

Derry Town Council Hears the 2023 Proposed Budget

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The town's budget season kicked off during the April 5 Derry Town Council meeting with Town Administrator David Caron presenting the proposed budget.

Some of the highlights that Caron pointed to includes fully funding the collective bargaining agreements that were approved in FY 2022, and adding no full-time positions from the property tax base.

Caron noted they will be adding one full-time parks position beginning Jan. 1 and the position is funded through the DCC TIF and the Alexander-Carr Park Trust.

The proposed budget is just over \$53 million for a total of \$53,107,136. The estimated revenue is \$26,939,501. Under the proposed budget the tax rate would be \$7.43 per \$1,000 of property value.

This year's tax rate is \$7.22 per \$1,000.

Caron said that the proposed budget tries to maintain the current services they have in town while keeping a "reasonable tax rate."

It was pointed out by Caron that like everyone else they had an "unpleasant surprise" this year with the unexpected inflation increases.

"The impact was almost a half a million dollars for unexpected expenses," said Caron.

One of the biggest budget challenges that Caron pointed to is fuel. He said in the proposed budget they budgeted for \$283,766 which is \$62,953 more than this year.

Trash disposal also has a higher budgeted amount in this year's budget for a total of \$1,608,720 which is an increase of \$192,220 compared to this year.

Road salt also has an increase in this year's proposed budget for a total of \$254,100 which is an increase of \$72,600 compared to this year's.

It was also pointed out by Caron that recycling revenues went up by \$133,500 compared to this year's budget which is budgeted at \$785,500 in the projected budget.

One question that was raised by Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon was whether or not they will be adding any electric

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Chester Police Chief Presents Concerns About Officer Pay

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CHESTER - Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube said that he had bad financial news during the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 7.

"I'm letting that be known right now," said Berube

Berube explained that nationwide and in NH people aren't going into law enforcement anymore which has left departments struggling to retain officers and recruit new ones when there is a void.

"It's getting to a point where it is a critical need," said Berube.

Berube said it will affect their community unless they stay ahead of the curb.

He said that in NH agencies are giving \$20,000 signing bonuses or more and are also offering retention bonuses to keep officers

"That's pretty tough," said Berube.

Berube also pointed out that some places are doubling wages and offering free college for employees which has also made it difficult for getting people to enter the law enforcement field.

It was pointed out by Berube that there is a cost associated with losing officers. He said that sending one officer to the academy and for them to complete their field training is almost \$40,000. He also pointed out that by having people on the job for less than three years increases the Town's liability.

Berube also said that a lot of smaller towns like them don't have the opportunities that other towns do like speciality assignments, free health insurance and scheduled overtime. He also noted that

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Breakfast with a Bunny The Sandown Lions Club held its second annual Drive-Up Pancakes with the Easter Bunny event on Saturday morning, April 9. A steady stream of residents stopped by for a hearty breakfast with a friendly hello from the Easter Bunny. See more on page 5.

Bob Villella Appointed To Hampstead Planning Board

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HAMPSTEAD - During the April 4 Hampstead Planning Board meeting the Board discussed a replacement to the Planning Board for Stephen Wentworth who recently resigned from the Planning Board.

It was explained by Planning Board Chairman Robert Weimar that they received two different letters of intent to join the Board.

One of the letters came from Lewis Eaton and the other letter of interest came from former Planning Board member Bob Villella.

Weimar told the Board that he reached out to Villella to confirm that he is willing to join the Planning Board again as a formal member.

Since Villella was on the March ballot and received a substantial

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Derry Man Dies In Shootout With Police on Saturday

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY — Driftwood Road residents in Derry witnessed quite a horrific ordeal on Saturday afternoon, April 9, when Derry Police officers responded to their neighborhood and wound up shooting and killing one of their neighbors, 43-year-old Christopher Coppola.

According to the first report from the New Hampshire Attorney General, John M. Formella, his office was on the scene investigating a reported "Officer Involved Shooting" that occurred on April

9, near the area of Old Coach Road and 28 Bypass in Derry. One man has died as a result of this incident.

The officers involved in the incident are from the Derry Police Department and no officers involved suffered any physical injuries.

A later report explained that at approximately 2:17 P.M. on Saturday, April 9, members of the Derry Police Department responded to a 911 call reporting an individual with a shotgun approaching 1 Driftwood Road, a private home, and firing at a resident. The individual with the shotgun was Christo-

pher Coppola, age 43, a neighboring resident from 5 Driftwood Road. Police responded to the address, and during the incident that unfolded, Coppola was shot. Initial information indicates three officers discharged weapons during the incident.

The report also stated that Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Mitchell Weinberg, conducted an autopsy and was able to determine that Mr. Coppola's cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the chest, and the manner of death was homicide. As used by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,



Photo courtesy of Tony Travia

homicide is defined as the killing of one person by another.

The resident of 1 Driftwood Road who Coppola fired at, as well as the law enforcement officers who

responded, were not physically injured during this shooting incident.

The exact circumstances surrounding this incident remain actively under investigation and

additional information will not be released until after the officers' formal interviews, which is expected to take place during the coming weeks.

Chester Board of Selectmen Discuss Void In Prosecutorial Services

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CESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen discussed how to best fill a soon to be void when their current prosecutor retires at the end of the year.

It was explained by Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube that their current prosecutor will be retiring

when his contract ends on Dec. 31 and the two interim prosecutors that have been working with the Town while he is out of Town have said that they aren't interested in assuming the role full-time.

Berube said that both of them said that with the workload and the funding they are nowhere interested in the services.

He said that the current prosecutor has multiple times and he described the workload for Chester as 10 times more than any other agency.

"I always thought he was being sarcastic," said Berube.

He said that after working with the interim prosecutors he realized that he was being honest.

As an example Berube said that the town of New Market is almost double the size of Chester but Chester has almost triple the number of calls for services and for prosecutorial services.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette asked Berube why he thinks that is the case.

Berube said that they are in between two towns that generate a lot of activity for the community.

"It puts us in a tough spot," said Berube.

Berube said about 10 percent of their calls for their community and 90 percent are non-community related.

Berube also noted that they are a major cut thru for places like the beach, Boston and the White Mountains.

There's a lot of com-

muter traffic that comes through," said Berube.

With the addition of Exit 4A Berube said that he expects it to be even worse.

Berube said that the current budget is \$15,000 for prosecutorial services and next year they are increasing it to \$18,000.

He said that the estimates from the prosecutors involved is between \$22,000 to \$30,000.

Berube said that he spoke to the Derry Police Department and they said that they could have an arrangement in the \$25,000 range.

One of the benefits that Berube pointed to with that arrangement is that Derry has two and a half full-time attorneys and administrative staff which would mean they always have representation.

Berube said that Derry has a July budget like Chester and thinks that they would want to start the contract with Chester as close to July as possible if they agree to a deal.

He said that he has dealt with the Derry attorneys before for different cases and they handle their court proceedings similar to the way they do in Chester.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said he thinks it would be beneficial to work out a long term deal with Derry if they are able to. His suggestion was to work with Derry on crafting a deal and then bring it to the Board of Selectmen for review. The rest of the Selectmen agreed.

Berube said he would get a proposal from Derry and present it to the Board of Selectmen.

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Relay For Life Event Seeking Teams for its June Event

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams to participate in the 2022 Rockingham County, Relay for Life event set for Saturday, June 18, from 4 - 10 p.m., at Pinkerton Academy.

Monies raised from the event will fund vital research in the fight to end cancer. The Rockingham County, Relay For Life will also support the Boston Hope Lodge, which provides accommodations for caregivers and patients

undergoing cancer treatment at nearby medical facilities. Funds will also contribute to the NH Road To Recovery, supplying transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer.

This year's Relay For Life teams will consist of local Rockingham County cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers, students, businesses, community organizations, neighbors, and supporters who believe that the future can be free from cancer. Celebrated cancer survivors and caregivers

will take a triumphant first lap to open the ceremony. A professional DJ is scheduled to be on-site to spin entertaining tunes and keep the walkers moving! Fun-filled themed laps will also occur spontaneously throughout the relay to keep the participants excited and engaged. An auction is planned for the event for those who would like to support by placing a bid.

This is the second year the event is working in combination with the Greater Derry/Londonderry

and the Pelham, Salem, and Windham relays. "Each of the area relays was successful in its own right before the pandemic," shares ACS Community Manager Shawna Zechman, "but has found even greater strength in both numbers and support by uniting these outstanding groups of volunteers."

The event will conclude with a touching and beautiful Luminaire Ceremony. Can't join the event that evening but still want to honor someone during the Luminaria Ceremony?

Not to worry, luminaries are available for purchase prior to the Relay for Life for those who wish to honor loved ones, current survivors, and caregivers.

Teams and individuals can sign up for the Relay for Life event by visiting <http://relayforlife.org/rockinghamnh> or contacting Shawna Zechman, ACS Community Development Manager, by phone at (800) 227-2345 or email Shawna.Zechman@can-cer.org

Related Rockingham County, Relay For Life Events:

Barre Chic is hosting its 4th annual Barre-a-thon on May 1st to help raise funds supporting the upcoming Rockingham County, Relay for Life event. Those wishing to participate can join in-studio or virtual classes and sign up for one or all four of the 8 a.m. - noon scheduled Barre-a-thon classes.

A special survivor's dinner will be held on another date before the June 18 Rockingham County, Relay for Life event, with more details to follow as the event draws closer.

Hampstead

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amount of votes, Weimar felt that Villela should be given the position.

Planning Board member Randy Clark argued that although Villela was a good Board member during his tenure he felt that there were also alternates currently on the Board that would be good as well.

He also argued that he thinks one of the alternate members should have the first chance to get an open board seat.

Clark's proposal didn't receive a vote because there was already a vote on the floor to vote for Villela as a Planning Board member. With a vote of 6-0-1 Villela was appointed to the Board. Clark abstained from voting.

Weimar said that Eaton said she was also interested in being an alternate member to the Planning Board.

Eaton said that he thought he would be able to help the Board. Prior to owning Sweet Baby Vineyard, he worked for 17 years doing bridge construction.

The Board ultimately approved Eaton as an alternate Board member.

Also during the meeting Doug MacGuire from the Dubai Group presented an amended site plan for 45 Danville Road.

MacGuire explained that the plan is to add a pickleball building and associated facilities to the current property.

In the proposal it includes a building for six indoor and six seasonal outdoor pickleball courts, a pro shop, lockers and a cafe. MacGuire said that the current empty bank that is on site is proposed to be a pizza restaurant instead.

MacGuire said that currently the site has no

drainage controls which would be improved with the proposed plan. He said that the existing septic will be replaced as well as another separate septic for the new building.

It was explained by the owner Paul Gosselin that he is currently working with Hampstead Area Water Company in order to extend the waterline down Danville Road and tie into their system. He will also be updating their landscaping and lighting on the property.

One question that was asked was in regards to possible tournaments there.

Ted Curtin the owner of Hampstead Health Fitness said that they typically have between 60 to 80 entrants for each of the tournaments. He said that they typically have 450 people per day at Hampstead Health Fitness.

Planning Board member Mike Hanides asked

about the proposed restaurant. Gosselin said that there will be four tables inside and that the majority of the business is done through takeout and delivery.

Gosselin said that the gym has significant excess parking. MacGuire pointed out that the Hampstead parking regulations don't differentiate between uses.

MacGuire said their intent is to meet the parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance instead of seeking a variance.

Town Engineer Steve Keach suggested that MacGuire review the parking regulations specifically for the allowance of compact spaces and that reworking the number may give them extra spaces.

The Board ultimately continued the plan until the May 5 meeting.

OBITUARY

Frederick Gilbert Price



Frederick Gilbert Price, 85, of Chester, NH died April 5, 2022 after a brief period of declining health. Fred was born in Cambridge, MA on Feb. 16, 1937, a son of Violet and Chesley Price formerly of Montague, P.E.I. Fred was the second youngest of eight children. He is predeceased by his parents, siblings, Lillian, Dorothy, Betty, Edward and Alan.

The family moved to Chester, NH when Fred was 10 years old. Chester remained his home for the majority of his life. Fred was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy and a proud veteran of the US Air Force. He was married to Brenda Joan Alexander on Feb. 8, 1964. The couple had two children, Frederick D. and Debara. Fred worked for many years for Coca Cola. He enjoyed tinkering with small motors and selling repaired lawn mowers, as well as spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Brenda, his son, Frederick D. Price of Hooksett, NH, his daughter and son-in-law, Debara and Rick Hurteau of Hooksett, his grandson and his wife, Nathan and Jenna Hurteau of Derry, NH, his granddaughters, Jacquelyn and Jessica Hurteau of Hooksett, his brothers, Peter of Peabody, MA, and Wilbur of Florida. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 14, at 11 a.m., in the Chester Congregational Church, 4 Chester St., Chester. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated to fight the disease that has plagued his wife Brenda for many years.



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Editorial

As Our Town Grows

Lets talk drinking water, quality and quantity is paramount for public health.

Despite improvements in recent decades, access to good quality drinking water remains a critical issue.

Although drinking water quality is regulated and monitored, increased knowledge leads to the need for reviewing standards and guidelines on a perpetual basis for both regulated and newly identified contaminants.

The issue is insuring that there is an ample safe supply of clean drinking water for town residents for decades to come.

Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1974 to protect public drinking water supplies. Under the SDWA, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets standards for drinking water quality and with its partners it implements various technical and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

Millions of Americans receive high quality drinking water every day from their public water systems. However, the water that is being consumed within the premises, of wells (groundwater), should not be taken for granted, since it may not be safe to drink.

The responsibility for assuring that public water systems deliver safe drinking water to the user falls under the jurisdiction of the town to make sure it has strict ordinances, a strong water plan in place, along with state drinking water programs and/or the EPA. The State acts as a primacy agent; require public water systems to meet the primary standards

as specified by the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR).

Generally speaking, contaminated groundwater is very difficult and expensive to clean up. Solutions can be found after groundwater has been contaminated, but this isn't always easy. The best thing to do is adopt pollution prevention and conservation practices in order to protect important groundwater supplies from being contaminated or depleted in the first place.

There are many steps being taken to keep contaminants from getting into our groundwater supplies Pollution Prevention. Manufacturers are using fewer toxic raw materials. Consumers have switched to phosphate-free detergents and other less polluting household products this is a big part of the protection of drinking water supplies.

Groundwater is available in limited quantities and nothing works without it, so we need to think conservation. Since groundwater is an important and vital resource for all people, it is important to protect it. Conserving the quantity of groundwater is essential. By simply reducing the amount of water that we use, our water supply will last longer.

Be a Groundwater Guardian, you can protect groundwater on a local level in your community. Stay on top of what the state and local governments are doing about the water. Get involved in water education. Meet and join water groups, and networks of professional, people who care about the future of this most important natural resource, groundwater.

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Letters

Pass HB 1417

To the editor,

On March 31st, elected representatives for Derry had an opportunity to reduce our property taxes, however, only two of them voted for this measure. Representatives Dave Milz and Stephen Pearson voted in favor of this Property Tax Relief measure which could provide as much as \$500,000 to Derry. The other eight reps voted against the interests of Derry taxpayers.

House Bill 1417 will

reimburse municipalities 77% of State Retirement Fund contributions. Prior to the 2010 recession the state reimbursed 35%. During the economic downturn, the legislature eliminated the match which increased Real Estate taxes across New Hampshire. Milz & Pearson joined 186 other representatives in wanting to restore the pension match.

This Bill will now pass over to the Senate. I would urge Senator Birdsell to pass HB1417; and urge our Representatives to pass a

bill that Ms. Birdsell sponsored, SB420, which provides additional aid for children eligible for free or reduced lunch. <https://legiscan.com/NH/bill/SB420/2022> Derry currently has 27 percent of our students who qualify for this program. This also would result in an extra \$500,000 for Derry. Our Derry legislative members have an opportunity to provide property tax relief to Derry Residents. Please do so.

Pamela Kirby
Derry

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similar size towns to there's are offering over \$27 an hour to start off and it takes their officers four years to get to that point.

He said that he knows it is a financial burden on the Town but they have to do something.

"If we don't stay ahead of this curb it's going to take us five to ten years to get caught up," said Berube.

Berube said he wants to be allowed to use the pay scale but abbreviate it to get to a point where they can get higher amounts for pay in a shorter period of time. He would then present his proposal to the

Board of Selectmen for their consideration.

"We have no choice but we have to look at this in a different way," said Berube.

Selectmen Steve Coulture said he was interested to see what other similar size communities are doing.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said he would like to see how they compare for both salaries and benefits. He said that one of the things that he sees regularly is that benefits are one of the advantages of retaining people.

"I would very much like to see a comparison of not only salaries," said Landau.

Berube said that a lot of agencies are offering free dental and health insurance

for single plans and are offering 90% for family plans or two people.

Currently Chester is offering 85-15 Berube said.

"There are some areas we are lacking in," said Berube.

Berube also pointed out that after this year they have three officers eligible to go other places and if they aren't comparable to other towns they are at risk of losing three officers.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said he wants to see Berube do an analysis and come back to them with a proposal. The rest of the Selectmen agreed.

"It's really an analysis that you need to do," said D'Angelo.

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vehicles for their police department fleet. He said he spent hours over the summer talking to different police chiefs in towns about their experiences with electric SUVs.

"I would ask that we do our due diligence to see if there is an opportunity for savings without sacrificing

safety for our police officers without losing anything like that," said Bourdon.

Caron said that the police department will explain in detail during their presentation to the Council but said that they don't think there is value for electric vehicles for their front line cruisers.

He said however, that the detective vehicles may

be a good fit for the electric vehicles when they need to be replaced in a few years.

The public hearing and preliminary vote on the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget is scheduled for April 26. A complete spreadsheet of the proposed budget can be found on page 11.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated for April 19 at 7 p.m.

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Sandown Lions Host Second Drive-Up Bunny Breakfast



For a second year in a row, members of the Sandown Lions Club held a Drive-Up Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Sandown Town Hall. The event happened on Saturday morning and the club members served a steady stream of customers throughout the morning. They offered pancakes with sausage and egg sandwiches. The breakfast was taken over from the Sandown North School PTA a few years ago and the last two events have been held outside due to COVID concerns.

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Zachary Champion Named New Assistant Principal For Chester Academy

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the April 6 Chester School Board meeting Superintendent Sharon Locke recommended that the School Board approve making Zachary Champion as their new assistant principal. It was announced earlier this year that current assistant principal Jonathan Gilbert would be leaving the School District at the end of the school year.

Champion currently works as the Director of Student Affairs for Chester Academy.

"Champion came to Chester Academy last fall as our Director of Student Affairs and has already had a positive impact on our school," said Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson. "He will retain leadership responsibilities for student affairs and assume additional responsibilities of the day to day operations of the school associated with the assistant principal position."

It was explained that in April Locke will work with the incoming Chester Academy Principal Sarah Muncey to help select the

candidate for the position of Director of Learning and Growth. Locke will be forming a Screening Committee to help with the search.

It is expected that Locke will pick members of the Screening Committee by April 22. Locke said she is seeking volunteers for the committee from different categories including three staff members, a school board member, two classroom teachers, and one parent representative.

Champion, Muncey, Director of Special Services Jana Ruiz, and

Director of Technology Ben Kilar will also be on the search committee.

The recommended candidate will be nominated for appointment during the June 8 School Board meeting.

In other personnel news it was announced by Locke that she has identified three vacant positions that they currently have to fill for the upcoming school year. The positions include World Language / Spanish, Grade 5 instruction, and Preschool.

Also during the meeting the School Board heard an update from Chester School District Business

Administrator Sheryl Rich, who gave the Board a financial update for the current school year.

She said during the meeting that the District currently has an estimated expense savings of \$321,771 which is an increase in savings of \$3,805 from March.

Rich also said that they have a total of \$91,126 in additional revenue this year.

In addition the District currently has a projected Unreserved Fund Balance of \$392,897, Rich said.

It was also announced during the meeting that

staff from Chester Academy will be hosting a kindergarten information/registration night for the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, April 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chester Academy Cafeteria.

The night will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about the school's kindergarten program and to meet the teachers and register their student(s) for the upcoming school year.

The next regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m.

Londonderry Arts Council to Host Eighth Annual Arts Café

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Londonderry Arts Council will be hosting its eighth annual Arts Café, on Saturday, April 30, after taking two years away from the in-person event due to COVID-19.

The annual event will once again offer a coffee-house atmosphere, showcasing musical performances and artwork for sale

by local artists.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Orchard Christian Fellowship Church at 136 Pillsbury Road in Londonderry and is free and open to the public.

The day will feature a number of local artists: Maureen Rose will have Photos, Scarfs and Totes for sale; Patricia Crowley will offer Oil paintings and prints; Will Ashworth -

Acrylic; Dana Brown - Oil Paintings; John Webster - Mixed Medium and Encaustic; Joy Raskin - Metal and Jewelry; Corinne Dodge - Watercolor, Pencil, Pen & Ink, and Mixed Medium; and Inge Seaboyer - Pen & Ink, Watercolor, Mixed Medium.

During the day, there will also be musical performances featured musicians: The Last Duo - Greg Descoteaux and Dan Sirois.

According to the council, the Arts Café event is the perfect way to welcome spring and shake off

the cabin fever from the past few years.

The day will be filled with fine art and crafts from local artists and artisans and acoustic music by local musicians. Attendees can browse the artwork, listen to live music, and talk with the artists, artisans, and musicians in a relaxing environment - a great opportunity to learn more about their passion and craft.

For more information, visit: <https://londonderryartscouncil.org/arts-cafe/> or call Larry Casey at 603-867-3077

OBITUARY

Gerald T. O'Donnell

Gerald T. O'Donnell, 84, of Derry, NH, died suddenly Wednesday April 6, 2022 in his home. He was born in Holton, ME on April 8, 1937, a son of the late John and Lucy (Dugan) O'Donnell. Jerry had been a resident of Derry for almost 70 years, formerly living in Holton ME. He was a graduate of Hodgdon High School in Hodgdon, ME, Class of 1954. Jerry retired after 25 years from the State of NH DOT as a patrol foreman. He was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry where he had worked the Church Bingo for many years. Jerry served as a 4th degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council #3023 in Derry. He served many years with the Derry Little League; many remember him calling the wrong strikes on us. Also, he was a member of the Hoodcroft County Club Senior Golf League.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly (Newcomb) O'Donnell of Derry; his daughter, Cathy Seeley and her husband David of Derry; his son, Thomas O'Donnell and wife Elizabeth of Lexington, KY; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his siblings, Margaret Halleck of Ft. Myers, FL, Clifford O'Donnell of Orlington, ME, and Allen O'Donnell of Columbus, OH; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Falls in 2020, and his siblings, Eugene, Dennis, Alice, Kathryn, Helen, Stella, Francis, and Donald.

Many local friends and extended family felt Jerry was a "second" dad to them, we all know you will miss him. Please join us to celebrate his life!

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, April 12, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, April 13, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made via check to: Derry Diamond Athletic Association, In Memory of Gerald O'Donnell, PO Box 747, Derry NH 03038.

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Sandown Searching for Assistant to Town Administrator

SANDOWN – With the retirement of longtime assistant Paula Gulia, the town of Sandown is looking to fill the position.

The Assistant to the Town Administrator performs a variety of responsible, comprehensive functions of an administrative and technical nature, requiring a high level of judgment and initiative, and the ability to interpret statutes and guidelines and carry out assignments independently, from conception to completion; and must be able to work under pressure at times to handle a wide variety of projects and matters with discretion.

Duties to include, but not limited to, assisting in the daily office needs and managing general administrative activities under the direction of the Town Administrator such as: Maintain and manage the general email for the Town of Sandown. Primary administrator of town website, all functions related to

preparation and printing of annual town report and preparation of annual town warrant. Assist and apply for grants as directed by Town Administrator. Prepare annual renewal of town property/inventory insurance coverage with the town's insurance carrier. Perform annual tax map updates and annual updates to on-line assessing database. Initiate elderly exemption renewals annually, perform monthly data bridge between assessing and tax system software. Preparation and execution of annual RFP on oil, gas, heating fuel and diesel. Annual verification of current plow drivers' insurance certificates. Assist Public Works Director with transfer station operator certifications, training, continuing education trainings, holiday closures, brochure and annual facility report.

Facilitate distribution of stormwater public education materials, employee training and other stormwa-

ter-related items. Annual updates to NH Municipal, NH Department of Transportation and annual renewal of Sam.gov registration. Assist with E-911 changes to database including changes of address, public hearings and submission of new dwellings.

Coordinate member reappointments for committees and boards. Work on special projects at the direction of the Board of Select-

men and/or Town Administrator

With Town Administrator approval, position may elect to become a member of the Joint Loss Management Committee. With Town Clerk approval, position may elect to be the Recording Secretary for annual Deliberative Session. The Assistant to the Town Administrator will perform the duties of the Town Administrator in her

absence.

Assist with answering telephones and emails and handling the Customer Service Window as a secondary resource. Responds to inquiries from the public, Department Heads and other Town employees.

The successful applicant will have a good knowledge of computers, Microsoft Word and Excel with a willingness to learn new software systems. data

entry skills, filing, good communication, and excellent customer service skills, which are essential for this busy, multi-tasking position. Pay rate range \$21-23 per hour.

Send your cover letter and resume to Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator via email at lblaisdell@sandown.us or mail to Town of Sandown PO Box 1756 Sandown NH 03873 by no later than April 30, 2022

Fuel Assistance Taking Applications Until April 30

Southern NH Services' Fuel Assistance program is taking applications through April 30 to help renters and homeowners pay for past or future energy use, according to agency Communications Director, Patte Ardizzoni.

Says Ardizzoni, "As a community action agency our focus is on providing services to individuals and families with low incomes, and who are facing financial hardship. Fuel assistance is one of those programs that plays a key role in ensuring that families have warmth. Once that need is met, we're more able to effectively work with that family on the other supports that they may need."

Benefits are calculated on a number of things, including household income, energy costs, and housing type. This allows those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs to receive the highest benefits. Applications are taken through our Community Services Offices throughout Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties. Households can also apply for and receive electrical assistance at the same appointment, if eligible.

NHS Deputy Director, Ryan Clouthier adds, "We are reminding Hillsborough and Rockingham County residents that Fuel Assistance pays for oil, propane, wood, pellets, kerosene, natural gas or

electric heat costs and that payments can be made to reduce or eliminate a past due balance or create a credit balance for future use. The benefit may also be applied to rental cost if heat is included in the rent."

To apply residents should call SNHS or RCA offices closest to them or call 1-800-322-1073 to make an appointment. Applicants must qualify by household income for 30 days prior to the appointment. Benefits range from \$158 to \$1575 may be available to homeowners or renters during the winter heating season. Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by GROSS household income for a 30

day period, household size, and annual heating costs. One person can earn \$2,978 per month and a family of 4 up to \$5,728 per month to qualify.

Southern NH Services, Inc., (SNHS) is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in the State of NH, May 21, 1965 in compliance with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. It serves as the Community Action Agency for Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties. SNHS is part of a nation-wide network of over 1000 Community Action Agencies providing advocacy for and services to America's disadvantaged. Southern NH Services is an equal opportunity provider.

OBITUARY

Linda M Dodge



Linda M Dodge, 79, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday March 23, 2022, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. She was born in Boston, MA on March 8, 1943, a daughter of the late J. Edgar Swan and Mary (Toolin) Swan. She had been a resident of Derry since 1972, formerly living in MA.

Linda was raised and educated in the Mission Hill section of Boston, attending Mission Church High School. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, including going out to dinner, as well as having visitors at home. Linda also enjoyed spending time at Lake Winnepesaukee. Linda enjoyed playing cribbage, and was a member of the Auburn Pitts Cribbage League. Linda was a great cook, and loved to "feed the masses". You could always count on having good food, and good times whenever Linda was around. She will forever be remembered for the love she had for her children, grandchildren and all her family and friends.

Linda is survived by her three sons, Robert Dodge, Jr., his wife Stacey, Michael Dodge, Timothy Dodge, his wife Lori, her eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jack, Emily, Christopher, Caroline, Kyle, Kylee and Taylor, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her loving daughter, Lauren Dodge in 1995, and her beloved husband, Robert Dodge, Sr. in 1998, as well as her brother William Swan and her sister Joan Swan.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 28, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday March 29, at 10 a.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Church 26 Crystal Ave., Derry and will conclude with burial at Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry Rd., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to MSPCA-Angell @ www.mspca.org.

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION - MARTIAL

Case Name: **In the Matter of Ashley Darville and Veancorvd Darville**
Case Number: **622-2021-DM-00149**

On June 4, 2021, Ashley Darville of Sandown, NH filed in this Court a Petition for Divorce with requests concerning:

The original pleading is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk at the above Family Division Location.

UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT, EACH PARTY IS RESTRAINED FROM SELLING, TRANSFERRING, ENCUMBERING, HYPOTHECATING, CONCEALING OR IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER DISPOSING OF ANY PROPERTY, REAL OR PERSONAL, BELONGING TO EITHER OR BOTH PARTIES EXCEPT (1) BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES, OR (2) FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY LIVING EXPENSES OR (3) IN THE ORDINARY AND USUAL CAUSE OF BUSINESS.

The Court has entered the following Order(s):

Veancorvd Darville shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of the Family Division at the above location on or before **May 30, 2022** or be found in DEFAULT. **Veancorvd Darville** shall also file by **May 30, 2022** a Response to the Petition and by **May 30, 2022** deliver a copy to the Petitioner's Attorney or the Petitioner, if unrepresented. Failure to do so will result in issuance of Orders in this matter, which may affect you without your input.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Robin E. Pinelle, Clerk or Court
March 31, 2022

Sen. Birdsell Presents Junior ROTC Cadet With Resolution

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – Last week, on Tuesday morning, April 5, New Hampshire State Senator Regina Birdsell made a special trip to Pinkerton Academy to officially deliver a resolution and congratulations to a senior member of the Junior ROTC for her recent

accomplishment of receiving a full scholarship.

Senior Cadet Rachel Keisling received word recently that she had been chosen to receive a full, four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship to any of their universities.

Because of that, Birdsell stopped by the school for a brief ceremony to

present Keisling with a formal resolution.

It read: Be it known that the New Hampshire Senate extends its congratulations to Rachel Keisling in recognition of receiving a four-year full Air Force ROTC Scholarship, one of only 100 awarded nationwide. And be it further known that the New Hampshire Senate

extends its best wishes and continued success.

Also attending the ceremony were Rachel's parents Karen and John Keisling, Headmaster, Dr. Tim Powers, Dean of Students, Susanne Tartarilla, JROTC Department Head Lt Col Howell Steadman and Teacher CMSgt Ted Hebert.

Cadet Keisling compet-

ed against thousands of other Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) cadets from across the nation for one of only 100 of this type scholarship awarded specifically for top AFJROTC cadets.



Senior Cadet Rachel Keisling with the resolution presented by State Senator Regina Birdsell.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Track Teams Have Blazing Start to Season

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy spring sports season got underway with the Astros Track and Field

teams hosting their first meet, where they had quite a bit of success against the contingent from Bishop Guertin.

The boys had an overwhelming 100.5 to 29.5

victory to start the season and the girls won by 47-points, 95-48.

The girls' team success was highlighted with junior captain, Briana Danis, took first in the Discus and tied her school record with a throw of 127' 5." Danis also took first in the shot put with a Personal Best of 33' 9.5".

Senior captain Maddie Connors won two events. In the Triple Jump she had a Personal Record of 33' 11.5" and in the 400 she had another Personal Best with a time of 1:06.52.

Junior Jordan Wheaton had personal best scores in the High Jump, 5-feet and the 300-meter Hurdles with a time of 48.72.

Junior Tess Silva had a personal record and won the 3,200 (12:00.62).

Junior Lillia Woods had a personal record, winning the Pole Vault (7' 0").

Junior Kayla Franks won the Long Jump with a

personal record of 14' 2.5".

Sophomore Eva Roberts won the 100-meter (13.29) and fellow Sophomore Hannah

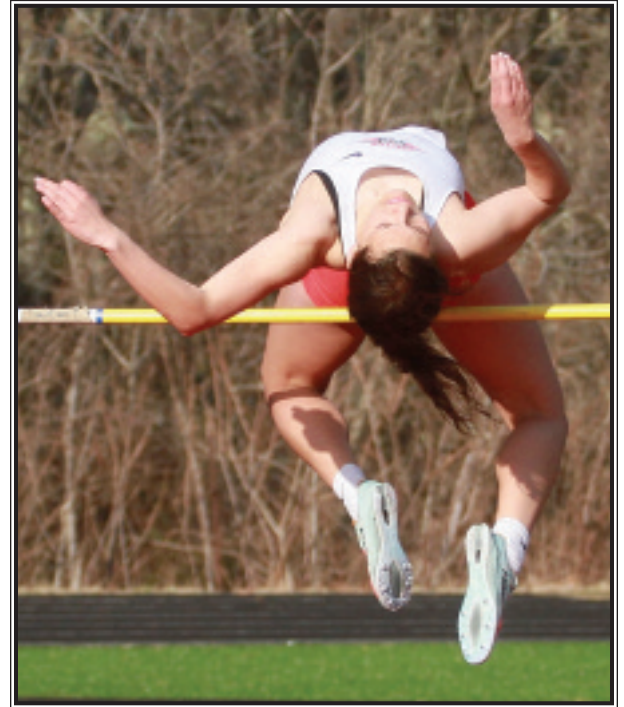
Sippel won the 200-meter (27.5).

For the Boys, Pinkerton took the top three spots in the 100-Meter. Jacob Spezzaferri had a time of 11.27 for first, Matthew Devine, took second with 11.68 and Braydon Parker, had a time of 12.23 for third.

The three runners repeated their positions in the 200-Meter. Spezzaferri had a time of 23.04 for first, Devine, took second with 23.68 and Parker, had a time of 24.25 for third.

The team captured the top spots in the 400-Meter with Zackary Smith, taking first (53.88); Luke Brennan, second (55.58); and Alexander Leblanc, third (56.41).

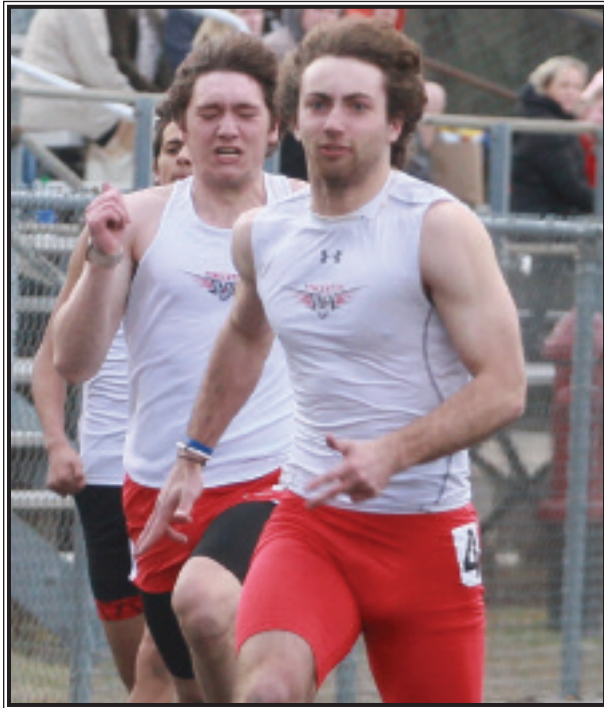
In the 800-Meter run, Ethan Charles took first with a time of 2:04.41.



Junior Jordan Wheaton had personal best scores in the High Jump, 5-feet. *Photos by Chris Paul*

In the 1,600-Meter, the 300-Meter Hurdles PA's Jason Rzasa had a time of 5:01.29 for a third place finish. with his time of 50.91. and Ryan Gordan took second for Pinkerton (54.09).

Landon Mackiernan had a first place finish in the 4x100-Meter **continued on page 11**



PA senior Jacob Spezzaferri had a time of 11.27 in the 100-meter for first place and a personal best.

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Track

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Relay the Pinkerton A-Team were first with 44.67 and the B-Team had a time of 48.39 for second.

In the 4x40-Meter Relay the Pinkerton A-Team had a time of 3:43.73 for first and the B-Team

had a third place finish with 4:08.09.

In the Men's High Jump, Spezzaferri tied for first place with a jump of 5'6" and Ethan Charles, tied for third at 5-feet.

In the Pole Vault, Stephen Baird had a vault of 7-feet for first place.

The Astros had the top

spots in the Long Jump also. Nicholas Harrington finished first (18' 7.25"); Jamisen Isaac, second (18' 2.5"); and Ben Wolthers, third (16' 6").

In the Triple Jump, Harrington took first with a jump of 39'1.5"; Jonathan Edwards, second (34' 7. 5"); Devin Keith, third 33' 3.25").

In the Men's Shot Put, Pinkerton's James Melendy, had a throw of 42'1.25" to take first and George Nigro III finished in second with 40' 2.75."

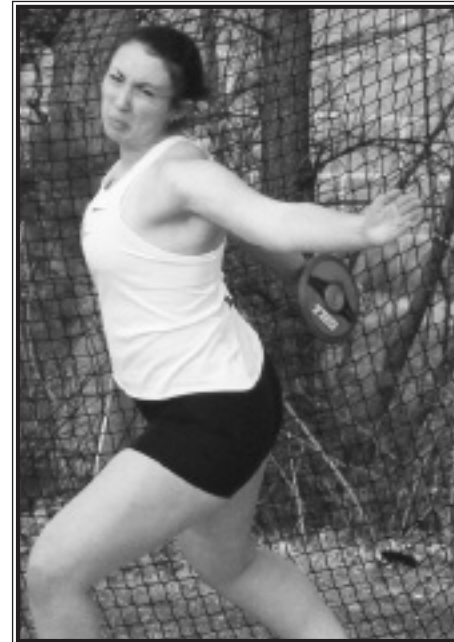
In the Men's Discus, Cole Alden finished first with his throw of 104' 6" and Joseph Packowski finished in third with 98'6".

In the Javelin, Pinkerton's Ryan Gordon had a throw of 114'10" for first and Packowski was just shy of that mark with a 113'3" throw for second.

The Pinkerton teams' next meet will be out of state in Haverhill, Mass., on April 16th for their annual invitational.



James Melendy



Briana Danis

Athlete of the Week

Week of April 4



Jacob Spezzaferri
Senior, Boys Outdoor Track

Spezzaferri had an impressive meet at home against Bishop Guertin to open the season last Tuesday with first place finishes in the 100m - PR'd 11.27, 200 - 23.03 and High Jump and 4x100m relay.



Jordan Wheaton Girls
Junior, Outdoor Track

Wheaton had personal bests in winning the High Jump (5' 0") and the 300m Hurdles (48.72). She also ran the lead leg for the winning 4x100m relay and finished second in the 100.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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Astros Tennis Teams Have Tough Start to Season

The Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' tennis teams had difficult start to their spring season last week with both being shutout by Derryfield High School.

The Astros girls loss happened on the road on Monday, April 4, with the Lady Astros dropping their season opening match 9-0

to the Lady Cougars of Derryfield.

Senior captain Sydney Pelletier, freshmen Amelia Coyle and Mia Rivard all played well in their respective singles matches.

In doubles Pelletier teamed with fellow senior Madeline Donahue to battle gamely in an 8 - 6 loss at #2.

On Friday the girls suffered a 1-8 loss to Exeter with Rivard getting the only win in her singles match.

The boys had a similar outcome at home, losing 9-0 with the closest match coming from Andrews with an 8-3 result in the number one spot.

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TOWN OF DERRY, NH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 9.4 (C) of the Town Charter, the Derry Town Council will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7 p.m., in the Derry Municipal Center relative to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, as shown below:

Department/Activity Center	FY 2020 Revised Budget	FY 2021 Revised Budget	FY 2022 Revised Budget	FY23 Department Recommended	FY23 Town Administrator Proposed
Emergency Management:	\$99,039	\$307,326	\$44,245	\$44,256	\$44,256
Executive:	\$5,238,218	\$6,016,592	\$4,338,132	\$4,394,167	\$4,365,155
Administration:	\$542,690	\$586,640	\$569,629	\$588,870	\$588,870
Human Services:	\$284,090	\$281,400	\$281,400	\$288,900	\$288,900
Community Development:	\$165,949	\$215,738	\$170,526	\$185,654	\$180,653
Information Technology:	\$967,334	\$957,172	\$1,001,237	\$1,058,478	\$1,034,467
Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund:	\$1,314,236	\$486,546	\$301,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Capital Improvements:	\$1,963,919	\$3,489,096	\$2,014,340	\$2,147,265	\$2,147,265
Finance:	\$7,940,721	\$8,822,162	\$11,329,208	\$5,564,477	\$5,834,097
Assessor:	\$473,235	\$447,963	\$435,837	\$445,268	\$445,268
Finance:	\$803,090	\$730,191	\$645,060	\$682,770	\$669,770
Tax Collector:	\$835,471	\$815,148	\$879,007	\$859,117	\$859,117
Other Municipal Obligations:	\$5,828,925	\$6,828,860	\$9,369,304	\$3,577,322	\$3,859,942
Fire:	\$11,096,172	\$11,201,099	\$11,558,935	\$11,779,226	\$11,779,226
Prevention & Emergency Services:	\$11,096,172	\$11,201,099	\$11,558,935	\$11,779,226	\$11,779,226
Libraries:	\$1,539,791	\$1,647,917	\$1,606,458	\$1,618,213	\$1,608,075
Derry Public Library:	\$1,356,336	\$1,398,406	\$1,408,163	\$1,419,681	\$1,409,543
Taylor Library:	\$183,455	\$249,511	\$198,295	\$198,532	\$198,532
Planning:	\$328,683	\$294,606	\$303,450	\$307,623	\$307,623
Police:	\$9,558,879	\$9,769,055	\$10,024,030	\$10,569,123	\$10,279,329
Police:	\$9,464,348	\$9,671,806	\$9,923,556	\$10,466,571	\$10,176,778
Animal Control:	\$94,531	\$97,249	\$100,474	\$102,551	\$102,551
Public Works:	\$9,455,487	\$9,587,355	\$9,732,068	\$10,410,637	\$10,096,130
Health:	\$86,552	\$88,541	\$151,957	\$151,612	\$151,612
Highway:	\$3,667,018	\$3,798,533	\$4,020,960	\$4,173,964	\$3,981,625
Transfer Station:	\$2,092,305	\$2,114,888	\$2,137,389	\$2,365,205	\$2,365,205
Vehicle Maintenance:	\$561,959	\$548,777	\$566,528	\$624,559	\$624,559
Buildings & Grounds:	\$868,367	\$875,506	\$804,195	\$888,716	\$830,319
Cemetery:	\$238,842	\$223,571	\$175,710	\$171,692	\$171,692
Code Enforcement:	\$386,819	\$398,909	\$366,253	\$369,770	\$369,770
Recreation:	\$587,819	\$587,924	\$595,010	\$607,315	\$607,315
Parks:		\$966,354	\$950,706	\$914,426	\$1,057,804
\$944,033					
Town Clerk & Elections:	\$233,172	\$300,553	\$221,385	\$266,504	\$258,379
Town Clerk:	\$158,061	\$160,126	\$164,179	\$179,458	\$170,933
Elections:	\$75,111	\$140,427	\$57,206	\$87,046	\$87,446
Total for Town Services:	\$45,490,162	\$47,946,665	\$49,157,911	\$44,954,226	\$44,572,270
Wastewater:	\$2,465,715	\$3,237,113	\$2,629,116	\$2,820,060	\$2,819,152
Water:	\$9,474,150	\$4,716,123	\$3,459,442	\$3,690,945	\$3,726,094
Cable:	\$608,309	\$525,049	\$633,229	\$682,226	\$682,226
TIF Districts:	\$1,173,482	\$1,107,253	\$1,664,077	\$1,176,713	\$1,307,394
Total for Other Services:	\$13,721,656	\$9,585,538	\$8,385,864	\$8,369,944	\$8,534,866
Grand Totals:	\$59,211,818	\$57,532,203	\$57,543,775	\$53,324,170	\$53,107,136

PROPOSED 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) - FISCAL YEARS 2023-2028

CIP SUMMARY	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Police:	\$570,727	\$346,793	\$435,858	\$790,879	\$81,314	\$93,814
Fire:	\$996,538	\$252,727	\$637,481	\$1,534,681	\$913,381	\$888,081
Public Works:	\$2,680,000	\$3,530,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,940,000	\$2,305,000
Executive/Finance Departments:	\$1,655,000	\$2,593,002	\$315,000	\$80,000	\$135,000	—
Derry Public Library:	\$45,000	—	\$110,000	—	—	—
Taylor Library:	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOWN OF DERRY GOVERNMENT Sub-Totals (excluding Water, Wastewater & Cable)	\$5,947,265	\$6,722,532	\$4,048,339	\$4,505,560	\$3,079,695	\$3,286,895
Water:	\$7,035,000	\$7,470,001	\$2,130,000	\$645,001	\$600,000	\$600,000
Wastewater:	\$6,450,000	\$4,445,000	\$4,230,000	\$65,000	\$2,030,000	—
Cable:	\$225,000	\$245,000	\$115,000	\$85,000	\$115,000	\$160,000
Town of Derry Total CIP:	\$19,657,265	\$18,882,533	\$10,523,339	\$5,300,561	\$5,824,695	\$4,046,895

The proposed FY2023 budget information is available on the Town's website (www.derrynh.org), as well as at the Derry Municipal Center, Derry Public Library and Taylor Library.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

DERRY

Dallas Brass

On Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m., at The Stockbridge Theatre, located at Pinkerton Academy, on 5 Pinkerton St., Derry, The Dallas Brass is a brass quintet will be performing. The Dallas Brass is a brass quintet was started by Michael Levine in 1983, its repertoire contains patriotic music, classical, and romantic, among others. The music ensemble continues to inspire young musicians and motivates its audience through a comedic workshop it provided. The General Public can secure tickets at: www.stockbridgetheatre.com or by calling the Box Office, 603-437-5210. To Learn more visit: www.StockbridgeTheatre.com.

Into the Breach

The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry will host "Into the Breach", eight weekly sessions on what it means to be a Christian man and how to embrace masculine virtues in a world in crisis. The sessions

will run Tuesday evenings from April 26 to June 14. Learn more: two-minute video and info at bit.ly/itb-video. Register at bit.ly/itb-sta.

Holy Week Services

Join the Calvary Bible Church (145 Hampstead Rd., Derry) for an Easter Celebration! We will have music, a timely message, and coffee & refreshments after the service. Nursery & Children's program provided. Learn more at www.cbcderry.org or them on Facebook. 3 Services: Good Friday (4/15) at 6 p.m.; Easter Sunday (4/17) at 10 a.m.

Kids Fish Derby

The Derry Lions are hosting the 32nd annual Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond on Rollins St., Derry on May 7. Registrations will be available pre derby day on line at the Recreation Department website or at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday May 7. Fishing begins at 8 a.m. - noon. Participation is free for kids 15 or under. Donations are welcome. Participant ribbons will be given to the first 100 participants.

Trophies will be awarded in several fish categories including longest and shortest fish. There will be refreshments, soda, water and coffee for purchase. Worms will also be on sale if needed. Raffle prizes include fish gear from Charlie Moore the Mad Fisherman. This year for the first time we will have background music provided by a NH vendor demonstrating a Fish Holster. Derry Lions look forward to seeing you rain or shine on May 7 at Hood Pond for a healthy outdoor activity.

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 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.

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.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday 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.

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

Chester Lions Club

The Chester Lions Club invite all Chester Seniors (55 & up) to their annual Senior Banquet on April 23, at 5 p.m., located at the Multipurpose Room, 84 Chester St., to a free turkey dinner, plus awards & entertainment.

Easter Bunny Visit

The Easter Bunny will be stopping by the Chester library to say hello, hand out goodie bags and be available for pictures on Saturday, April 16 from noon - 1 p.m. This is an outdoor event, weather permitting.

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for some-

thing new and fun to try? Join Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

Poetry Reading

Join the Chester Library on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m., for an evening of poetry with Midge Goldberg. Midge will be reading poems from her latest book To Be Opened After My Death.

Adult Afternoon Book Club

This Chester Library book club will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees are elected officials responsible for the government of library services and finances and will be meeting on Tuesday, April 19 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, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library will be meeting on Thursday,

April 21 at 7 p.m., to discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Foundation Meeting

Join the Foundation to help the Chester library's renovation efforts for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.. New members are needed and always welcome.

Storytime

Bring your little ones for stories, songs, and snacks to the Chester Library on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Ruth Ray's Birthday

Come celebrate the Chester Library's benefactor's birthday at the Library all day on Wednesday, April 27.

HAMPSTEAD

Nonfiction Book Club

This Hampstead Library Book Club will discuss Facing the Mountain: a true story of Japanese American heroes in World War II by Daniel James Brown on Tuesday, May 3 at 1 p.m. All readers are welcome to the discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Healthcare Workers For Climate Action

Learn about the health effects of climate change

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from the NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. This is a virtual event hosted by the Hampstead Public Library. All who are interested are welcome to attend. Register in advance via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org to be sent the Zoom link and optional audio/phone number.

Kids Fishing Derby

On Saturday April 23, from 7 a.m. - noon. Come on down to Shop Pond 166 Main St., Hampstead for some free family fun. Open to kids of Hampstead and surrounding towns ages 1 - 15. No entry fee required. Each child receives a small gift. Pond stocked with 500, 8-14 inch. Prizes will be awarded. Masks optional (If you or a family member has Covid-19 symptoms, please stay home). Go To: HampsteadCivicClub.org to register

Celebrate Holy Week

Hampstead Congregational Church (61 Main St,

Hampstead) will offer several special services for Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, April 17, two services will be offered. Please join us for a sunrise service at 6 a.m., at Camp Tel-Noar, 167 Main St., Hampstead. We will worship together as we watch the sun rise on this holiest of days. After the service, all are invited to the social hall at the church for breakfast. At 10 a.m., we will offer a traditional Easter service full of music and celebration in our sanctuary decorated specially for this most joyous of days. This service will also be streamed online.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hampstead Congregational Church invites all families with younger children to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at the church, 61 Main St., Hampstead. The event will begin at 10 a.m., inside the social hall with fun activities for the children. The hunt will take place outside in groups according to age, weather permitting. Be sure to come and say hello to our special guest, the Easter Bunny, who will be available for pictures. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Easter Services

Island Pond Baptist Church cordially invites you to services throughout Easter weekend. A Good Friday service will be held on April 15 at 6 p.m. No childcare is available, but kids are welcome in this family friendly service. Easter Sunday morning service is at 10:30 a.m. Kids' ministry is available for ages 0-10 at this service. You can also join us online by going to the church's main Facebook page or Youtube channel. Look for the "live" post. Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH. You can visit on the web, online at www.islandpondbc.com, email info@islandpondbc.com, or call 603-329-5959 for more information.

Breakfast with Easter Bunny

The Hampstead Lions club is happy to announce that the 25th annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be held again this year. It will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Central School on Emerson Avenue in Hampstead from 7:30 - 11 a.m. Donations are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children. The

Easter Bunny will be available for photographs with the children and families. There will also be a craft table where the children can make Easter decorations and a raffle table with the chance to win lovely themed baskets. Face painting and games will add to the fun.

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://hampsteadcivicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

Storytime

Spring Preschool Story Time series at the Hampstead

Library is on Mondays at 10 a.m., April 18. Sing, move, and read in the upstairs meeting room. Attendees receive a craft to take home. Please note, that Story Time takes a break (end of April through May) as the renovation of the children's area and program room complete. Then Story Time returns in the summer.

SANDOWN

Exercise Class

Free - 6-Week Exercise Class for Mature Adults Aged 60+. This 60-minute session on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - noon starting May 3, and ending June 7, at the Edward Garvey Recreation Facility located at 25 Pheasant Run Dr., Sandown. This program is open to residents and non-residents. Registration is free, but mandatory as space is limited. Registration deadline is April 28. Registrations forms can be found on the town website at www.sandown.us/recreation or forms can be picked up at the Sandown Town Hall or Recreation Office during business hours. Please call 603-887-1782 or email

recreation@sandown.us for more information or if you have questions.

Earth Day Bingo

On Wednesday, April 27, from 10 - 11 a.m., Come play Earth Day Bingo with the Sandown Library. Bingo card kits will be available at the front desk if you would like to create your own card and bring it with you to the Bongo game.

Do Your Perennials Need Help?

Now that spring is finally here, one may notice that many perennials in the garden are in need of help. If you would like to give your perennials a fresh start this year, please call Fran Rose-nau of the Sandown Garden Club at 603-887-5131. She will schedule a time, at your convenience, to divide those perennials that need a little help this spring. As in years past, SGC members will arrive at your home to divide those established plants, leaving your garden looking refreshed. They will then take the surplus plants to be potted and prepared for the Sandown Garden Club's annual

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Graphic Novel Book Club

Do you love graphic novels? Join our Graphic Novel Book Club on Wednesday, April 27, from 4 - 5 p.m. This group meets once a month at the Sandown Library to discuss a graphic novel and do some fun activities. This month: *InvestiGators*, by John Green, copies of the graphic will be available at the front desk. Registration is required for this program.

Story Hour at the Town Forest

On Thursday, April 28, from 10 - 11 a.m., come join the fun with stories, songs, puppets and more at the Sandown Library. The themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. 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.

Game Day - Mahjong

Thursday, April 28, from 1 - 2:30 p.m., come join the Sandown library's afternoon game day. 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.

Super Samsh Brothers Tournament

On Thursday, April 28, from 4 - 6 p.m., come to the Sandown Library for the first

Super Smash Bros. tournament. Put your skills to the test. Registration is required. The library has two Nintendo Switch pro-controllers, but feel free to bring your own from home. Snacks will be provided.

Family Fun in the Kitchen

Join the Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen on Monday, April 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. They will be making Lemon Cupcakes with Vanilla Buttercream Frosting! Registration is required. This program is for all ages. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants.

Lions Scholarship

The Sandown Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will once again be sponsoring a scholarship award for the 2021-2022 school year. This scholarship, honoring the memory and legacy of Lion Eleanor Bassett, will be awarded to a graduating high school senior residing in the town of Sandown per the criteria below: The Lions are an organization whose members volunteer to serve their local community and beyond in many ways. In keeping with this spirit, scholarship applicants should be involved in some form of community service. This service can be, but is not limited to, one's church, local community, and/or school. Applications and further information can be obtained in the guidance office of Timberlane Regional High School or you may request an application from the Lions Club directly by emailing mixic13@gmail.com or calling 603-765-9303. This scholarship does require a brief essay entitled "Why I volunteer". The deadline for application consideration is April 18.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate

for ages; 5+Registration is required.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.us

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings 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.

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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