

Hampstead School Board Gives Approval For School Calendar

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD – With a few more months left in the school year the Hampstead School Board discussed the proposed calendar for the next school year during the latest Hampstead School Board meeting.

Presenting two proposed calendars to the Board was Nicole Tomaselli, Director of the 21st Century Learning, Assessment, and Technology.

“Draft A involves a pre Labor Day student start,” said Tomaselli. It would

mean that the first day of school would be Aug. 30 and the last day of school would be June 16.

She said that “Draft B” would mean that the students would go back to school after Labor Day. Under the calendar the last day of school would be June 21.

Tomaselli said if they had snow days that weren’t remote learning days then it could push back the last day of school.

One of the things that was pointed out by Tomaselli is that they have eight early release days spread throughout the

calendar for professional development. She said that they had early release days for professional development a few years ago.

“As we’re seeing more mandatory trainings required of our staff, of all staff including bus drivers, lunch room staff, paraprofessionals, professional teaching staff anyone who interacts with students is required to do a number of mandatory trainings per the DOE, and we’re finding it difficult to fit all of that in given the contractual schedule,” said Tomaselli.

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Sandown Selectmen Reject Waste Management Increase

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SANDOWN – During the Feb. 14 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting Pete Lachapelle from Waste Management made a presentation asking that the Town provide Waste Management a five percent increase for one year for their disposal services.

He explained that they have seen an increase in costs because of labor challenges, supply chain disruptions, and an increased volume of trash at peoples homes.

Lachapelle said that when the Town and Waste Management negotiated the contract a few years ago neither side could anticipate what was going to happen because of the pandemic.

“That’s why we’re here tonight asking,” said Lachapelle.

One question that was asked was when they signed the contract.

Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said that it was signed in August of 2020.

Lachapelle said that he is asking the Selectmen to approve the increase now so when the next contract is negotiated the blow from the increases would be a little bit less. He said that when they go to negotiate the contract with Waste Management or go out to bid they are very likely to see large increases compared to their current rates.

“That’s why I am here today,” said Lachapelle.

Selectmen Jonathan Goldman said that in 2020 no one came to them and

said they were going to give the Town money back when things were going well.

“No one came to us and said times are good, we’re going to give you money back,” said Goldman.

He also noted that every sector is dealing with the same problems that Waste Management is dealing with.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins said that if they heard it before Deliberative the conversation may be different but said it’s hard to add something to the budget before it is voted on.

“This isn’t factored in,” said Hudgins.

Lachapelle said that he is going to other towns to let them know that they are going to see increases as

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Cold Curlers Chester Troop 163 Boy Scout members Zach Devlin and Derek Moniz were on hand at the Spring Hill Farm Winter Carnival on Saturday to demonstrate the sport of curling. Curling was just one of many activities available at the event. See more photos page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Starbucks Plan Presented to Derry Planning Board

TEDDY TAUSCHER
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – At a recent Derry Planning Board meeting the designs for a new Starbucks in town were presented and mulled over.

The Starbucks will be built at the current location of the Blue Seal Feeds store, which is located in

the commercial district in Derry.

The Starbucks will have a drive through, a feature which has prompted concerns among those whose properties abut the location. Some property owners worry that the light from cars going through the drive-through will cause a disturbance. However this has been rectified

according to the engineer presenting the project, by an adjustment to the plan, which will add shrubbery to block the light.

The regional impact session of the meeting was skipped as the plan had already been deemed to not have any regional impact. According to the New Hampshire Municipal

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Derry's March 8 Election Will Pick Three Town Councilors

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - On March 8 residents of the town of Derry will be voting on a number warrant articles and a few contested races.

Candidates for the Town Election

Town Councilor at Large has one seat available for a three-year term.

Douglas Flood and David Love are the candidates

Town Councilor for District 2, one seat available for a three-year term and Charlie Foote (incumbent) is the only one running.

For Councilor of District 4, one seat available for a three-year term with Brian Chirichiello (incumbent) and Nick Sands running.

The Derry Public Library Trustee has two seats, with Victoria Austin, Elizabeth Greenberg and Caitlin Powers running.

The six-year Supervisor of the Checklist opening has Judy Strakalaitis, Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien and Maria Toledo running.

The one, three-year Taylor Library Trustee seat has Lynne H. Townsend and Raymond Fontaine running.

The one, two-year Taylor Library Trustee seat has Angel Fontaine running.

The one, one-year Taylor Library Trustee seat has Samantha Hamlin running.

For Town Clerk, Daniel Healey is running for the three-year opening.

The two-year Town Moderator position has Tina Guilford on the ballot.

The one, three-year Trustee of the Trust Funds seat has Craig Cunningham running.

There is also a non-binding question on the ballot this year. Are you in

favor of legalizing recreational cannabis (marijuana) in New Hampshire?

School Ballot

On the School Ballot there are 11 candidates running for one of three, three-year School Board seats. They are: David Clapp; Jonathan Dugan; Daniel Ferrarini; Elizabeth LaFauci; Brian Pennell; Lynn Perkins; Stephen Schaefer; Butch Timpe; Maria Toledo; Richard Tripp; and Brenda Willis.

There are also warrant articles to vote on.

Article 2: The School District Operating Budget.

The operating budget has been set at \$94,252,087. If the article fails, the 2022-23 default budget will be \$94,354,540.

Article 3: Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Association. Estimated increase of \$1,052,136 in 2022-23; 1,072,710 in 2023-24; and \$1,090,590 in 2024-25.

Article 4: Special meeting cost item if Article 3 fails.

Article 5: Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Derry School Board and the Federation

of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801. Estimated increase of \$268,937 in 2022-23 and \$189,002 in 2023-24.

Article 6: Special meeting cost item if Article 5 fails.

Article 7: Allow 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 allowing the Charter School to finance the construction of improvements to the leased space.

Sandown Board of Selectmen Approves Underground Utility Request

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen heard from Phil Lussier, the owner of a property on Lakeside during their Jan. 24 meeting.

During the meeting Lussier explained that he was requesting place septic, water and utilities under Lakeside Drive.

Lussier explained 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 Lussier 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.

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

During the Feb. 14 meeting Lussier came back to the Board of Selectmen with his request.

Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said that Town Engineer Steve Keach said that he had spoken to Lussier and

Town Building Inspector Paul D'Amore about it.

Lussier said that Keach told him that he wasn't in favor of cutting up the road at first.

After telling Keach that he would pave the whole space that they dug up, Lussier said that Keach

was okay with it.

D'Amore said that he wouldn't be able to let him cross the road without the Board of Selectmen's approval which is what the hold up was and the reason why Lussier had to go to them. Otherwise he was able to give Lussier an occu-

pancy permit for the living space above the garage.

One of the things that was brought up was having a performance guarantee attached to it which Lussier agreed to.

With a vote of 3-1 the Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the request.

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She said they also need the time to get together as professionals to "advance our instructional practices, to review best practice, to look at current research, to review our curriculum and in some cases make alignment decisions."

One of the concerns brought up was the number of early release days which could be difficult for working parents.

"There are a lot of working parents out there

that might struggle with having childcare for their students on all those early release days," said school board member Jason Giard.

Tomaselli said that as a parent she understands that but noted that Pinkerton's schedule mirrors theirs when it comes to the early release days.

She said that she talked to Pinkerton to see about possibly having the older kids come to Hampstead to do different activities with the students.

"I absolutely would

like to have things planned for families to have options," said Tomaselli.

Under both calendars the winter break would be Feb. 27 to March 3 and for spring break it would be April 24 to April 28.

The School Board ultimately approved the first reading for Draft A with a 4-1 vote. The Board will need to vote in favor of it again at their next meeting in order for it to be approved.

The next Hampstead School Board meeting is slated for March 22 at 7 p.m.

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Planning Board Gives Conditional Approval For Wood Processing Operation

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CHESTER - During the Feb. 23 Chester Planning Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a site plan review application for 359 Chester Street. The property is owned by Kevin and Annette Scott.

Scott explained that he was in front of the Planning Board in order to get permission for Glenn Gawrys to continue his firewood processing operation on the site. He explained that the operation is on an acre of land on top of the hill of the prop-

erty next to the cell tower. He explained that on Oct. 25 he was notified by the building inspector that they were in violation of the zoning ordinance.

"At the time Glenn Gawrys was indeed receiving loads of logs, cutting it into stove length, splitting it and storing piles of wood on this property," Scott wrote in his application. "18 years on the Chester ZBA and I did not realize that this was not permitted."

Scott said that he was approved by the ZBA for a special exception with the conditions that they have a site plan review with the Planning Board and that

NHDOT reviews the existing driveway permit.

It was explained by Scott that they don't do more than 250 cords of wood there a year and that aside from Gawrys there are only two or three helpers that work with him when he needs the help. He said that they were described as part-time employees.

Scott also noted that there wouldn't be bulk storage of fuel on the site.

One question asked was how close the closest property is aside from the cell tower. Scott said it is over 2,000 feet away.

Scott said that Gawrys

hasn't been operating for six weeks after being told to shut down by the building inspector.

One of the conditions that was discussed was in regards to the hours of operation. Originally Scott asked that they be allowed

to operate during daylight hours but Selectmen liaison Chuck Myette said that most of the time for commercial businesses it is a timeframe.

After some discussion it was decided that they would put a condition on it

that the hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for processing of the wood and for deliveries it would be until sunset.

The board unanimously approved granting conditional approval.

Chester School Board Members Approve New COVID Policies

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester School Board approved the new COVID-19 management plan during their meeting on Feb. 24.

"This plan replaces the previous Return to School Plan adopted by the School Board on February 2, 2022," Superintendent Sharon Locke wrote in an email following the meeting. "The goal of this plan is to align our plan with new guidance from the NH DOE and DPHS. This plan aims to minimize transmission risk at Chester Academy and will be in place for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year."

One of the major changes to the plan is that masks will now be optional except for certain exceptions.

One of those exceptions include school buses,

until the CDC requirements for public transportation changes.

Another scenario where masks will be required is to shorten isolation and quarantine from 10 days to 5.

The new plan also spells out that the guidelines could change if there is a surge.

"Chester Academy will continue to follow the guidelines of the NH DPHS and the directives of the DOE regarding mask policies for any future COVID surges," the plan states.

In the new plan one of the things that it lays out is in regards to checking for symptoms.

"Daily monitoring of wellness and symptoms and keeping sick students/staff home from school when they are sick will continue to play a huge role in keeping our students healthy," the plan

states.

Locke in her email noted that physical distancing will no longer be required, and students will return to having lunch in the cafeteria.

Rapid Antigen COVID testing will also be continued to be administered as available for "students who develop symptoms at school who have a permission form on file."

Locke also said that they are going to continue to communicate COVID issues as they arise.

"As we transition to this COVID management phase, we will communicate COVID related issues as the need arises rather than with scheduled weekly or daily messages," said Locke.

The next Chester School Board meeting is slated to take place on March 9 at 7 p.m.

Sandown Garden Club Holds Spring Open House

It's that time of year, when everyone is tired of winter, cabin fever and pandemic fatigue. We all long to get outside, enjoy some sun and spend time in our gardens that have been waiting to come back to life. To get a jump start on the season, the Sandown Garden Club is once again holding its Spring Open House. The public is invited to join club members on Monday, March 7th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Ed Garvey Recreation Center on Pheasant Run Drive. Visitors can enjoy refreshments, enter to win a door prize, meet current members, learn about the club's upcoming programs and activities and view a variety of demonstration and informative table displays.

The exhibits will include tips on seed starting, how to build birdhouses, the story of the certified Monarch Waystation and Pollinator Garden, using native plants in your garden to benefit pollinators, conservation in Sandown and a preview of the club's annual Plant Sale. One may pick free literature on topics such as soil testing, proper mulching, herb and vegetable growing, invasive species, growing perennials, planting for pollinators and using native plants. Club members will gladly show you around and answer questions.

The Sandown Garden Club is a great resource for both experienced and novice gardeners. For the experienced, one can enjoy

sharing one's knowledge and taking part in club activities, field trips and community events. For those just getting started, the club is a great way to interact with other gardeners, gain knowledge and hands on learning. For everyone, the club offers a way to meet new people, make friends and get involved in the community. The Sandown Garden Club is a volunteer, non-profit organization which meets on the first Monday of the month from March to November. New members are always welcome. For more information on membership and upcoming events, be sure to visit the website: www.sandowngardenclub.org and see us on Facebook.

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Editorial

Be Prepared to Vote on March 8

Election Day for most towns in the state is March 8. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

Local Elections results affect everybody in town; the money being sought after is your tax money, and you have the right to have a say in where it goes. This is your town, and your views make a difference, but only if you vote.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, that your vote has far more impact in the local government elections than it ever will on the state or federal level.

In countries across much of the world people take to the streets and literally risk death to demand free elections and the right to have a say in their government. They look to the United States as an example of how government by the people works.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for funding for other items. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook - Can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or will cost much more later on?

Staying home is easy, but taking the time to cast an informed vote is what a democratic country expects of its citizens. If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. Your vote shouldn't be swayed by the vote of the town

council or the budget committee. Your vote should also not be influenced the views of your neighbors. The vote is yours and you must vote on what is true to you, so choose wisely and educate yourself. In the local papers, there are bios of the candidates that run, sample ballots are printed, and the website of your town should have sample ballots posted.

We let ourselves and everyone else down when we ignore local elections. If you fail to vote and find yourselves taxed out of your home and represented by people who embarrass or upset you, complaining after the election will not help.

How about union contracts? Most contracts are for two to five years and add a dollar amount for each of those years it is in effect. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year because you won't be asked to vote on it in future years; the money will be added to the overall budget each year and will be part of your future tax bill. When a warrant article states that there is no tax impact that may not be true for future years.

Please educate yourselves and understand the complete picture, the choice is yours. Each article has pros and cons. In addition, many have long-term implications that affect your wallet every year. It pays to listen and understand both sides' citizens and local governments.

Many people pride themselves on their patriotism. There is no better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 8.

Letters

Vote YES on Article 2

To the editor,

I grew up in Hampstead, attending both the Hampstead Central and Middle Schools. After college, my wife and I purchased my childhood home from my parents. We saw the value of a good school system and enjoyed the great community feel of my hometown.

I was fortunate enough to have attended Hampstead schools at a time when the community saw the need to update the existing infrastructure. Though I was too young to understand politics, I now think about the people who voted YES to putting the best interests of the town's children first when the student population was growing. I'm sure some voted YES although they didn't have children that would benefit directly. Now, we have come full circle. Our Central School is in desperate need of updating and our student population is back on the rise.

Even though both of my children attend Hampstead Middle School, I see the value of the plan for the entire town. Article 2 creates taxpayer value with an ROI for the town through lower operating costs and the ability to bring more kids back into the building. This will also create more revenue opportunities for the future. This current plan costs less than \$34 per month per household on average.

Article 2 will solve forecasted population growth needs for 30+ years and create a safe, healthy, secure learning environment that will benefit our community for many years

to come. I urge you to vote YES on Article 2 March 8th.

Steve Morse
East Hampstead

Vote YES on Firehouse Renovation; NO on Central School addition

To the editor,

On March 8th, Hampstead voters have a clear choice between two big ticket items in the Town and School Warrants:

1. the Firehouse Renovation at a one-time cost of \$1,495,793 and
2. the perennial Central School Addition, payable over 10 years at an approximate cost of \$13,189,925 (the Board has not disclosed the total cost.)

Regardless of cost, the Firehouse Renovation wins hands down because it is way overdue. The first proposal in 2001 was set aside to allow the replacement of the Police Station. After the Police Station was inaugurated in 2013, the Central School Addition has dominated the discussion.

The Firehouse Renovation is a no-brainer. The addition of a 24-hours/day Emergency Response unit requires living quarters for two firefighters and two ambulance personnel (including a paramedic). Additionally, a new personnel decontamination area; isolated storage for protective clothing; and renovated administrative offices - all sorely needed improvements - will be included in the \$1,495,793 cost.

This "once-and-done" expenditure will be a ONE-YEAR tax expense of approximately \$336 for

a house valued at \$300.00.

By contrast, the proposed \$13,189,925 (\$12,595,000 plus estimated 10-year interest), Central School Addition, would add about \$300 PER YEAR for 10 years to the same \$300,000 house.

But cost is not the only reason you should defeat the Central School Bond. The lack of space that the board so vehemently claims is self-inflicted. This is why.

When Dillard Collins and the Board decided to add Kindergarten to the curriculum back in 2008, they had a choice: build new instructional space or renovate existing space. In either case, the State would pay up to 100% of the cost (RSA198:15-r).

What did Collins decide? He chose to displace the 3rd Grade from the lower floor of the 1960's wing and renovate those four classrooms.

I asked him point blank why he was doing it. He replied "Don't worry, Jorge, we have the space to accommodate 3rd grade."

But by 2010, he was crying that Central School "was out of classroom space."

And so it was that a new Facilities Needs Committee was formed "to solve the space problems of Central School." We've paid handsomely for all kinds of architectural designs and management firms in the intervening years: look in the archives.

Surely, Central School needs renovations: new septic, a separate cafeteria, music room, additional classrooms but never the over-the-top, stand-alone

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Winter Carnival Held at Chester's Spring Hill Farm



The grounds of Chester's Spring Hill Farm was the site of a Winter Carnival on Saturday with lots of fun activities for families to enjoy. The event was sponsored by the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee and the Recreation Commission with a bonfire sponsored by the 300th Anniversary Commission. Events included hay rides, a hot cocoa Bar, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Snowshoeing, a Chili Cook Off and Winter Olympic games.

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Letters

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Cafeteria/Community Room that Karen Yasenka offered to the Seniors - with separate, level entrance! - as bait to have them vote for the project.

But she is gone. Let's forget those grandiose plans and, instead, reconsider the reasonable 2014 Breadloaf two-story plans that closed the courtyard, provided classrooms/cafe-teria/music, an elevator plus maintenance space in the basement.

For now, let's forget about this year's Central School proposal and revisit the extensive library of "dead" projects. Won't cost us anything: those are already paid for.

On March 8, vote YES on the FIREHOUSE and NO on the HCS addition.

Jorge Mesa-Tejada
Hampstead

Vote this Down

To the editor,
The DCSD school board has a warrant article for taxpayers to approve the proposed DEA teacher's contract. This proposed teacher's contract will be increasing the tax rate by 30 cents this year, 60 cents next year, and 90

cents the following year relative to the current tax rate.

2. In the current contract, a teacher has to have perfect attendance to get the attendance bonus. In the proposed contract, they get an attendance bonus even if they use some but not all of their sick time. And when they leave the district, we pay them for their unused sick time so they get paid twice! Where is the cost benefit analysis showing how this change is good for the Derry taxpayer?

2. We already pay for a teacher's tuition to get an advance degree. Having done so, we also pay a higher salary if they get a certain number of credits toward a higher degree. In the proposed contract, we are now going to pay \$2500 toward their loan yet there is no requirement to remain in the school district for a set number of years after getting this loan repayment.

3. The school board's report says the proposed DEA teacher's contract represents a 3.6% increase. I do not see it that way. Teachers will get a 5.5% increase the first year and a 5.7% increase the following two years if in step 2 through 14. If moving to step 15, it is anywhere

from a 6.35% to 7.6% pay increase. If a teacher is on the last step, they will get a 2% pay increase PLUS a \$2400 longevity pay bonus (approximately 2% of salary) after 15 years and a \$3000 after 20 years (approximately 3% of salary).

Meanwhile, the current school board and previous school boards have not kept up with the building maintenance. We have a new facility study report indicating that 4 out of our 9 school district buildings are in the red which means in need of major repair. We do not yet know what this will cost the district or how it will be paid for.

This school board has to do a better job explaining this contract to the Derry taxpayer. This proposed contract should only be considered in conjunction with the new facility study report recommendations so the Derry taxpayer knows what the costs will truly be for the next 3 years. This facility study report has not yet been finalized and therefore, I urge a NO vote on this warrant article.

Bruce Kling
Derry

Running for Supervisor of the Checklist

To the editor,
I'm running for Supervisor of the Checklist to serve Derry and I'd be honored to have your vote on March 8. I'm currently serving a third term in the NH house of representatives, and my second term on the Election Law Committee. Trust in elections is

central to the ability of our ability to function as a society. That's why I was proud to co-sponsor HB 285 last year. This bill requires the DMV to notify local officials of address changes, different state and local agencies to communicate better regarding death notices and similar names and enhances communication between local officials and the Attorney General to address possible fraud.

It's very important for people to trust their elected election officials are working hard on their behalf not only to get the work done, they must know that they are committed to treating all people exactly the same under the law, regardless of political affiliation or any other affiliation. I will do that.

My interest in election law began in 2016 when I was part of a group of residents that requested an investigation into the 2016 primary election in Derry by the Secretary of State and Attorney General's office. They concluded that many state election laws were violated and in an unprecedented move, election observers from those offices were installed at each polling place in the 2016 General Election in Derry.

I was twice elected a library trustee, served as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was a long time assistant Girl Scout Leader, served on a Juvenile Diversion panel at The Upper Room, led a Great Books Foundation Book Discussion Group that met at the Derry Public Library, and currently lead the

Derry Republican Town Committee group that regularly volunteers at Sonshine Soup Kitchen.

Sincerely,
Katherine Prudhomme
O'Brien
Derry

Chester's State Representative District

To the editor,

It is NH Constitution that a town of our size can have their own State Representative. Last year Chester citizens signed petitions to get a warrant article on the 2021 town meeting agenda. It was passed universally. Currently we are a district with Auburn, Chester and Sandown. We have 5 Representatives for this

district (Rockingham District 4). Chester Selectman informed our five Representative of the result of the voters of the Chester town meeting. Everybody wanted our own Representation. We attended hearings on this subject with the State at the Rockingham Courthouse. As of the latest maps the legislature has put Chester in with Fremont. They have Sandown as a sole district. They have Auburn in with Candia and Deerfield. We have no responses from our current legislators None at all. The Reps are ignoring the Constitution and the voters and are running away from the voters of Chester.

Russ Norman
Chester

OBITUARY

Michael W. Bennett



Michael W. Bennett, 64, of Derry, NH, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry following a brief illness. He was born in Arlington, MA on Oct. 12, 1957, a son of Francis and Marilyn (Warren) Bennett. He had been a resident of Derry for the past 8 years, formerly living in Hudson, NH.

Mike, also known as "Benny", joined the Londonderry Police Department in 1980 as a patrol officer and would later go on to serve as a Juvenile Officer, Police Prosecutor, Detective, Acting Sergeant, and as a Patrol Lieutenant until his retirement in 2006. He will be remembered by the department for his attention to detail, hearty belly laugh, and dependability. Mike was an avid golfer and loved to fish and spend time with his family and friends at Halfmoon Lake. He enjoyed playing poker and pool and was a member of the American Legion in Londonderry. Mike was especially proud of his new grandson, Maverick, and took great pleasure in spoiling him.

In addition to his parents of Arlington, MA; he is survived by his daughter, Sherri Bennett of Nashua, NH; his grandson, Maverick Michael Haas of Nashua; two brothers, Thomas Bennett of Barnstead, NH, and Daniel Bennett and husband William Purcell of Middleborough, MA; his sister, Paula Warren and husband Brian Warren of Woburn, MA; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Feb. 24 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Maverick Haas Educational Donations, C/O Londonderry Police Department, Attn: Sgt. Ryan Buker, 268A Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. Please make checks payable to "LPA" and put "Lt. Bennett" in the MEMO. All monies received will be given to Mike's daughter Sherri to establish a higher education fund for Maverick.

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Hampstead Voters Will Decide on Three Contested Races March 8

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - On March 8 Hampstead residents will be casting their votes for a number of contested positions in town.

This is a brief list of what voters will see on the Town and School Ballots.

Selectman

There are two, three-years seats available and three candidates running.

Joe Guthrie,
Laurie Warnock
Lewis Eaton III.

Planning Board

There are two, three-years seats available and three candidates running.

Robert Villella
Robert Weimar
Ryan C. Gray

Library Trustee

There are two, three-years seats available and three candidates running.

Robert O'Brien
Veronica Shelly
Kristina L. Durocher

There are also a number of non-contested races on the Town Ballot

Moderator: Neil Rear-
don

Trustee of the Cemeter-
ies: Stephen Wentworth

Budget Committee:
Lilli Walsh

Supervisor of the
Checklist: Angeline
Gorham

Trustee of the Trust
Funds (three-year term):
Maria Kuhl

Trustee of the Trust
Funds (two-year term):

Kristina George

Article 5: Town Budget
of \$8,118,812.

Article 6: Addition and
Renovation of the Fire Sta-
tion with a cost of
\$1,745,793.

Article 7: Establish a
Building Capital Improve-
ment Capital Reserve
Fund.

Article 8: Allowing
Selectman to sell Town's
interest in leasing land at
Kent Farm Transfer Sta-
tion.

Article 9: Appropriat-
ing \$15,000 for a Town
Forest Maintenance
Account.

Article 10: Placing
Conservation Easements
on a number of properties
in town.

Locations: Three back-
lots at Stony Ridge/Free-
dom Hill area Stony
Ridge/Freedom Hill area;
Squire Ridge Road (partial
wetland area); and Main
Street (abuts cedar
swamp).

Article 11: To raise and
appropriate \$10,000 to be
placed in the existing
Building Repairs and
Maintenance Expendable
Trust Fund.

Article 12: To raise and
appropriate \$10,000 to be
placed in the existing
Hampstead Public Library
Building Maintenance
Non-Capital Reserve
Fund.

Article 13: To raise and
appropriate \$6,800 for
Rockingham County Com-
munity Action.

Article 14: To raise and
appropriate \$17,142 for
CART.

Article 15: To raise and
appropriate \$500 for
CASA.

Article 16: To see if the
Town will instruct the
Selectmen and our State

Representative to
request the New Hamp-
shire State Government to
consider amending the
State Statutes and allow a
town to freeze the school
portion of town property
tax for property owners
over that age of 65 years.
By doing so it will keep
the future school portion
of the property tax payable
by a property owner, to
that applicable at the age
of 65 years.

This will eliminate
escalation of the school
portion of taxes for those
on fixed incomes. This is
similar to other municipal-
ities in the USA. (By peti-
tion)

Article 17: To see if the
Town will vote under the
provisions of RSA 669:17
to change the Zoning
Board of Adjustment from
appointed positions to
elected positions. ZBA
members are currently
appointed by the Board of
Selectmen- this article
seeks to make ZBA mem-
bers elected by residents
of Hampstead. (By peti-
tion).

School Ballot

School Board: Dr.
Karl Hubner is running for
the one-year seat

David Smith is running
for the three-year seat

Article 1: To raise and
appropriate \$12,595,000

for the Hampstead Central
School Addition Project
and authorize the issuance
of not more than
\$12,595,000 of bonds or
notes under and in compli-
ance with the provisions of
the Municipal Finance Act
(RSA 33); to authorize the

School Board to issue,
negotiate, sell, and deliver
such bonds or notes and to
determine the rate of inter-
est thereon and the maturi-
ty and other terms thereof;
to authorize the School
Board to apply for, obtain,
accept and expend any fed-
eral, state, or other aid that
may be available for said
project and to comply with
all laws applicable to said
project; and to authorize
the School Board to take
any and all action neces-
sary in connection there-
with or to pass any other
vote relative thereto; and
further to raise and appro-
priate an additional sum of
\$314,875 for the first
year's interest payment on
the bond? (3/5 ballot vote
required)

Article 3: To raise and
appropriate an operating
budget, totaling
\$31,671,796. Should this
article be defeated, the
operating budget shall be
\$31,972,403, which is the
same as last year.

Article 4: Capital
Reserve Fund: Raise and
appropriate up to \$500,000
to be placed in the School
Renovation, Reconstruc-
tion and Capital Improve-
ment Capital Reserve Fund
established in 2006.

Article 5: Hampstead
Central School Lot Line

Adjustment: Raise and
appropriate \$17,738 for the
acquisition of approxi-
mately 3,434 sq. ft. +/- of
land abutting the Hamp-
stead Central School and to
approve the Purchase and
Sale Agreement dated Jan-
uary 10, 2022, between the
District with the Owners of
said land in order to com-

plete a Lot Line Adjust-
ment for Hampstead Cen-
tral School with property
located at 13 Emerson
Avenue (Tax Map 7, Lot
51) for the purposes of
resolving an existing
encroachment of vehicular
traffic and utilities by the
School.

OBITUARY

Esther L. Milton



Esther L. Milton, 86, of Derry, NH peacefully passed away Friday Feb. 18, 2022, in her residence surrounded by her family. She was born June 18, 1935, in Boston, MA, a daughter of the late Gordon Bovaird and Cecelia J. (Nadeau) Hinman. Esther was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt, cousin and friend.

Esther loved the ocean especially Rye State Park, NH. She enjoyed camping and taking day trips up to the White Mountains of NH. She was an avid Red Sox fan, her favorite food was Italian food. Esther loved the outdoors and she cherished hand picked flowers especially daisies; she was happy to get other hand picked flowers from everyone's yard, even a stranger's.

Esther loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren beyond measure. She loved all of her family and if anyone needed a mother's love she did her best to give that love to them. She always said, "Family first, celebrate everything."

Esther is survived by her sons, Steven A. Milton, and Albert J. Milton; her daughters, Kathleen L. Dionne, and Tracy Ann Tebo; her six grandchildren, Brandy, Jessica, Devin, Nicholas, Shawn, Felicia and her seven great grandchildren.

Esther has reunited with her brothers, Robert G. Bovaird, James J. Bovaird, William S. Bovaird, and Paul R. Bovaird; and her sisters, Louise B. O'Brien, Kathleen M. Noe, Gertrude J. Foley, Elizabeth Bovaird, Carol A. Hinman and many more family members and friends.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held privately by the family at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Home & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sandown Residents Have Town 15 Articles on Town Ballot

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The residents of Sandown will be heading to the polls to vote on March 8 at the Town Hall. Although there are not many contested races, there are a number of warrant articles that will have a bearing on the town tax rate.

For Selectman, incumbents Eric Olsen and Tom Tomarello will be running unopposed for their three-year seats.

For Planning Board's three-year seat, John White is the only name on the ballot. Nobody filed for the one-year seat.

For Chief of Police, Joe Gordon is looking to be re-elected. He is also unopposed.

Kevin Major is looking to be re-elected as the Town Moderator.

In the only contested

race, Lisa Butler and Diane Thompson are looking to be elected as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Fire Engineers: David Farrar and Mark Van Auker are up for two, three-year spots.

Carroll Bassett is looking to be re-elected to his three-year sea as Cemetery Trustee.

Library Trustee: Carol Busby and Carol Fournier are running.

For the Budget Committee's one-year seat, Stephen Brown and Ben Sharpe are on the ballot.

Arlene Bassett will be looking for a three-year seat as Trustee of the Trust Fund.

Article 2: To raise \$4,924,224 for the town's Operating Budget. If this fails, the default budget will be \$4,709,135.

Article 3: To raise \$162,044 for the Road

Improvement programs.

Special Article 4: To raise \$547,500 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Article 5: To raise \$150,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Article 6: To raise \$10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 7: To raise \$54,000 for a per diem firefighter and/or EMT with no benefits.

Article 8: To raise \$10,000 for the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve fund.

Article 9: To raise \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 10: To raise \$28,245 for treatment aquatic invasive plants in Phillips Pond.

Article 11: To create a

Phillips Pond Expandable Trust Fund with \$500.

Article 12: To raise \$7,500 to be added to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 13: To raise \$50,000 to be added to the Plowing Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 14: To raise \$8,000 to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 15: To raise \$4,500 for fireworks with a date to be determined by Selectmen.

School Ballot

School Board: Steven Maglio and Mark Sherwood are running for the one, three-year seat.

Budget Committee: Sierra M. Dolce is looking to take the one, three-year seat.

Article 2: Timberlane Regional School District Operating Budget of \$75,753,607.

If defeated the Default Operating Budget will be \$76,300,383 (last year's budget).

Article 3: One year Collective Bargaining Agreement of \$135,552 for Timberlane Administrative Assistants/Secretaries and Skilled Maintenance Union.

Article 4: Authorization of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 3 is defeated.

Article 5: Three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Timberlane Custodians Union of \$137,283 in first year; \$99,146 in second and \$119,050 in third year for a total of \$355,479.

Article 6: Authorization of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 5 is defeated.

Article 7: Three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Timberlane Food Service Workers Union of \$40,887 in first

year; \$26,464 in second and \$33,450 in third year for a total of \$100,801.

Article 8: Authorization of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 7 is defeated.

Article 9: Capital Reserve Fund by Surplus. To raise \$250,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 10: Acceptance of Reports

Article 11: Citizen's Petition Question. Do you support the Timberlane Regional School District's requirement for a facemask mandate?

Article 12: Citizen's Petition Question. To withdraw membership from the NH School Administrators Association.

Article 13: Citizen's Petition Question. To withdraw membership from the NH School Boards Association.

Sandown

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well.

"I've been bringing bad news for the last three years," said Lachapelle.

It was noted that there

is a built in five percent increase starting July 1 however, Waste Management was looking for an additional five percent.

The Board of Selectmen told Lachapelle that he could come to a meet-

ing after April to discuss it again, however they decided against granting the increase at this time.

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

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Boys Hockey Ends Season With Win Over Lancers

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the regular season ending game between cross-

town rivals Pinkerton Academy and the Londonderry High School hockey teams, the Astros pulled off a 2-1 overtime win, and

will head into the Division I playoffs with a bit of confidence.

The win helped solidify a number 10 seed placement in this week's playoffs with just 11 making the championships.

In the Wednesday night, Feb. 23, game at the Tri Town Arena in Hooksett, both teams played hard right from the start and despite a number for hard-hitting checks by both sides, just one penalty was called in the four periods played.

Astros senior forward Aidan Curran put his team on the board with just over three-minutes left in the first period. The goal was assisted from fellow senior Ryan Leighton and junior Willem Peterson.

Trailing by one, the Lancer squad stepped up their offense in the last three minutes of the period and LHS junior Ben Padykula very nearly tied the game

just before the period-ending buzzer on a blistering shot near the blue line but was denied by PA junior goaltender Damien Carter.

In the second period, the Lancer squad thought they had tied the game with a shot from junior Logan Bower and a follow up by junior Jack Patti, but the referee deemed Patti was in the crease.

After another game-tying save by Carter in the PA net, a bit of a scuffle ensued between the rival squads, but the period ended with PA still clinging to a slim one-goal advantage.

Early in the third period, Londonderry committed the lone penalty of the game, freshman Brett McKinnon was sent to the box at the 11:44 mark in the third.

The Lancer team tied the game with a goal by sophomore Mike Maloney with under a minute left in the game. The game-extending goal was assisted from junior Drew Cameron with the LHS goalie being pulled



Pinkerton's Damien Carter had 21 saves in net against the Londonderry Lancers and helped his team win 2-1 in their regular season finale.

for a man advantage.

It didn't take Pinkerton long to score the game winner in overtime, despite a hard press from the Lancers to start the period.

The Astros celebrated the victory at 4:21 in OT when junior Lorenzo Corsetto scored an unassisted goal on a hard forecheck and LHS turnover.

PA's goalie Carter had 21 saves in net.

The game also served as team's Senior Night. Five players played their last home game for Pinkerton

that evening. Forwards Jake Sullivan, Aidan Curran and Tyler Pappalardo along with defensemen Ryan Leighton and Dillion Romano will graduate this year.

With the win, the Astros ended the season on a high note on an otherwise rather mediocre regular season, finishing with a 7-10-1 record.

The Astros will face Bishop Guertin on the road in the first round of the NHIAA playoffs on Wednesday night, March 2, starting at 6 p.m.



Astros junior defenseman Campbell St. Pierre pushes the puck out of the PA side. Photos by Chris Paul

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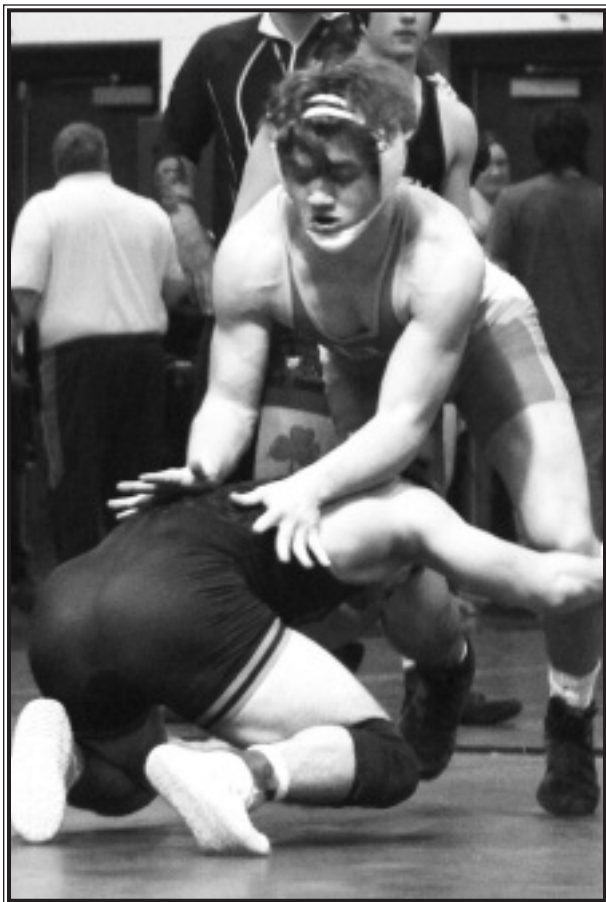
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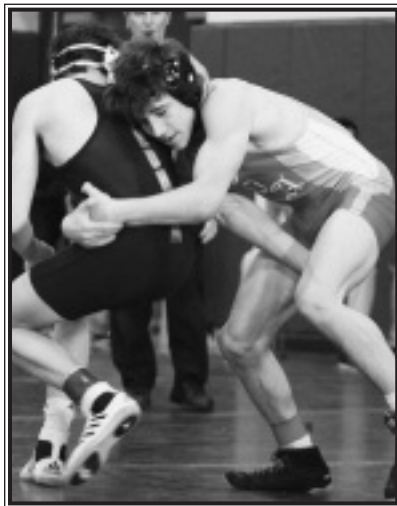
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Astros Wrestlers Have Success at Meet of Champions



Pinkerton Academy senior Jack Mackiernan beat his 170-pound Keene High School opponent for the to take first place in his weight class at the Meet of Champions on Saturday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

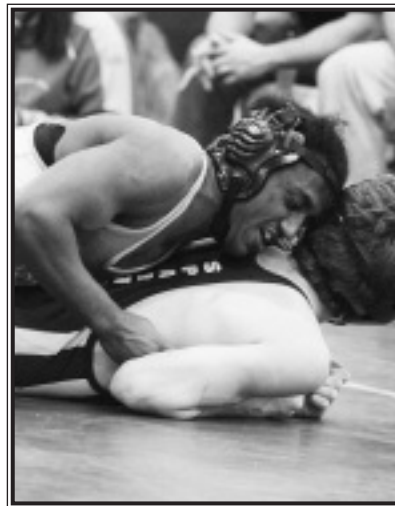


Michael Follo

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team had four of their grapplers reach the final round of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Meet of Champions (MOCs) with one finishing as a state champion.

The MOCs has the winners of each of the three



Cameron McMahon

New Hampshire divisions facing off for the number one spot. The top two will then head to the New England Championships in Rhode Island.

It took the 170-pound Astros senior, Jack Mackiernan, just three bouts on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Londonderry High School to achieve his second state title in as many weeks.

Mackiernan headed into his final bout in New Hampshire as a high school wrestler with a career record of 96 wins and 26 losses and was facing the same opponent from his finals match in the Division I Championship one-week earlier.

Mackiernan had beat Austin Morris of Keene High School with a 3-0

decision for the DI title last week and won with a 7-3 decision in the MOCs.

Leading up to the final bout of the day, the PA senior pinned his Winnacunnet opponent, Tucker McCann in the semifinals and pinned Spencer Sierra of Timberlane Regional High School in the quarterfinals.

Other Astros wrestlers to make it into the top six of the state were Anthony Borbone, who won his final match of the day for fifth place; and Cameron McMahon and Michael Follo placed sixth in the championships.

Borbone had six bouts in his 126-pound bracket, winning four and losing two.

His wins came with an 8-1 disqualification in the first round, a 9-6 decision

win in his third match, a pin in his fourth and a fall win in his final match of the day. He pinned Sean Vincent of Manchester West High School at 4:36 for the fifth-place title.

At 120-pounds, McMahon was able to reach the finals with two wins for his sixth-place title. McMahon had a forfeit win and a 8-5 decision win over Nathan Maslanek of Pelham in his final day of wrestling for his school.

Follo took sixth place in the 132-pound weight bracket. He had three wins to get to the finals. Wins came with two pins, one in his first bout of the day and the second in his fourth match. The other win came by a 17-4 major decision.

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Four Lady Astros Named to All-State Teams by Coaches



Avah Ingalls



Elizabeth Lavoie



Sydney Gerossie



Kristina Packowski

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team made it all the way to the semifinal in the Division I

Championship where they lost to the eventual state champs from Bishop Guertin High School.

Getting there, as the number one seed, the team had a number of quality

players and coaches and a number of them were recognised by the state coaches.

Three Pinkerton girls were awarded All-State honors by the N.H.

Basketball Coaches Association. Senior Avah Ingalls, sophomore Liz Lavoie and freshman Sydney Gerossie were all named to the state's first team and senior Kristina

Packowski was named to the second team.

Ingalls was also named the Division I Player of the Year by the coaches association.

Lady Astros varsity

Head Coach Lani Buskey was named as the Coach of the Year by the association and assistant coach Mariel Bollinger was named as Junior Varsity Coach of the Year.

Anthony Chinn and Marshall Given State Recognition

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team finishing with a 15-3 record and entering the post season as the number four seed in the Division I tournament, and made it to the Semifinal game against the Trinity Pioneers,

where they suffered a 74-57 defeat.

Two members of the team were recognized for their efforts by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association after the loss.

Junior guard Anthony Chinn and sophomore forward Jackson Marshall were named to the Division I Allstate First

Team.

Their Astros team finished the regular season with a 15-3 record, tied with Goffstown and Nashua North High Schools for the second best record in Division I.

Chinn and Marshall were consistently the team's high-scorers throughout the season.



Jackson Marshall



Anthony Chinn

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DERRY

Food Drive

Derry Village Rotary helps support ending 68 hours of hunger which supplies weekend food bags for our Derry children to take home so they have meals over the weekend. Most of these students partake of the reduced cost breakfast / lunch program but have no other means for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including snacks, protein bars. Their food supply is getting low and if you would like to help go to Ending 68 Hours of Hunger website: [Derry - End 68 Hours of Hunger www.end68hoursofhunger.org/find-your-community/new-hampshire/derry/](http://Derry-End68HoursOfHunger.org)

Derry Garden Club

Derry's Garden Club will open this season with a potluck lunch and Question and Answer segment on

March 4, at 10 a.m., in the Boys and Girls Club, Hampstead Rd., East Derry. The Program Committee has completed the events calendar for the year and has two road trips planned, Master Gardeners giving talks, Flower Design lessons, one combined meeting with a local garden club, and our ever popular "Gatherings in the Garden". That is just a sampling of what the Club has to offer. If you'd like to learn more, visit the Derry Garden club website or call 603-396-0053 and leave a message.

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.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wed-

nesday 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.

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.

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.

CHESTER

Friends of the Library Meeting

Join the Friends of Chester Library for the monthly meeting on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m., and help with fundraising to benefit the library.

Adult Afternoon Book Group

This Chester Library group will be meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 1 p.m., to Discuss 'The Stranger in the Woods' by Michael Finkel. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) and meet other crafters at the Chester Library on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. Registration Is Required.

DIY Sharpie Masks Craft for Kids + Teens

"Tie-Dye" a mask with Sharpies and rubbing alcohol at the Chester Library on Thursday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Limited To 10 People. Registration Is Required.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library group will be meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Discussing The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Diamond Painting Craft for Adults

Make a beautiful floral-themed diamond painting at the Chester Library on Thursday, March 24, at 6 p.m. This program is Free and instruction will be provided. Please note that the "diamonds" are tiny, so bring reading glasses if needed. Each attendee can take theirs home to complete. Limited To 7 People. Registration Is Required.

Storytime

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

HAMPSTEAD

Chair Yoga

Maggie Grace from the Yoga Room teaches Chair Yoga class at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. Men and women are welcome to do the strengthening and stretching exercises in this 45-minute class. Please register in advance via the Events Calendar on the Library website or call 603-329-6411. Please note: at this time, masks are required for indoor classes.

Teen Game Night

The Hampstead Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) invites peers to Teen Game Night on Wednesday, March 9 from 4 - 6 p.m. There are a variety of games available including board games, cards, and Wii. Participants are also welcome to bring their own games from home. This biweekly event is suitable for high school and middle school students.

Old Man In Mountain

David Nielsen, the last caretaker of the Old Man of the Mountain, gives a presentation at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. He discusses his experience and the lasting legacy of this granite structural icon. David's father Niels was caretaker starting

in 1965, and David followed in his footsteps by becoming caretaker in 1991 until its collapse in 2003. Please register in advance for this in-person event via the Events Calendar.

Flower Lantern Workshop

The Hampstead Public Library has a Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop on Saturday, March 12 at 11 a.m. Join Younhee Shin from the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project to learn how to make a lantern. Younhee will be instructing via Zoom. You have the option to join virtually from home, or you can come to the Library and view the presentation on a big screen. If watching from home, please pick up your lantern materials in advance from the Library. Please register.

Appy Hour

Pour yourself a mocktail, grab snacks, and tune in to the Hampstead Public Library's virtual Appy Hour on Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Tech Librarian Kate discusses the fantastic free apps available from the Library including Hoopla and Libby for free downloadable books and more. Plus, Beanstack, the new app to track reading. When you register for this online event, please let us know what other apps you are interested in learning about and Kate will answer your questions. Sign-up via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

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OBITUARY

Brent R. Shepard

Brent R. Shepard, 64, of Derry, NH passed away on Saturday Feb. 19, 2022, at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Brent was born Jan. 20, 1958, in Lowell, MA and was the son of the late Raymond H. & Dorothy (Gourke) Shepard. He was raised and educated in Lowell and attended local schools. Brent had been a resident of Londonderry for he past 37 years.

Brent was employed with Microsemi, Inc. as a Engineering Supervisor for many years prior to his retirement and was involved in electronics most of his working life. He was an avid radio-controlled plane enthusiast, he enjoyed building computers in his spare time and had many favorite TV shows.

Brent is survived by his wife of 24 year, Judith (Te) Shepard, two brothers, Scott Shepard and Howard Shepard, as well as one niece and four nephews.

The family is planning to have private services at a later date.

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Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library are seeking volunteers to work in the Elaine David Thrift Shop at the Library. Help process donations, get an advance peek at store merchandise, and work with a friendly crew. Volunteers are generally scheduled in 2-hour shifts. Whether you can help weekly or monthly, anytime you can give is greatly appreciated. The Shop is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Tuesdays and Saturdays. For further information, visit the Shop, email HampsteadFriends@gmail.com, or leave a message by calling the Library 603-329-6411.

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 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-civclub.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 or call 603-329-6411 and ask 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. 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.

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 snowmolds. 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 or call 603-329-6411 and speak to a librarian.

SANDOWN

Tuesday Flix

Come join the Hampstead Library for this monthly movie series. This is a great program to get together with a friend or "date". This Months showing on Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Twist. Pizza is being offered again for those registered. Donations are appreciated.

Kids Kraft

Come and craft with the Hampstead Library on Wednesday, March 9, from 4 - 5 p.m. We will be making a puzzle wreath. Registration is required. This program is for kids age 6+.

Food for Thought

Come join the Hampstead Library and explore recipes and cooking on Wednesday, March 9, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. 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 to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. This month: Irish Cooking. Registration is required for this event.

Game Day - Mahjong

Come join the Hampstead library's afternoon game day on Wednesday, March 9, from 1 - 2 p.m. Our instructor Cathy will teach us this beautiful, fun, and ever challenging game played with tiles. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. No registration is required - just stop in.

Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture

In anticipation of the spring release of the latest Downton Abbey movie, join the Sandown Library on Saturday, March 5 from noon - 2 p.m., for an afternoon tea with guest speaker Ann McClellan as she explores the history behind the rise and fall of British servants and why Americans are so fascinated by their stories on page and screen. This program is

provided to us through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities.

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.

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.

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel

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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.

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, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

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.

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.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary

Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youthservices@sandownlibrary.us

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will

take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

REGIONAL

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Need a Tutor?

Work one-on-one with a volunteer tutor. Free Tutoring is offered for a variety of programs including Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, and English as a Second Language at Derry Center for Adult Studies. Cover a variety of content areas, Flexible days and hours, Sessions held via Zoom and/or in-person. If you are interested in receiving tutoring services, please email kcapistran@sau10.org for more information.

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Association Regional, impact can be defined as something that impacts the region, like causing increased traffic.

When it came to a public hearing on the proposed plan no attendees voiced any comments or concerns.

The town Engineer, Mark L'heureux, was also present at the meeting and gave the results of a study on how the building would affect traffic. The study recommended a few changes involving adding an outlet out of the property for both left and right turn, instead of one way out.

In general L'heureux said all of his concerns were addressed and his only worry was a concern about storm water drains, but he was confident that they would be able to work through the problem.

The board also discussed projects for fiscal year 2023 and possible budget shortages.

Planning Board mem-

bers discussed the town's capital improvement fund and their upcoming projects.

According to David Caron, Derry's Town Administrator, the capital improvement fund is technically capped at \$1.5 million however they budget for only \$1.25 million. Caron said this amount is insufficient to meet all the town's needs.

Caron said in the past, decisions by the town council had restricted capital investments. "We have been on an aggressive path to catch up and make sure our equipment is in good shape so that we are able to respond to emergencies and also provide the necessary services to the community," said Caron. However, he said this was unsustainable. "We need to take the foot off the gas pedal a little bit, we can't continue that pace or we will have insufficient funds to pay off our lease purchase obligations on a lot of our equipment," said Caron.

Caron said they have enough money for current equipment payments but the town should be wary of acquiring more and more equipment down the line.

During FY23 Caron said they plan on replacing 10 out of 17 police marked cruisers. However, he said the money for the purchases will not be coming from the Capital Reserve Fund but from the operating budget. They are also planning on replacing a fire

department pumper tanker, which Caron said is a "\$750,000 piece of equipment."

The town's upcoming projects were also presented at the planning board. The projects include new culverts on Sunset Ave and Franklin Street and renovations at Hood park. These renovations would upgrade the playground, add security cameras, add a pickleball court and renovate the skateboard park.

OBITUARY

Catherine T. (Gallant) Bruno



(Fraser) Gallant.

Catherine T. (Gallant) Bruno, 71, of Derry, NH, passed away Monday Feb. 14, 2022, in the Lahey Hospital, Burlington, MA. She was born on May 9, 1950 in Salem, MA, a daughter of the late Phillip and Lucienne "Lucy"

She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, David S. Bruno, three children, Jamie Allen, Michelle Allen, and Christine Allen; two grandchildren, one brother, one sister and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held Friday, Feb. 18, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Burial followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Road (behind First Parish Congregational Church), East Derry, NH.

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