

School Board Adjusts Central School Project Funding Plan

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board met on Friday night, Jan. 8 for a Special Meeting to take action on a Warrant Article for the latest Hampstead Central School 60's Wing Renovation Project.

The school board had met three days earlier and worked out the funding on the \$2.05 million project, and the Friday night meeting was to finalize the wording for the Warrant Article.

The 60's Wing Renovation Project will be Article

4 on the March Ballot and the funding for the project will be coming from a number of sources, although those sources were still about \$45,000 short. There was a recommendation at the Friday meeting was that the shortfall be added to the Operating Budget.

Before the board discussed that shortfall in funding, School Board Chair, Caitlin Parnell began by reading the language of the article. It will read; "Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District Raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,660,000 for the purpose

of the Hampstead Central School 60's Wing Renovation Project with \$1,160,000 coming from the School Renovation Reconstruction and Capital Improvement and Capital Fund Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose, and up to \$500,000 from the June 30, 2021 Unassigned Fund Balance or Surplus in excess of \$150,000.

The first \$150,000 of surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The next \$500,000 of surplus will be used to fund this warrant Article. Any additional surplus will be returned to

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Chester Warrant Articles Still a Work in Progress

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CHESTER - The town of Chester's 2021-22 Proposed Town Warrant & Budget Articles have been a work in progress over the past few months, and as of Friday, Jan. 8, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee have developed a rough draft for what will be voted on this year.

The articles have not been assigned numbers yet and some figures are still being worked on.

Revaluation Article: (requested by Jean Packard on 11/3/2020) Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

established at the 2009 Town Meeting in order to prepare for the next Town revaluation in 2024. The Estimated Tax Impact on this article will be \$0.02.

PACT Article: This article was requested by Bob Grimm on Nov. 2, 2020. And is a Special Warrant Article. It asks the Town to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. The funds will be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "PACT" Fund established at the 2003 Town Meeting, separate from the General Fund and funded by Comcast subscribers. It has an estimated tax impact

of \$0.00.

Steeple Repair at Chester Congregational Church Article: This article was requested by Selectman Stef Landau on Nov. 4, and the amount was decided upon on Nov. 5. It asks the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of helping to defray the expense of structural work on the steeple of the Chester Congregational Church which houses the Town Clock. The actual amount of said donation is to be conditioned upon the Congregational Church raising an equal amount of funding between Town Meeting of 2021 and Town Meeting of 2022. The amount donated will not exceed \$25,000

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SPUCING IT UP

Efforts are underway in Chester to address some of the items that need to be renovated on the town's historic Stevens Memorial Hall building as the town prepares to celebrate it's 300th Year Anniversary. See story on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Planning Board Hears Abutter Concerns on Contractor Bays

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DERRY - The Derry Planning Board met on Wednesday, Jan. 6 and held a Public Hearing on a site plan for a property at 4 Peabody Road Annex which Lauralei, LLC was proposing the addition of a 17,820 square-foot Commercial Contractor Bays.

The property is directly behind Shaw's Supermarket at the Hood Plaza in Derry.

Engineer, Doug McGuire and owner, Steve Treftethen explained the plans to the board, and the two men were hoping to keep the site as it exists, but add a 17,820 square-foot Contractor Bays. They would also be connecting

to public sewer with the addition.

McGuire explained to the board that they would be removing all of the pavement on the existing lot, and repaving some of Peabody Road Annex to bring in additional utilities. There would be eleven units in the new building for small businesses to utilize

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Recreation and Stormwater Regs Discussed at Planning

HENRY GREENBAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Planning Board met on January 5th, 2021 for their monthly meeting at the Sandown Town Hall. During the previous meeting, Deb Brown of the Sandown Recreation Department appeared before the board to discuss Hoyt Realty Trust's requirement to donate to the Recreation Department. The board started off by addressing this topic.

As a condition to building a new development, Hoyt Realty Trust is required to improve upon Miller Field. The

goal is to have a full-sized baseball field, a building for public restrooms, an expanded parking area, and tennis fields. The only real issue with that is how it will all be paid for.

From 2000 to 2008, people would move to Sandown and build new homes for their families. They would waive the recreational requirements by willingly paying a fee of \$1,000 to put back into the community to be used for recreational purposes.

This was an alternative to the recreational requirement that if someone were to build a property in Sandown then they would have to build a basketball court, a walking

trail, or something else that is recreational. Since the town is not getting as much money for the Recreation Department as before, impact fees get put into place that go directly from new developments like the one being built by Hoyt Realty Trust directly into the department's funding to build new recreational areas.

The board also discussed the new Stormwater Management guidelines need to be updated and adopted by the town. It is a new town ordinance that must be put into place by March 2021. The updated guidelines regulate stormwater

development at sites that disturb one or more acres of land. This will help manage the erosion and sediment during the construction of new properties.

People and businesses who are developing new projects must follow these new guidelines by putting in storm drains, building over solid ground, and making parking spots that are safe for cars to park in. If these guidelines are not followed, then the owners of these new developments will be fined.

The new ordinance, which was written by town engineer Nick Ortins, had an authority

section to it. "Nick put the authority piece in because he gave you the ability to have it each of two different ways," said town engineer Steve Keach. "One was as part of a zoning ordinance, by deleting that section or by having it become a standalone ordinance that is not a zoning ordinance, it's not a subdivision regulation, it's just a municipal ordinance. Like your ordinance that says you can't park in the right of way of a town road during Winter months."

The ordinance can be presented in two ways. One way is to work it into a larger zoning ordinance to be approved by

Sandown's Zoning Board of Adjustment. The other way is to have it as a standalone ordinance that is simply put in place for the town to adopt. Either way, with the new ordinance in place, the Planning Board hopes these updated guidelines will better regulate developments that can mess with the stormwater management of the town.

Many other towns around New Hampshire are expected to adopt similar guidelines for their developing projects. The version made for Sandown is expected to be fully accepted by July of this year.

Derry Town Council Gets COVID-19 Testing Update

TJ RUZICKA
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - On the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 5, the Derry Town Council met to discuss the COVID-19 update in town.

The COVID-19 update started the agenda of the Tuesday meeting, with Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon updating the Council on COVID-19 number reflective of what was seen at the time of the meeting.

Gagnon reported that there are 385 current positive COVID-19 cases in Derry as of Jan. 5. Of that, 13 of those cases required individuals to be hospitalized.

Gagnon added that the figure of 385 positive cases can change daily. Roughly 15-20 people test positive for COVID-19 daily in Derry, causing a rise in numbers. With that however, roughly 15-20 people feel an end to symptoms daily, causing a fall in numbers. The

385 is the consistent max number Chief Gagnon and the town have seen.

Along with an update on COVID numbers, Gagnon also reported about one Adult Care facility in town that has seen 32 positive COVID cases. 14 of the cases are residents at the facility, and the other 18 encompass part of the staff at the facility. This was reported to be the sole Adult Care facility in town to see an outbreak.

Gagnon finished his

reporting with the note that Derry first responders are starting to get their vaccines for COVID-19. With that, Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores asked when older citizens in Derry could expect to be receiving the vaccine.

Gagnon mapped out the current state of affairs with the vaccine, marking that vaccine distribution is in Phase 1A throughout January - a time where first responders and hospital workers will be receiving vaccines.

He noted that citizens age 75 years and older can expect to receive a vaccine in a timeframe from late January to March as a part of Phase 1B. Along with residents 75 and older, individuals with multiple health con-

cerns, correctional officers, and developmentally disabled individuals can expect to see the vaccine in this Phase as well.

Gagnon then explained the remainder of the Phases and what they'd mean for Derry residents. After Phase 1b, the vaccine distribution will move into Phase 2B—this is when residents age 65-74 and teachers working in K-12 childcare can expect to be receiving vaccines.

Rolling out alongside Phase 2A will be Phase 2B - this is when residents aged 50-65 would be seeing their vaccines. Both of these phases are expected to run from March through May.

After May will be the final rollout of vaccines when anyone not falling

under the aforementioned criteria will be able to get their vaccine. The end date to this final phase is still yet to be determined.

It should be noted that all dates and criteria for the vaccine Phases have been determined and decided by the Department of Health and Human Services, not the town of Derry. This means that the entire process will also be dictated by the Department of Health and Human Services. Currently the effort in vaccine distribution is focused on getting vaccines to frontline workers, so Derry residents can expect to see more information on how and when vaccines will be ready in the coming months.

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and has an estimated tax impact of \$0.03.

Operating Budget: The Selectmen budget dollar figures are subject to change until Jan. 14, but should remain over \$5 million. The Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,147,067. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The breakdown is as follows: General Government - \$2,322,966; Public Safety - \$1,487,204; Highways, Streets, Bridges - \$790,343; Sanitation - \$203,154; Health & Welfare - \$41,214; Culture & Recreation - \$300,979; Conservation & Eco. Dev. - \$1,205; and Debt Service - \$2.

Article to Discontinue North Pond Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund:

This article asks the Town to discontinue the North Pond Road and Route 102 Intersection Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010.

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

CIP Funding Article: A Special Warrant Article with a total dollar amount yet to be determined to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established

at the 2013 Town Meeting. CIP Projects Article: A Special Warrant Article asking the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$337,408 for the following projects:

General Government: I.T. Hardware & Software Upgrades - \$12,000; 16-foot Work Trailer-\$6,500; BI, Assessing/PB HVAC Upgrade \$6,500; Upgrade Annex Boiler \$27,500.

Police Department: Cruiser with Outfitting-\$55,630; Personal Protective Equipment - \$10,000; Body-Worn Cameras-\$16,885; 4x4 Pick-Up Truck-\$51,000.

Fire Department: Expand and Repave Parking Lot-\$75,000; Roof Upgrade-\$45,000.

Highway Department: Annual Surveying & Engineering Services - \$10,000; Highway Shed Fire & Security System \$21,393 and withdraw \$302,408 from the Municipal Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes and the remaining \$35,000 from accrued impact fees.

This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7_a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or Dec. 31, 2023, whichever comes first. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00.

Highway CIP Funding Article: - From a Block Grant received on Aug. 6, 2020. Wording as to "remainder to be raised through taxation" recommended by DRA. - will decide on funding on Jan. 14. This is a Special Warrant Article for the Town vote to raise and appropriate sum of money to be

determined and added to the capital reserve fund known as the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2015 Town Meeting with \$144,597 which is the anticipated grant amount this year from the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation and the remainder to be raised through taxation.

Highway CIP Projects Article: Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,500 for roadwork in the Town of Chester: Highway Department Grind & Repave \$1,000,500 and withdraw \$1,000,500 from the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7_a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or Dec. 31, 2023, whichever comes first. Carkin Street Article: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of Carkin Street that abuts Donna Street and lies between Tax Map 5-71 and Tax Map 5-70, identified on the letter and petition dated March 17, 2020 from Hamblett & Kerrigan, and containing 12,406 square feet or 0.28+ acres of land. Said property will revert to the abutters who will be responsible for reimbursing the Town for the land, which is valued at \$6,160, and any surveyors' fees associated with the lot line adjustment.

Winter Road Maintenance Fund Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town

vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting and increased at the 2017 Town Meeting for the purpose of plowing, salting, sanding and general winter road maintenance in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed \$105,000. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.14.

Master Plan Article: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2019 Town Meeting.

Police Department OHRV Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,609.00 for the purchase of a Side by Side OHRV with Accessories, Upfitting, and Trailer and withdraw \$30,609.00 from the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose with no amount to be raised by taxation. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article Rescinding of 2013 Warrant Article #20 - Requested by DRA: Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95_c to restrict 100% of revenues from the sale of cemetery lots to expenditures for the purpose of cemetery maintenance? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted

for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Cemetery Maintenance Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. Ballot vote required. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article to replace 2013 Warrant Article #20 which was done incorrectly. Requested by DRA: Shall the Town vote to establish a Village Cemeteries Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19_a and RSA 289:2_a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots managed by the Village Cemetery Trustees in the Town of Chester and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of these cemeteries; and, further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00.

Fire Engine #1 Capital Reserve Fund Article: Shall the Town vote to establish a Fire Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 II for the purpose of funding the replacement of Fire Department Vehicles, and to raise and appropriate the

sum of \$400,000 to be placed in this fund. Further to authorize the transfer of \$400,000 from the June 30, 2021 Unassigned Fund Balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen are not to be made agents to expend this fund; expenditure from this fund will require future warrant article. Tax Impact: \$0.00

Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund Article: A Special Warrant Article that asks the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2020 Town Meeting. Further to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the June 30, 2021 Unassigned Fund Balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. Tax Impact: \$0.00.

Change in Town Meeting Date Article: Shall the Town vote to effect a change in the date of the annual Town Meeting so that the first session for choice of Town Officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot shall be held annually on the second Tuesday in May, and the second session for the transaction of other business on a date set by the Selectmen, effective Jan. 1, 2022. Tax Impact: \$0.00.

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Editorial

King's Dream Today

January 18 is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 58 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson

should have more substance than style.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, and justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way. It must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

Letters

Representative Concerns

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to express my deep concerns over newly elected Representative Ann Copp's actions. It appears as though one of her first acts as Representative elect was to sign on to "Terminate the state of NH and the office of Gov-

ernor." As a candidate running for the NH House of Representatives this past fall, I followed the candidates running for office and didn't hear anything about this issue. I think she owes the residents of Derry an explanation of this far-fetched idea. She should also offer information as to what the plans are mov-

ing forward should this far-fetched idea succeed. With such a major change in our state she at least owes the people which she represents an explanation. After she offers her explanation she should promptly resign.

Thomas Cardon
Derry

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Training Exercises

Derry Firefighters continue to actively train at an acquired structure on Pillsbury Street throughout this month. The training focused on technique called Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search (VEIS). VEIS is a proven tactic that allows Firefighters to rapidly gain access to a portion of a structure and search for victims without the protection of a hose line. Typically, one Firefighter enters the building to conduct a search while the Fire Officer is at the window with a thermal imaging camera guiding the search Firefighter, looking for exposed victims, monitors ceiling temperatures and interior door integrity. The additional Firefighter is there to enter if a victim is found and the search member needs assistance.

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Selectmen Discuss Financial Future and Stevens Hall

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, Jan. 7, in their first meeting of the new year to discuss updates to CIP and their plans for Stevens Hall Renovations.

The meeting was being conducted through videoconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Up first on the Selectmen's agenda was the discussion of the renovations to Stevens Hall.

Present at the Board of Selectmen meeting was local Architect Gary Goudreau, who has been assisting with the planning and putting together the Stevens Hall Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Board wants to push the renovation work along so Stevens Hall will be ready for the Town of Chester's 300th Anniversary. Goudreau is in talks with two contractors at the moment who are interested in the project and plans to have the RFP over to them by Jan. 15, for enough time to look over the building and get their opinions on the renovation by Feb. 12 of this year.

Next up on the Select-

men's agenda was to review warrants for Carlin Street, Road Bond, and CIP line items. The Town accepted Carlin Street as a street, and because the town owns about one quarter acre of the land on that street, the Board is requesting there be a financial assessment of the land. The proposed warrant article for Carlin Street will be on hold while the financial assessment of the land is made.

The Board of Selectman also decided not to add any road work bonds to the current CIP and stick to what has already been decided. The Board is also looking ahead to find ways to add money to the Capitol Reserve Funds to help with future expenses such as two replacement fire trucks. A suggestion was made to try and put away around 50,000\$ a year for larger priced items down the road on the future CIP's.

Members also discussed using the Unassigned Fund Balance as a solution to starting the Capital Reserve Funds.

Selectman Steph Landau added his thoughts to the discussion, "We have one for snow removal, since that has been

incepted, only one time went more than 150,000 dollars and it has always been a godsend and we've been able to handle our budget, we need to take a serious look and have a serious discussion about this and I think we start putting funds away even if we don't have 20 years before we need it, at least we will have something to get started with."

Ultimately the warrant will go to the Budget Committee and before it goes to the Budget Committee the Selectmen need to discuss how much to put in the Capitol Reserve Funds before they send the warrant article over.

The Board discussed finding out the exact numbers if they were to bring the unassigned Fund Balance down to 12 percent of its current balance and use that as a way to fund the capital reserve fund.

Police Chief, Aaron Berube was also present at Thursday night's meeting. Chief Berube had recently applied for a grant for around 8,000 dollars that would help train officers in how and when to provide NAR-CAN.

The Board of Selectmen approved of Chief Berube's acceptance of the grant.

Also during the meeting member Steve D'Angelo brought up issues that have been going on with Public Access Cable Television (PACT) saying that as we get into budget season we need to have a better handle on coverage. He cited a recent Budget Committee meeting where there was a problem with the audio.

Bob Grimm jumped in at that point saying that if something comes up he's usually there to fix them.

He added that his committee has very few options and short on staff.



Work will begin soon on renovations to Chester's historic Stevens Hall as the town prepares for its 300th Anniversary.
Photo by Chris Paul

These issues are few and far between and despite a few hiccups, he's still able to get meetings up the next day.

Grimm also mentioned that they are still looking to fill Briana Demers position. She will be leaving PACT soon.

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Chester 300th Anniversary Committee Continues Planning

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER — The town of Chester's 300th Anniversary Committee met through videoconference for their monthly meeting on Jan. 6.

They started by discussing which email addresses they preferred to have listed on the packet they are releasing to the public that will give citizens all the information they need on the committee and what they do. Some wanted to use their 300th Anniversary email because it is connected to Outlook. Others wanted to use their personal emails from Yahoo or Gmail.

After much deliberation, the committee decided it would be best to their 300th Anniversary Committee email addresses because it looks better on the packet than having emails from all different sites. They also decided to have a public email that deals with all the special events that they organize.

The emails can be sent to any member by going to the home page of their website, chester300.org,

and clicking on one of their names. Clicking on their names will automatically create a new email that can be sent to them.

The committee also discussed the overall setup of the packet and an issue that came forward was that of the color scheme. Sue Rieter, a member of the committee, was concerned that the packet having gray background could clash with the black colored font making it hard to read.

Jay Bishop, another member of the committee, made the point that it can also concern advertisers. "My feeling about that is gray is halfway to black and it's not putting your sponsors in the brightest light to do that," said Bishop. "There are advertising [guidelines] that always say that the biggest contrast, and you'll notice this with road signs and business signs, is [that] it's red with a white background."

Making a website with a matching color scheme is a good way of making it presentable.

However, Bishop believes that making the

color scheme more contrasting, like having red letters with a white background, may make it more desirable for advertisers to promote their companies on the packet as it would be easier for people to notice.

The committee then went onto discuss the pyramid graph which details the different sponsorship opportunities for

future events.

The pyramid is split into seven tiers ranging from \$500 to \$12,500. Tier seven has the lowest amount of money while tier one has the highest.

With each tier, there are benefits that people can get depending on how much money they donate. A lower tier could get them free merchandise while a higher tier could

give someone like a business owner major advertising opportunities during special events in the town. It may also be possible to split up payment if someone cannot pay for a higher tier all at once like with tier one in which they could split it up between three dates.

The rest of the meeting was spent talking about the Brookstone Event Center which was recently bought out by LaBelle Winery. The Winery requested a \$4,000 deposit from the town of Chester. Committee member Rhonda Lamphere was able to loan the winery the \$500 deposit that was originally loaned to the Brookstone Event

Center after they had returned it.

The committee needed to discuss and approve the other \$3,500 for the Winery. It was decided that the winery could be very beneficial to Chester as it can open the door to more opportunities for unique events so the motion was passed to give the LaBelle Winery the other \$3,500 to complete the \$4,000 deposit.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20. If residents wish to attend the meeting, they can contact the chairman, Jean Methot, at jeanm@chesternh300.org and he will help get access to the meeting online.

OBITUARY

Ralph J. Cassel



Ralph J. Cassel, 92 of Derry, NH died Friday Jan. 8, 2021 at his daughter's home in Barnstead, NH surrounded by his loving family. Ralph was born in Gary, IN on July 24, 1928, a son of the late Ralph and Hazel (Doorley) Cassel.

He served with the US Air Force. Ralph had been employed as a tool die inspector for Raytheon Corp. Ralph rode motorcycles his entire life and was a member of the Romeos Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, especially hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Boyle) Cassel of Derry, three sons, Brian J. Cassel and his wife AnnMarie of Pittsfield, NH, Scott A. Cassel and his wife Cheryl of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Craig M. Cassel and his wife Cheryl of Roach, MO, two daughters, Erin M. Bruen and her husband Timothy of Zebulon, NC, and Stacy A. Antonelli and her husband Steve Soucy of Barnstead, NH, 29 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, two great great-grandchildren, and his daughter-in-law, Donna Cassel. He was predeceased by his sons, Marc A. Cassel and Brett A. Cassel, as well as his sisters, Dorothy M. Genson, and Hazel Stinson.

The family will celebrate a private funeral Mass for Ralph at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Rd., Manchester, NH 03104.

OBITUARY

Peggy J. Blake



Peggy J. Blake, 86 of Derry, NH died Friday Jan. 1, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Peggy was born in Webster City, IA on April 27, 1934 a daughter of the late John and Florence (Long) Grady. She had resided in Derry since 1938, formerly living in Woodsville, NH.

Peggy was a loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She had a heart of gold with a stubborn Irish temper and a great sense of humor that we will all miss greatly. She was her children and grandchildren's biggest fan and touched many hearts though out her 86 years. Peggy enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles and was an avid baker for her family.

She is survived by her children, Tom Brinkmann of North Carolina, Shawna Barden of Derry, Pamela Defrancesco of Derry, and Sheila Blake of Derry, six grandchildren, Corey Brinkmann of North Carolina, Lyndsey Barden of Derry, Jesse Maheu of Londonderry, Sarah Collins of Derry, Joseph Barden of Derry, and Jake Defrancesco of Londonderry, five great-grandchildren, her siblings, Collen Nault of Manchester, Kathy Jorgenson and Gail Blodgett both of Iowa, Jack Grady of Manchester, Tom Grady of Goffstown, and her step-brother, Norman Richards of Bedford. She also leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Blake in 1988, her stepmother, Lucienne Grady, her sister, Ruth Fournier, and by her step-brothers, Roland and Robert Richards.

Funeral services will be held privately by the family. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is handling the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Used Car Dealership Plans Delayed Until Site Plan Update

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Planning Board Meeting that was held on Monday, Jan. 4, members held off making any decisions on a request to change the use of a property at 2 Starwood Drive to a used auto sales business.

The couple that was proposing the business would be leasing the property, but were told by the board that the current use of the property was in violation of town codes and giving approval for a new business would not be possible until the property

issues were rectified.

The couple gave a very brief overview of what that plan to do with the property and said they were looking to open a Used Car Dealership where selling cars would be the only function of the business. They also stated that there is a preexisting spot on the map that would accommodate 18 cars.

Board member Paul Carideo responded to their proposal by saying, "It's unfortunate that the owner of the property isn't present, because based on the approved plans they have in the office and a site visit, this lot, in my opinion, in

violation."

He also said he had no problem with the business they were proposing.

Carideo added that there have been a number of improvements made to the property by the owner that were never approved on any site plans the Planning Department has. He felt that he couldn't even discuss the plans until the site was brought up to conformance.

He further went on to say that he thought this was a perfect spot for what the couple was proposing, but unfortunately the current owner of the property has violated their

approved site plan by changes they have made.

Although the couple seemed to feel that they should not be held accountable for the owners code violations, many of the members of the board felt that the owner of the property should have been present at the hearing to address the issues on the site plan.

Planning Board Chairman, Steve Wentworth, discussed the need for a new site plan to be brought before the board before anything can move forward with this property.

The couple suggested that the board give their

approval of the car business contingent on having an approved site plan. They stated that the needed the approval in order to move ahead with getting a state license which takes 90 days.

The board struggled with the idea of approving the change of use without having a conforming site plan. The thought of having the couple spend money to get their license not knowing if the owner would follow through with

the compliance was the major issue.

In the end, the board didn't feel that moving forward by giving them approval would be the right thing to do and proposed continuing the hearing until the February meeting. They added that they expected to see lots of drawing of updated site plan.

They also felt a letter should be drawn up and sent to the owner requesting the property come into compliance.

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the taxpayers. The funds from this Warrant Article come from the 2020-21 School Budget surplus not from additional taxes."

The board then voted unanimously to move the article to the Warrant.

This moved into a discussion on whether or not to accept the recommendation by the administration to increase the Operating Budget by \$45,000.

The current Operating Budget is at \$30,616,347 and the new amount will be \$30,661,347 when the shortfall was added.

The \$45,000 was added to the Facilities Project line of the Operating Budget and was unanimously voted on to move forward.

Article 7 was then discussed, with the question

being whether to adjust the article by saying that it would be null and void if Article 4 passes.

The language will change roughly to: Should Article 4 fail, the voters are asked to raise \$100,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Both Geoff Dowd and Dr. Earl Metzler would be formulating the exact language through DRA before it is put on the Warrant.

Before voting on the language, School Board

member David Smith suggested the amount increase in case the Renovation Project article fails.

Member Jim Sweeney agreed, and added that he thought The article should stay on the ballot even if the article passes saying, "Even if four passes, I don't think asking for another \$100,000, there is anything wrong with that. This is money for the Capital Reserve Fund. This is not a Slush Fund, we should still try to build that fund."

After some discussion, the article was changed to read, "Should Article 4 fail, Article 7 would be to add \$400,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund. Should Article 4 pass, this article will be null and void."

That article was unanimously voted on to move forward by the board.

These were the final items on the Warrant that needed to get finalized before the Public Hearing that was to take place on Tuesday, Jan. 12. After the Tri-Town Times went to press.

OBITUARY

William H. "Hoppy" Keating



William H. "Hoppy" Keating, 72, of Hampstead, NH passed away on Thursday Jan. 7, 2021 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital, Lebanon NH surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born on Aug. 4, 1948 in Troy NY. The only son of Henry Raymond and Marjorie (Williams) Keating. Hoppy graduated from LaSalle Institute and Siena College. Bill began his career with Stewart Shops and transitioned to the General Electric Co, where he worked for 47 years, retiring from the Aircraft Engine division in Hooksett NH.

Bill was an active parishioner for over 37 years at St Anne's Parish in Hampstead. He spent copious hours volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America with his son and grandsons. Hoppy got his lifelong nick name from his childhood hero, Hop-a-long Cassidy and spending countless hours recreating scenes from his favorite episodes. He enjoyed long drives in his Porsche with his wife, Mim, traveling and was an avid golfer. Bill will be remembered for his hearty laugh and gift of gab, finding time to strike up a conversation with anyone. More than anything Bill loved his family above all and never missed a moment. His presence at family gatherings will be greatly missed.

Bill leaves behind daughter Deanna R Seccareccio and husband Robert of Hampstead, son Todd Keating and wife Rachel of Illinois, and son Drew Keating and husband William of Concord. Also survived by two grandsons, Tyler and Jake Seccareccio of Hampstead, two granddaughters, Lilianna and Elissa Keating of Illinois, two sisters, Jean Keating and Ellen Malone and several nieces. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Renee M (Collette) Keating, his parents and sister Veronica.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Jan. 11, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry, NH. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated privately for family only at St. Anne's Parish, Hampstead on Tuesday Jan. 12. A burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Hampstead. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org.

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lize. Each unit would have a large bay and a small office. Each bay would also have the option of a mezzanine area. The doors in the rear of the building would be in case of emergency only and would not be used day-to-day. Parking would also be slightly expanded. They would be also be adding to the existing vegetation on the property to create a larger buffer that would conform to Derry regulations.

With the public hearing opened a large number of residents appeared to speak against the plans. First to comment was Pete Sinclair of Misty Morning Drive was not in favor of the plan saying that he had a number of concerns. One was that the mezzanine windows would be looking right into his bedroom. He also thought that the sun-

light he would be losing was a factor. He also thought the location of the building would impact the property values in the area. He also mentioned that depending on what sort of contractors were to use the space, there may be fire hazard issues that would effect nearby families.

Rob Thomas, an abutter from Sundown Drive also was not in favor of the plan and he said he has similar concerns as the previous speaker, citing the windows in the upper part of the building being a big concern. He felt that about 20 families would be affected by this plan and bigger trees would be required to block the view.

Thomas echoed the property value concern that was brought up earlier, saying about 60 homes would be affected.

Another abutter brought to light the fact that the tree buffer and the

snow plow area were combined in the plan and he was concerned that plowing snow into that area would kill the trees.

Lighting, hours of operation and pollution from the runoff of the bays were also brought up as a concern by abutters.

After the public hearing was closed the presenters were asked to address some of the abutters concerns.

McGuire explained that the building would be fully sprinklered with a suppression system and that the

mezzanine areas are not intended to be used by all the contractors. It will be for storage mostly.

McGuire felt that the snow storage area on the property was more than adequate for the facility.

He added that lighting and hours of operation on the site should not be a concern saying that there are only three poles planned, but they have no way of controlling the hours that the contractors are using the building.

Planning Board Chair,

John O'Connor, also brought up concerns with potential blasting when bringing in the utilities. McGuire felt that blasting was not going to be required; he thought that most of the ledge could be taken care of with hammering.

Planning Board Member Mark Connors had a number of questions starting with wondering why he would use this property for this project, saying that the area is most medium high density and residen-

tial housing. He also wondered if they can control the types of business that use the property.

Planning Director, George Sioras, responded that the area is zoned General Commercial, so they can be a number of different uses. The town would be reviewing each business as well as when there is a change in use.

After some additional comments by the board and by staff, the plan was continued to the Jan. 20 meeting.

Derry School Board Discusses Deliberative Options Due to COVID

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DSERRY - During the Tuesday, Jan. 5, meeting of the Derry Cooperative School Board Meeting,

members discussed plans on the Upcoming Deliberative Session as well as the plan for voting as the COVID-19 Pandemic will very much impact those two things.

To start, Superintendent, MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian told the board that Attorney Gordon Graham was attending through videoconference that evening and would be available for any questions by the board.

Connors-Krikorian said there would be three options to hold the deliberative session. One would be conducted as it usually is and another would have the session broken up into three ses-

sions.

One session would be a virtual live session with the board.

The second session would take place, much the same way, but the board would address comments made by viewers from first session. Notices would have to be mailed to all registered voters in town. The third part would be drive-thru voting.

Another choice might be to push the Deliberative Session out to May or June, and it would be held outdoors.

Graham added that the outdoor option is being passed at the state level, and that the legisla-

ture has been looking at ways to enable districts to hold Sessions through COVID and to make options available.

After some additional discussion the board decided to wait to see if the state bill passes before making a decision on delaying the voting.

The district would also be meeting with the Derry Town Manager, Dave Caron, to coordinate town and school voting.

Currently, the Deliberative Session is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the West Running Brook Middle School Gymnasium.




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State Offers Free Fishing Day Cautions to do it Safe

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

The third Saturday in January is a special day for many New Hampshire outdoor enthusiasts, particularly those who enjoy winter on the water.

Saturday, Jan. 16, the N.H. Fish and Game Department is holding the state's winter free fishing day. This day anyone and everyone can fish without a license in the Granite State.

As is to be expected, all other regulations for ice fishing must still be followed this coming weekend, and anyone participating in a fishing tournament on free fishing day must be licensed.

Most of the state's lakes and ponds, where ice fishing occurs, are home to warm water fish populations including perch, pickerel, black crappie, and bass. Some waters also provide opportunities for fishers to wrangle brook, rainbow, or brown trout through the ice.

Though salmon can be found in certain waters, NH Fish and Game reminds potential fishers that salmon

may not be taken through the ice, and designated trout ponds are closed to ice fishing.

On most Granite State waters, there is a general rule that fishing lines are limited to six per person when ice fishing. However, lake trout and salmon lakes only permit two lines when fishing, and ice anglers are limited to five lines on NH-Maine border waters (with the exception of Great East Lake, which has a two line limit).

A complete list of two-line limit lakes is available at wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing.

Ice fishing is a much-enjoyed wintertime pastime for many people in New England, but this year, conditions have been so sporadic that NH Fish and Game urge fishers to take extra precaution.

"Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following the record rainfall recorded on Christmas day," urges Fish and Game Colonel Kevin Jordan. "With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not

be."

Fishers are reminded that thick ice does not always mean safe ice, as Fish and Game states that due to varying weather conditions, it is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong. This weakened thick ice is often caused by warming trends breaking down the ice, followed by cold trends refreezing the surface.

The public is also advised to be especially careful of areas with a current, such as inlets, outlets and spring holes, where ice can be "dangerously thin."

The United States Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory offers a rule of thumb on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or off-highway recreational vehicle travel.

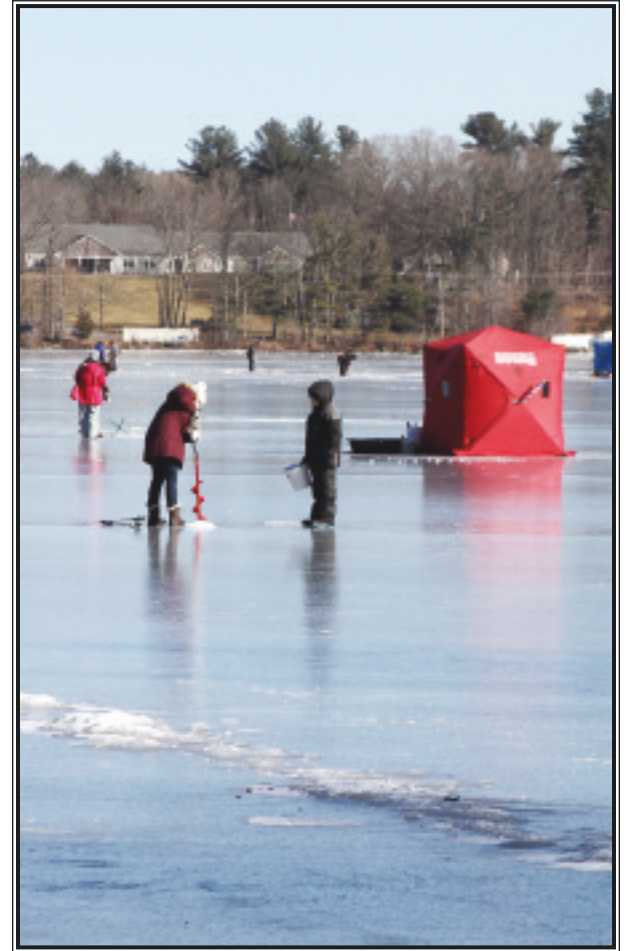
Anyone considering taking advantage of Free Fishing Day is advised to go in a group (large groups advised not to gather on less than eight to ten inches of hard ice) to ensure safety in the event of an ice break-

through. Fishers should also bring with them plenty of supplies, including a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a life jacket.

Those new to fishing would benefit from accompanying an already licensed fisher, or someone knowledgeable on ice fishing. More information on ice fishing in New Hampshire is available at wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing.

More information, including instructional safety videos such as how to correctly check ice thickness, etc, is available on the New Hampshire Fish and Game website.

Even though winter trends have been relatively inconsistent thus far, Free Fishing Day will still be a fun-filled day for both fishing enthusiasts and those testing the waters, with an extra ounce of caution thrown in for everyone's safety.



The next Free Fishing take place on the first Day in New Hampshire will Saturday in June, 5.

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Not A Pain In The Neck: It's Thyroid Awareness Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

As we enter the coldest days of the year, everyone will be breaking out their winter gear to keep warm. From head to toe, New Hampshire residents will be bundled up with hats, boots, coats, and scarves to protect their necks from the harsh winter air.

During this especially cold month, it could take more than a fashionable wrap to protect a considerable percentage of necks, specifically the butterfly-shaped gland found inside, vital for controlling the way the rest of the body uses energy.

January is national Thyroid Awareness Month, a campaign supported by the ATA to raise awareness of and to educate patients about the many different thyroid disorders.

The American Thyroid

Association raises funds to help continue their efforts to fund patient and public education efforts including informative brochures, summarized medical literature, endocrinologist referrals, monthly newsletters, support links, patient alliance community, and health and education forums.

Furthermore, the ATA also uses funds to support thyroid specialists and the development of resources that further the understanding of thyroid disorders and cancers including clinical practice guidelines, position statements, early cancer training, research and development grants, leadership and service awards, community for collaboration, continuing education programs, peer-review biomedical journals, up to date thyroid news and publications, and patient education.

It is estimated that 20 million Americans are living with some form of thyroid disease, says the American Thyroid Association, and up to 60 percent of those living with thyroid disease are unaware of their condition.

If left undiagnosed, a thyroid condition can put patients at risk for other serious health issues such as cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, and infertility, the ATA further states.

The causes of thyroid problems are largely unknown, and the symptoms vary widely depending on the specific thyroid disease or cancer. Regardless, the first step in identifying a potential thyroid problem is awareness.

There are quite a few different thyroid conditions, and their symptoms are varied. Generally,

signs that may be indicative of a thyroid dysfunction include weight gain, weight loss, hyperactivity, neck swelling, increased resting heart rate, decreased resting heart rate, mood swings, insomnia, hair loss, abnormal hair growth, body temperature dysfunction, brittle nails, vision problems, and anemia.

If someone should suspect that they may be affected by a thyroid disorder, a doctor will either order bloodwork, imaging, or biopsy depending on symptoms to determine if there is a thyroid condition present, and which one their patient is struggling with. From there, a physician and his or her patient will determine the best course of treatment.

Treatments for different thyroid conditions vary depending on the severity and specific condition, ranging from medication for conditions such as hyper and hypothyroidism, surgery and radiation for thyroid cancers, or no treatment whatsoever for

small thyroid nodules.

There is currently no one way to definitively prevent the development of a thyroid disorder. However, measures can be taken to perhaps reduce the risk of developing them, or possibly helping to slow down or stop the progression of an existing thyroid disorder.

Letting a doctor know of any and all family history of thyroid disorder can be helpful in taking precautions should any conditions develop. As with anything pertaining to health, early detection can help with successful treatment in a number of thyroid issues and disease.

Conducting a "Thyroid Neck Check" from home is one of the best ways to detect lumps, bumps, and swelling on the thyroid if they are close to the surface. Should any abnormality be detected during this test, the next step would be to schedule an appointment with a doctor for further testing. Steps on how to conduct this test at home are available at thy-

roidawareness.com/neck-check.

Studies have shown that the nutrient selenium can help to decrease symptoms in certain thyroid disorders. Discussing selenium supplementation with a doctor is a great measure to take in thyroid health should concern arise for developing a condition or for slowing the progression of an existing one.

And of course regular visits to the doctor provide leaps and bounds in early detection and delayed progression. If there is any family history of thyroid issues, or if the development of one is suspected, a doctor will likely conduct fairly regular testing to be on top of the status of his or her patient's thyroid health.

For more information and resources on thyroid awareness and health, or to donate to the American Thyroid Association's efforts to raise awareness and development of resources, visit the American Thyroid Association website at .

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2020 NH House of Representative Leadership Positions

JESS EDWARDS
SUBMISSION

With the election of Representative Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) as Speaker of the NH House on January 6, 2021, House leadership and committee assignments have been finalized. The 2020 elections resulted in the advancement into leadership positions for Sandown, Chester, and Auburn's State Representatives as well as key committee assignments.

Representative Jason Osborne (R-Auburn) has become the House Majority Leader. In that

capacity, Jason will be challenged with the goal of prioritizing bills and keeping a relatively small majority of Republicans united. Jason will also serve on the Commerce & Consumer Affairs, Legislative Administration, and Rules committees.

Rep Chris True (R-Sandown) enters his fourth term and will serve as the Assistant Majority Whip. Additionally, Rep True will hold a seat on the Criminal Justice and Public Service Committee after three terms on the Transportation committee. The Criminal Justice

committee considers all matters relating to the criminal code; criminal justice, the Department of Corrections, sentencing, drug enforcement, bail, probation, parole, corrections facilities, DWI, domestic violence, firearms, fireworks, police and fire training, and victims' assistance.

Rep Jess Edwards (R-Auburn) has been named as the Chairman of Division III Finance. Division III is one of three component committees of the House Finance committee and directs the resourcing for the Department of Health and Humans Ser-

vices as well as the NH Veterans Home, approximately 46% of the state budget. Jess will also serve on the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee and as an alternate on the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee.

Rep Tony Piemonte (R-Sandown) will serve as the Vice Chairman of the Municipal and County Government committee. The committee considers all matters pertaining to town, city and county officers; changes in municipal and county government; local revenue, including fees, property taxes and

exemptions; and such other matters as may be referred.

Newly elected Rep Oliver Ford (R-Chester) will take his decades of experience leading colleges and universities to the Education Committee. The committee considers the regulation of school districts and schools; the postsecondary college system; the University System of New Hampshire; and

other matters concerning education. The Education committee will be responsible for key legislation as part of the Majority's policy agenda.

Contact information for each Representative can be found on the NH General Court House of Representative Members page (<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/default.aspx>).

NH Receives \$156m for Education from US DOE

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced today that the Granite State has received an additional \$156 million in federal education funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

New Hampshire schools are slated to receive an additional \$156,065,807 in ESSER II through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, which provides an additional \$54.3 billion for an ESSER II Fund.

This new funding, which is substantially higher than the initial awards received last spring, is intended to help school districts in their continuing response to COVID, including safely reopening schools, assessing student learning, and other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on the students and families.

"COVID-19 has been the most disruptive event in the history of New Hampshire education, forcing us to adopt new methods of instruction and work even

harder to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students," said New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "These funds will provide additional resources to close the gaps that this pandemic has widened."

The state ESSER Fund state distributions and an ESSER Fund Fact Sheet are attached. The department is developing school level allocations which will be released as soon as they are available.



DERRY COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Derry Cooperative School District announces a vacancy on the Derry Cooperative School Board.

This vacancy is the position formerly held by Mr. Nick del'Etoile. The Board will appoint a replacement to serve until the next District election in accordance with Derry School District Policy BBBE and RSA 671:33(II)b.



DERRY COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 PROPOSED 2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The School Board of the Derry Cooperative School District will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 6:00 PM, at West Running Brook Middle School Gymnasium, 1 West Running Brook Lane, to consider the proposed 2021-2022 School District budget.



TOWN OF SANDOWN Board of Selectmen Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 11, 2021

Appointments:*

- Meeting called to order and open with the Pledge of Allegiance
- 6:30 p.m. Review of minutes of previous meetings
- 6:35 p.m. Public Comment
- 6:40 p.m. Fire Chief Michael Devine Presentation and proposed 2021 warrant article

• New Business:

- Further review of 2021 Warrant Articles
- Review and setting of 2021 Holiday Schedule
- Acceptance of Donation to Senior Affairs Transportation Fund

• Old Business

- Review of Correspondence
- Department Liaison Report
- Non public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) employee matters

*Times are approximate

The public is welcome to attend!

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DERRY

Winter Backyard Birds

On Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., Steve Hale from Open World Explorers returns to the Derry Public Library with a new bird program. He will be teaching attendees how to identify common (and not-so common) winter bird species that frequent back yards. He will offer advice on attracting and feeding backyard birds, and discuss how to participate in the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear

On Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m., Author Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling will be giving a talk about his book, A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear at the Derry Public Library. He will discuss how Libertarians came together to make the town of Grafton, NH a place where state and federal laws were mere suggestions. And then the bear attacks started. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session every other week that focuses on a different aspect of genealogy research, sharing her knowledge and experience, highlighting common pitfalls, or sharing interesting stories of local historic individuals. This month she will be hosting programs on The Remarkable Life of William Hobdy, and Oral History. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Manga/Anime Take and Make

Every other Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Online. This program by the Derry Public Library will run from now to the end of February.

Kids aged 10-18 can register for each session they're interested in, pick up their "take and make" kits at the library, and then join the group online to socialize and make a fun manga/anime themed craft. This month's projects are a Manga Keepsake Box, DIY Kitsune Mask, and DIY Manga Jeans. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Tiny Tots

Register for the Taylor Library's Tiny Tot Story Hour program which will be shown virtually. This program is for ages 6 months-2 years old. Books will be read, rhymes, music and puppets will be used during this program. Call the library to register and come in to pick up your Tiny Tot bag of program materials. This program will start on Monday Jan. 11 to March 29. This program will be at 10 a.m., each Monday morning. Call the library for more details at 432-7186.

Story Hour with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story hour with a craft for ages 2 and up on Facebook Live. Call the Library to register and then come and pick up your bag of craft supplies which will go with each week. Story hour will start on Jan. 15 and will end on April 2. Call the library to register or to get more information.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is open for curbside pickup only. Call the library for curbside pickup. Interlibrary loan with the state is also available. For further information, call the library 432-7186

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

CHESTER

Library Closure

The Chester Public Library will be Closed Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day

Mandalorian Escape Room

On Mondays in January at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., & 6 p.m., at the Chester Library there will be The Mandalorian Escape Room. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Baby Yoda need your help. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Book Group

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m., a Book Group will be meeting in the Chester library. Discussing Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. Call 887-3404 to Register.

Board of Trustees Meeting

A Chester Public Library Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m., Open to the public.

Virtual Trivia Night!

On Thursday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m., the Chester Library will host a Trivia Night! (virtual) Link: <https://bit.ly/3oARsPZ>. Test your knowledge in a wide variety of topics. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Among Us Party

On Thursday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m., an Among Us, Party (All Ages) Teen Room will be hosted by the Chester

Library. Prepare your ship for departure, but beware. One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us app on your device before the event. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Wason Pond Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join the hunt by finding answers to these riddles - riddles can be found at the Wason Pond Playground Scarecrow (Snowman) or you can print them online at the Recreation Department & Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission pages at www.chesternh.org. This family fun activity can be done during Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area park hours (dawn to dusk).

HAMPSTEAD

Library Milk Day

The Hampstead Public Library is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18. There is no Curbside Pickup or virtual assistance from staff that day. However, online resources are available 24/7, including downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music, TV shows, and movies. Plus, cardholders have online access to educational classes, Consumer Reports, newspapers, and more. Visit HampsteadLibrary.org.

Storytime 2021

The Hampstead Library's Online Storytime for toddlers has moved to Mondays at 10 a.m. Families can join Miss Jenn on Facebook Live where she'll share stories and a song or two. Each video is also available on the Library's Facebook page for one week after the live event. There are several sessions planned for the first two months of the year including January 25, and February 1, 8, and 22.

Teen Takeaway

The Hampstead Library's January Teen Takeaway for Middle School and High School students is Bullet Journals. If you are a student who wants to be more organized and have a creative way to record your ideas and memories, Bullet Journaling could be for you! Register in

advance via the Events Calendar on the Library website. Then, come get your journal starting on Jan. 20 via Curbside Pickup. You can use it right away, or join the Zoom meeting on Jan. 27 to get ideas about how to make your journal uniquely yours. More information is on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Takeaway For Adults

Adults can get a Bob Ross Painting Takeaway Kit starting Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Hampstead Library. Available at the Curbside Pickup table, these kits include an easy paint-with-water page, tips & tricks information, a paint brush, etc. Paint your way into a mellow mood with Bob Ross. The number of kits is limited, so pick up yours while supplies last.

Consumers For Library Cardholders

Hampstead Public Library cardholders can now get free and easy access to Consumer Reports online. This fully interactive website, companion to the Consumer Reports magazine, includes articles, product reviews and buying guides. Now instead of a paid Consumer Reports membership, all you need is your library card! This is a fantastic resource to use before you make a significant purchase. From electric bikes to electric toothbrushes, from air fryers to water filters, you'll find ratings and recommendations here. Visit hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers to learn more.

Craft Videos

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SANDOWN

Voter Registration Notice

The Sandown, NH Supervisors of The Checklist

will be meeting at the Sandown Tax Collectors Office, 320 Main St., Sandown, NH, for additions and corrections of the voter checklist on: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7 - 7:30 pm, and Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 11 - 11:30 am. The January 23rd session will be your last opportunity to register before the Sandown Deliberative Session on January 30, 2021 and the Timberlane Deliberative Session on February 4, 2021. New voters may also register at the Sandown Town Tax Collectors Office, during regular business hours before the above Registration dates. Please remember, you will need proper identification to register. If you have questions contact Rosemarie Bruno Supervisor of the Checklist 603-887-3939 or RBruno1219@msn.com.

Yankee Ingenuity

The Sandown Library will host a virtual program on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 1 - 2 p.m., Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People by New England Storyteller, Jo Radner. Jo will share a selection of historical tales, "humorous and thought-provoking" about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining but may also raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. Funding for this program is provided for through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

Books & Bites

This Sandown Library program will be hosted virtual on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6 - 7:45 p.m., a Zoom link will be emailed to participants. January book, "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" by Aimee Bender. A moving story of a girl whose

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magical gift is really a devastating curse. A luminous tale about the enormous difficulty of loving someone fully when you know too much about them.

Messy Mondays at Home

Looking for something to do with your child? Join the Sandown Library on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., for a child-centered, creative exploration. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program

Zoom Room Story Time

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 10 - 11 a.m., a virtual story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more will be hosted by the Sandown Library. The themed story is designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video link. This is a

unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program.

Virtual 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 consist-

ing 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.

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.

Virtual PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear

pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you.

Crafting Crew

Registration Opens for ages 2-6. January crafts to make at home hosted by the Sandown Library! 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

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week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>.

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Monday Morning Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: *This Month's book: Iced Under* by Barbara Ross. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

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.

Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youthservices@sandownlibrary.us.

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

REGIONAL

Spartans Basketball Tryouts

First Spring basketball tryout on Jan. 17. Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Spring AAU tryouts at the Candia Youth Athletic Association in Candia, NH. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - High School. The first tryout date is Sunday Jan. 17. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 5 - 6 p.m. 7th - Highschool boys and girls: 6 - 7 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

Bible Study

Consider Bible Study- this is a great way to build community and camaraderie and an excellent way to learn more about Scripture and interpret God's word. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9 - 10:30 a.m., on Zoom, with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., and Bible Study starting at 9:30 a.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study, whichever works best for you. The topic in the Tuesday Bible Study is 1st Maccabees and the Apocrypha. Here you can learn the powerful story of the Jewish people's struggles against the Greek Empire. In Christianity, this story takes on special significance as it forms the immediate historical background to Jesus' ministry. The Thursday Bible Study meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m., on Zoom. Evening Prayer is at 7 p.m., and Bible study starts at 7:30 p.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study,

whichever works best for you. After studying Jonah and the whale last month, we'll be going through a thematic Bible Study looking at stories involving animals in the Bible. Talking Donkeys, Noah's Ark, nurturing ravens, lucky fish, cryptozoology, lions, jackals and more. If you would like to join a Bible Study, you can send an e-mail to: vicarstchristophers@gmail.com for Zoom info.

Covid-19 Relief Fund

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Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tiptopics

Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org.

Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and

fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tiptopics

Career Skills

Need career skills? Work-Ready NH will hold Virtual Class on Monday - Friday, from noon - 2:30 p.m. for 10 hours independent work. To register, call 603-230-3435 Learn Session: Dec. 18.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired

medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new par-

enting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No pre-registration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Grandparent and Caregiver Support

Are you a grandparent or caregiver raising another person's child? Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at the YMCA Londonderry Facilitated by The Upper Room, the YMCA- Londonderry and the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth (SoRock) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

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