collection, which can be reserved via the catalog on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411 and ask a librarian.

## Loon Presentation

A virtual event held by the Hampstead Library on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Often seen as a symbol of the northern wilderness, many lake-goers enjoy watching loons swim and raise their young. This presentation focuses on the biology and life history of loons, the threats they face, and the work that the Loon Preservation Committee has performed since 1975 to help recover this threatened population. The presenter is Caroline Hughes from the NH Loon Preservation Committee. Advance registration is required via the Events Calendar link on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org), or call 603-329-6411.

## Borrow Snowshoes

The Hampstead Public Library added snowshoes and snow molds to its collection. Cardholders can borrow snowshoes and walk around the StoryWalk®. Take them home and walk around their yard or visit the Hampstead Conservation Trails. There are three sizes available. The Library also has snow mold toys available. Make snow ducks, hearts, snowmen, and penguins with the snow-molds. It's a fun way to decorate a yard and play with snow! These items can be

reserved via the catalog on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org) or call 603-329-6411 and speak to a librarian.

## Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead). If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag, brick, or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

## Bridge Club

At Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

## SANDOWN

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Join Sandown Library on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., upstairs at the Sandown Town Hall to give the gift of life. Appointments are necessary and can be made at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) using the sponsor code, Sandown Community.

## Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun at the Sandown Library and play a latest edition of a popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 1 - 2 p.m. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program.

## "Fill The Truck"

Please join the Sandown Lions to fill the truck at the Sandown Town Hall on Saturday Feb. 12, with a snow date of the Sunday Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The weekend Power Pack program sends a special backpack of food with students on Fridays. Common nutritional foods in a weekend pack include: Proteins (tuna fish, beef stew, peanut butter) fruit (canned), breakfast items (cereal, cereal bars) and snacks. You can also find a box at the OBP Barber Shop in Sandown. And if you don't have time to go shopping, no problem! The Sandown Lions can do the shopping for you. Find us on Facebook Lions Club of Sandown NH or email us with questions that you may have at [sandownlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:sandownlionsclub@gmail.com)

## Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

## Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

## A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it

could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

## Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

## Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

## PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

## Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

## Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading,

rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

## Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

## PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

## Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.



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