

Judge Mandates Restrictions on Hampstead Area Water Company

KAITLIN BEDELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Rockingham County's Superior Court Judge Daniel St. Hilaire issued a temporary order for an independent water company on Jan. 25 to reduce the amount of water they pump.

Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) has battled a lawsuit first established in 2019 over the effect their well farm, Kenny Farm, has had on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Kenny Farm is where the company draws most of its water for their business and is straight across from the houses of Main Street.

David and Dianna Anthony, residents of the nearing Main Street, headed the lawsuit when their well went dry in 2018. When the water came back

it was poor quality and unusable as it was discolored and smelled.

The family said that the amount of water that the company was drawing from Kenny Farm has been affecting the nearing wells for years.

Due to the large amounts of groundwater being pumped, the existing water became dirt filled and not safe for everyday household use.

Other neighbors experiencing well issues joined the Anthonys in their lawsuit requesting that the county take action on the situation.

As a result of the poor water quality, several members of the neighborhood expressed concern about how the well would make them lose property value and make it difficult if they tried to sell their house.

The suit was created in an attempt to have the company come up with a permanent solution for each of the residents.

Since the well at Kenny Farm was put into place in 1988, however, the restrictions have become more strict since then making the situation more difficult to reprehend.

After years of poor water quality, the Anthony's suit had its first ruling.

The judge ruled that Hampstead Area Water Company should be held responsible for the damage they have done by limiting how much water they pump.

According to the requirement, the company is not permitted to pump more than 35 gallons per minute when previously they had been allowed to pump up to 70 gallons of

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Sandown Selectmen Face Timing Issue Funding Herbicide Treatment

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen have been asked to consider funding a special state permit for herbicide treatment of Phillips Pond before the town votes on a related warrant article next month.

The NH Department of Environmental Services permit for Solitude Lake Management to do the work is \$1690, a cost included in the quote the town received from the company for the contract.

However, this portion must be paid now as the

permit needs to be filed to allow for the required number of days before the treatment begins, Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell told the board at the Feb. 8 meeting.

A potential dilemma comes from the board not knowing yet if town residents will agree with going forward until the election.

Warrant Article 11, which the Jan. 30 town Deliberative Session moved to the ballot for voting on Mar. 9, would appropriate \$46,820 to control exotic aquatic species in Phillips Pond. This cost would be offset by a

\$15,000 donation from the Phillips Pond Association in addition to another \$18,728 in grant funds.

The timeframe is a tight one for submitting the permit with funding remaining an uncertainty, Blaisdell said. This warrant article has passed in prior years when it's been before voters, she added, and an adjustment can be made from the town operating budget to the article.

The permit enables the herbicide treatment to begin on time.

Last year for herbicide work the town used the full amount though received

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The Derry School Deliberative was held at West Running Brook Middle School on Saturday, and about 85 residents were given the opportunity to speak on the over \$92 million budget proposed. Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Voters to Vote on \$92 Million Plus Budget

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - When it comes to direct input from voters there isn't anything much more hands on than the annual school deliberative sessions. It's where discussion, debate, and amendments can be made and talked about in regards to the budget

before it's voted on by voters.

With masks on and chairs spread out to accommodate COVID-19 guidelines the Derry Cooperative School District continued the tradition by hosting the deliberative session last weekend.

The main item that was presented during the session is the overall

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Hampstead Deliberative Session Amends Petition Articles

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The town of Hampstead held its Deliberative Session on Friday night, Feb. 5, at the Hampstead Middle School, and most of the Articles were passed to the March ballot without much discussion, only the petition articles were amended.

To start, acting Town Moderator, Don Blaszk, began the meeting by forwarding Articles 2 through 5 straight to the ballot as they deal with Zoning Ordinances that cannot be changed.

Reardon moved onto Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,350,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition and renovation of the Hampstead Fire Station.

Selectman Sean Murphy and Deputy Fire Chief Will Warnock both spoke about the critical need for the station upgrade to the existing station. Seeing no other discussion the article was moved to the ballot.

Article 7, the town's operating budget, totaling \$7,502,460 and a default budget of \$7,500,400 had very little discussion also. Murphy briefly mentioned that the budget only had a two percent increase from

last year and thought it was very fair. Selectman Joe Guthrie thanked the Library for returning \$25,000 back to the town that saved taxpayers. Seeing nothing further, the article was moved to the ballot.

Article 8 will see if the town will vote to approve the cost items of the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association. It will raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,576 for the current fiscal year. With no discussion the article was moved to the ballot. Article 9 was also quickly moved the ballot. It will only be needed if Article 8 is defeated and will authorize Selectmen to call one special meeting to address Article 8 cost items only.

Article 10 was moved to ballot also. This article is looking for \$10,000 to be placed in the Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund. Longtime Library Trustee, Natalie Gallo spoke about the need for two projects this year, siding the building and carpeting the upstairs, and said if the article is approved they will be able to be completed.

Article 11 is to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Rockingham Meals on Wheels for trans-

portation services for Hampstead residents. With no discussion, the article was moved to the ballot.

Articles 12 and 13 were also moved without discussion. This will be for the sum of \$9,000 for Community Care Givers of Greater Derry and \$3,070 for Haven, a violence prevention and education outreach program.

Article 14 through 17 were all Petition Articles and the Selectmen stated that do not support them.

Article 14 had an amendment, which read: "To encourage" that every town board post all meeting agendas to the town website, and send them via the town email list, no later than two business days prior to the board meeting - this article also seeks to "encourage" that any items that do not appear on the agenda should not be discussed at the meeting.

Resident Laurie Warnock spoke to the changes, saying that if the language changes from mandatory to encourage it would defeat the entire point of the article.

The town's legal counsel responded that even with the change in the language, she did not feel that it would be enforceable. She added that the Town Meeting does not have the authority to mandate how the boards in town conduct

their meetings.

Resident Matt Gillette asked why Selectmen thought that the article would have an adverse effect on meetings.

Both Guthrie and Murphy responded that it would affect the way the meetings are run, and disallow public comment not on the agenda, but Gillette disagreed, saying that Public Comment is already on every agenda.

That discussion went back and forth for quite a bit and the amendment passed by a very slim vote of 10-9.

Moving on to Article 15, it asks to make it mandatory that every town board publicly post meeting minutes (draft minutes are acceptable) to the town website no later than five business days after each meeting (or within 72 hours for nonpublic meetings), and email notification once minutes are posted via the town email list. This article seeks to promote transparency, and to ensure that timely information is easy

to find in one centralized location.

Selectmen amended this article to change the word mandatory to encourage.

Warnock asked for clarification on how each board would proceed with encouraging posting of meetings, and was told it would left up to the boards.

That amended article also passed 18-3.

Article 16 is a Petition Article that asks to remove all board recommendations from the ballot. This article seeks to ensure that each voter is heard without being swayed or influenced by board recommendations. Ballots exist to obtain voter opinions, but they should never tell a resident how to vote - board recommendations bias the ballot, and ballots should be unbiased.

This was also amended. The first sentence was changed to read, "To study whether board recommendations be removed from the ballot." That change passed 18-1.

The final discussion

was on Article 17: To make mandatory that all town board meetings be accessible via Zoom (or a similar software that allows residents to not only remotely view the meeting live, but also interact and pose questions). While Hampstead Cable TV is a great resource, many residents do not have cable television - furthermore, the public cannot interact with televised meetings. This article seeks to assure that all residents have the ability to attend town board meetings, remotely or in person, in a way that is convenient for them.

The article was amended by replacing the words "make mandatory" with encourage.

The amendment passed and forwarded it to the ballot.

That concluded the meeting, and the second session of the Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hampstead Middle School where residents will be voting on the articles by ballot.

Hampstead

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water per minute.

The order also made the company responsible for delivering at least 400 gallons of water a week to the Anthony family who were most severely effected by the situation.

Among the Anthonys, other families in the neighborhood who were also suing the company were hoping to receive water

from the company for retribution as well.

Although their wells had been affected, the Judge ruled that there was not enough evidence to support that they would continue to have water complications with the new pumping limitation.

According to a Union Leader story on the situation, Deanna Anthony said she is "grateful" for the Judge's decision.

"Our family is feeling

very grateful for Judge St. Hilaire's decision. After struggling with this for almost three years, it's so encouraging to know relief is on the way and we're looking forward to having clean running water in our home," Deanna Anthony said.

Although Judge Hilaire did place the temporary order on the company until the next hearing, this case is ongoing and there has not been a trial date set yet.

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Hampstead School Deliberative Passes Eight Articles to Ballot

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HAMPSTEAD - Residents of Hampstead gathered at the Hampstead Middle School on Tuesday, Feb. 2, to discussion and debate the eight warrant articles that will be on the March Ballot.

Aside from lengthy presentations on the Addition, Operating Budget and Renovation Project articles, most articles were passed rather quickly.

Article 2, Bond Issue/Hampstead Central School Addition Project reads:

Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,070,000 for the Hampstead Central School Addition Project and authorize the issuance

of not more than \$9,070,000 of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any federal, state, or other aid that may be available for said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$226,750 for the first year's interest payment on

the bond? (A 3/5 ballot vote is required).

The only question raised was whether the School Board felt that the plan would Kindergarten student's room in the school. The response was yes and the article was moved to the ballot.

Article 3, the Operating Budget reads: Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$30,661,347? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$30,652,326, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hampstead School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

That article passed without discussion.

Article 4, the Hampstead Central School 60's Wing Renovation Project reads:

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 and to authorize the with-

drawal of \$1,160,000 from the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund which is a Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose, and up to \$500,000 from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of \$150,000, available for transfer on July 1, 2021? (The actual total project's cost is \$2,095,000 to be funded as follows: \$1,160,000 from the capital reserve fund, \$500,000 from surplus, \$245,000 budgeted in school year 2021-22, and \$190,000 to be encumbered from the 2020-21 budget. With respect to surplus, the first \$150,000 will be returned to the taxpayers. The next \$500,000 of the surplus will be used to fund this Warrant Article.)

The only question raised was on the timeline of the project and what would happen with students if it takes longer than the summer break.

It was disclosed that the project would start at end of school and continue until the Christmas break and so the first half of the year would be done making sure that students learn-

ing is not impacted by the construction.

The rest of the articles passed to the ballot without discussion.

Article 5 - The Collective Bargaining Agreement - Hampstead Support Personnel Association reads: Shall the Hampstead School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead School Board and the Hampstead Support Personnel Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Cost Distribution: 2021-22=\$24,936; 2022-23=\$24,574; 2023-24=\$19,830; 2024-25=\$19,830, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,936 for the 2021-22 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

Article 6 - To Authorization for Special Meet-

ing Cost Items reads: Shall the Hampstead School District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the Hampstead School Board to call a special meeting, at its option, to address the Article 5 cost item only?

Article 7 - Capital Reserve Fund reads: Should Article 4 fail, shall the voters of the Hampstead School District raise and appropriate up to \$400,000 to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2021 unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of \$150,000, available for transfer on July 1, 2021? If Article 4 passes, this article is null and void and shall not take effect.

Article 8 - General Acceptance of Reports reads: Shall the Hampstead School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2020 Annual Report?

The articles will be voted on by the residents on Tuesday, March 9, at the Hampstead Middle School from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

OBITUARY

Michael G. McClory



Michael G. McClory, 61 of E. Hampstead, NH died Tuesday Feb. 2, 2021 in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. Michael was born in Lynn, MA on Nov. 30, 1959, a son of Donald and Eleanor (Booth) McClory, Sr. He was raised and educated in Lynn and had resided in E. Hampstead for the past 15 years.

He enjoyed riding his Harley, falling asleep on a float in the pool, hunting, playing Pokemon Go and spending time with his family and grand dogs.

He is survived by four sons and future daughter-in-law, Christopher McClory, Daniel McClory and Allison Tucker of E. Hampstead, and Stephen McClory, and Matthew McClory both of Cincinnati, OH, and one brother, Donald McClory of Littleton, MA. He was predeceased by his sister, Sharon Clarke.

Calling hours were held on Sunday Feb. 7, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry with cremation to follow.

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Editorial

Deliberative Sessions See Meager Attendance

High numbers and Deliberative Sessions definitely do not go hand in hand, and with the COVID-19 crisis still going on, we weren't surprised by yet another very poor turnout at many Deliberative Sessions in our towns in spite of tax increases. The meeting is a forum where you have the opportunity to; lower the budget, zero it out, or increase budgets along with the warrant articles yet everyone is happy.

Unfortunately, general public attendance did not increase in the budget hearing either. This may be in part due to COVID, but has almost always been the case.

Many towns have adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session in the hope of attracting more voters, and have all articles voted on by ballot. This got rid of the traditional New England town meeting, which some towns still have.

Even though more people vote, the number of registered voters high, voter turnout at local elections is usually still very low.

For example, attendance in the small towns of Hampstead, Sandown, and Chester averages 60 people per meeting. This year Sandown had about 50 at their Town Deliberative and Hampstead had about 20 people voting. Chester will hold the Town Meeting in May.

Hampstead has about 7,000 registered voters. Sandown has 4,500 voters. Derry has about 22,000 registered voters. Londonderry has 19,000 registered voters.

This year Derry had 85 voters at the Deliberative, which is actually very high for that town. In Londonderry, the head

count was just over 60 residents.

Do these figures mean that all the other voters agreed with the articles on the town and school warrants and are ready for the voting booth March 9, highly, unlikely.

Regardless of what the majority of voters were doing that was more important than attending Deliberative Session, the next chance to participate in democracy is the March 9 election.

You've got some time to study the candidates read about them in our pages and boost your knowledge of the issues that will appear on the warrant. We encourage you to study the numbers, check out candidates, ask questions, and verify what proponents and opponents of a particular warrant article are telling you.

Make your vote an informed one.

If people have made the effort to offer their time for public service, we owe them, at the very least, enough interest to pay attention to their words and if their words are platitudes, agendas and generalities, to demand answers to the tough questions.

Local politics matters and is supposed to be bipartisan.

We have far more of a say in town and school elections than in any other election.

Send in letters letting others know how you feel and who you support. So maybe you missed your chance to participate at Deliberative Session, but you can still vote and send a message.

For the good of the community, please get out and vote on March 9.

Letters

Worried About Our School

To the editor,

I am writing to you as a concerned father of 2 (soon to be 3) young girls. My wife and I recently moved to Hampstead, largely because of the excellent reputation associated with the school system. Both my wife and I have our doctorate degrees in physical therapy, and she owns her own physical therapy clinic. We realize the value of a good education, and we want that for our girls. However, if changes are not made to the Hampstead Central School, this may not happen. Like many other families, we are excited to be a part of this great town. In fact, the number of projected students for next year is significantly higher than anyone anticipated because so many new families with young children have moved here in the past year. The school is already low on space, and the administration has been extremely creative in trying to accommodate the needs of the students. Some of these examples include using the library as a classroom and using gym space for other classes. However, with these creative "solutions" come negative impacts. These solutions are not sustainable for the growing student population. There is concern that the school may not be able to accommodate all kindergarten students who wish to enroll in the full day program - does this mean that I, a tax-paying resident of Hampstead, have to worry that my daughter will be turned away? Our children need real classrooms. They need designated space for spe-

cial classes like music and physical education. They need to be able to use a bathroom without having to wait in line. These things sound so basic, but they are real issues facing the students of Hampstead Central School. In addition to valuing education, like all other parents, we must ensure the safety of our children. The current main entrance into the school is an issue. Administration offices should be located near the entrance of the building to ensure that no unauthorized persons may gain entry into the school. In addition to this, it will allow for our students to feel safer and be able to walk to their classrooms or use the rest room without having to be chaperoned. Again, a basic need that these students are dealing with being unmet. So I ask that you please help us to educate others on the needs of the Hampstead Central School. These are covered in warrant articles 2 and 4, which will be voted on in March. My daughters truly thank you for supporting both articles.

Sincerely,
Tomislav Rogic
Hampstead

Vote School Renovation

To the editor,

I am writing in support of the Hampstead Central School renovation and would like to encourage all residents to vote YES on warrant articles 2 and 4 on March 9th. The renovation has been needed for many years; but this past year, with the new challenges brought on by the pandemic, it has been highlighted how inadequate the school building is for providing the safe learn-

ing environment that our students and staff deserve.

Just a few of the numerous problems facing the Central School population currently:

Classes are being held in closets or the library due to the lack of classroom space - this will only worsen as student enrollment increases. There is no dedicated cafeteria, so children eat lunch in one half of the gym, while the PE instructors spend their day trying to teach classes in the other half while forced to navigate the constant distractions of lunch conversation. Students who are located in classrooms upstairs (60% of the school's population) have to share one small set of bathrooms, which has been especially challenging during these socially distanced times. The administration office should be located directly near the main entrance for safety and security, yet it is currently located past the gym entrance and up a flight of stairs.

Cost discussion and benefits to the community:

While the cost of the bond (\$9,070,000) may seem concerning to taxpayers, it would actually only average approximately \$25/month for a \$400,000 home. Should these articles not pass, the renovation will only increase in price as the years go by and the need for more space grows stronger. The renovations will not only boost real estate values here in Hampstead, but local community groups and organizations will have the opportunity to utilize the new school spaces for recreation and business.

Hampstead Hearts is a local volunteer organization with over 30 members,

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Building Joy After Snow Fall

Two very large snowmen appeared in front of the Nutfield Heights Senior Center and the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home after last week's rather large snowstorm. Residents weren't sure who built the men but were extremely happy to see the wonderful gesture.

Photo by Chris Paul

Planning Board Discusses Potential New Business and Gun Range Improvements

HENRY GREENBAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Planning Board met for one of their meetings on Feb. 3 via Zoom and the first order of business was the discussion of proposed zoning amendments. There were five zoning amendments in total, but the board first discussed three of them to save time for appointments.

The first amendment they discussed was Article 2 and 5.3.3.12 which is a zoning ordinance for Bed and Breakfasts. The main purpose of the amendment is to allow Bed and Breakfasts to operate in Chester's residential and agricultural district.

The second amendment that the board discussed was for Article 9.4.10, a zoning ordinance for accessory apartments. It primarily talks about code requirements that apartment buildings must meet to operate in Chester. The amendment would remove the requirement of fire sprinkler systems in each unit.

The third amendment they discussed was for Article 4 which talks about the requirements a homeowner or businessowner must meet when they decide to install a fence. The amendment was meant to clarify that the fence must only be located on the fence owner's lot.

The board just dis-

cussed how they want each of the amendments to be worded before presenting them to a public hearing.

After that, the planning board moved onto their appointments. The first one was a conceptual discussion for a site plan review of a Wellness and Herbal store located on 15 Chester Street. Tim and Heather Peloquin presented their plan to the board.

"I would be seeing clients for nutrition consultations as well as verbal consultations," said Heather. "There will be a small retail part of it, selling my herbal products, nutritional supplements, and things like that."

Heather is a registered nurse, health educator,

clinical herbalist, and a nutritional therapist. She hopes to use her expertise to help others in the area live healthy lifestyles through herbal treatments and nutritional diets.

The Planning Board suggested to the Peloquins to apply for a site review waiver as the tenant of the lot had suggested it for them. The only thing they should really be concerned with is the limited parking in the lot. They will also apply for a zoning ordinance through the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

The next appointment that the Planning Board had was the conceptual discussion surrounding the proposed site improvements at

Chester Rod & Gun Club. The Club's president Dan Jones presented the proposed improvements.

"We have a need for some additional storage," said Jones. "We'd like to put up one of those prefab metal buildings, metal shells that sit on a concrete slab. If you are familiar with our club, it would be up in the parking lot near the existing clubhouse. Unheated space, maybe some power, but otherwise unheated space. Storage for a tractor, maybe a place to keep some tools."

The Chester Rod & Gun Club is looking to add extra storage space for all of their gear and equipment and a closed range to

ensure a misfired gun won't travel outside of it. They also want to build an outdoor sporting clays for the club.

The board approved of the storage unit and the closed gun range, but they have more work to do on the sporting clays. Jones will meet with the Planning Board again at a later date to discuss the sporting clays once the layout has been improved.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the rest of the article amendments and how the board would like to word each one. They will meet again on Feb. 10 to have public hearings on said amendments.

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Sandown Has Just One Contested Race for March Town Election

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The period for residents to declare their candidacy in the town of Sandown closed at the end of January and there will be just one contested race in that town.

The only race where more people signed up than there spots was the two-year Library Trustee

seats where two candidates signed up for one spot.

Town Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sandown Town Hall.

Below is a list of those who chose to run this year:

Selectmen: The one Three-Year term seat will have incumbent Darren Hudgins running unopposed.

Town Clerk/Tax Col-

lector: The one Three-Year term position will be sought by Dawn Nicolaisen.

Treasurer: Erica Olsen will be looking to be re-elected for her three-year term position.

Budget Committee: The one, One-Year seat will have Stephen Brown

on the ballot.

The Three, Three-Year seats will have Amanda Knight and Leslie Kruith as the only candidates.

Planning Board: The one two-year seat has Amanda Knight on the ballot and the two, three-year seat only has Edward Men- cis running for the spot.

Fire Engineers: Michael Devine and Chris Poole will look to fill the two, three-year seats.

Cemetery Trustee: Thomas Latham is only one looking for the one, two-year seat.

Trustee Of The Trust Fund: Dana Wells is running for the one, three-year

seat.

Library Trustee: Melissa Tiney will be on the ballot for the one, three-year seats.

Julie Drouin and Jennifer Parkhurst will be in the only contested race in town. The both are looking to fill the one, two-year seat.

OBITUARY

Colleen J. Dube



Colleen J. Dube, 76, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2021, at home surrounded by family. Born on June 29, 1944 in Woburn, MA, she was the daughter of the late William "Happy" and late Elsie (Spares) Gath. She grew up in Tewksbury, MA, graduated from

Keith Hall in Lowell, MA, and was a resident of Derry, NH for over 56 years. She worked at MFE/Stocker-Yale in Salem, NH, then at Insight Technology in Manchester, NH, prior to retiring in 2010.

Despite her long and courageous battle with cancer taking a heavy toll on her, she was known for her smile and laughter with every interaction until the very end. Colleen was a very caring and kind person, who's greatest joy was being a mother, grandmother, and aunt. She was a "social butterfly" who enjoyed quality time with everyone she met and was loved dearly by all her friends and family. She enjoyed spending summers camping at Cascade Campground in Loudon, NH. She loved reading, gardening, playing the organ, karaoke, bingo, board/card games and traveling. She was an avid crafter, holding an annual craft sale at her home and at numerous fairs. Her life provided her family and friends with stories to tell for years to come. She will be deeply missed by all who came to know and love her.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Laurence J. Dube; sons, Karl & Carmen Curtis of Verona, WI; Scott Curtis & Catherine Allard of Chester, NH; daughters, Candy & Gerry Menard of Chester, NH; Mary & Gerald O'Sullivan of Naperville, IL; Pamela Frazier & David Dong of Bolingbrook, IL; brothers, Richard & Peggy Gath of Tewksbury, MA; William Gath of Aztec, NM; Michael & Carole Gath of Whitefield, NH; sister, Edna & Walter Moran of Lake Ariel, PA; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Dawn Rogers of Tewksbury, MA.

After cremation, a memorial reception with walk-thru visitation were held on Friday, Feb. 5, at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. A graveside celebration of life was held later at Forest Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Colleen's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Memorial Giving at 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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(including myself), that is dedicated to ensuring that all community members have all needed information regarding the renovation plan. They regularly hold virtual information sessions for the community to answer any questions you may have. I encourage voters to check out the Hampstead Hearts Facebook page or email them with any inquiries at hampsteadhearts@gmail.com.

As a parent and school volunteer, I have seen firsthand how important the need is for this renovation. Our children deserve better - THEY ARE THE FUTURE. Please do your part

and VOTE YES for articles 2 and 4 on March 9th!

Thank you,
Molly Freilich
Hampstead

Why vote yes on School Warrant Articles 2 & 4?

To the editor,

We have been Hampstead residents for 23 years. We currently have a senior at Pinkerton Academy and a Junior at Boston University. Both of our children started with the Hampstead TEECH program and have gone through all the grades of Hampstead's schools. We have utilized the amazing Special Education program for many years. We have

had our children receive services in the closets of Hampstead Central School. Our children have experienced the extreme temperature swings and car fumes of the 60's wing of HCS. Our children had to use the small area off the cafeteria for their music classes. Our children had to take many of their classes in the portables, traveling unsupervised to the main building anytime they needed to use a restroom.

For many years, we have voted yes on the warrant articles to improve the HCS building because our family believes the children of Hampstead deserve a better learning environment and our teachers/ staff, a better work environment.

We will not derive any personal advantage for our children when the HCS building improvements happen, but our family firmly believes in paying it forward for the future of our town. Providing a building that meets the current and future educational needs of our town is the responsibility of all Hampstead citizens.

The school buildings are one of Hampstead's

greatest physical assets. The HCS building hasn't had any renovations for 30+ years. The portables were decommissioned as classrooms due to age, yet we continue to see growth in our student population with nowhere to put them. Our administration has been very creative for many years in making the existing building space work, but we are at a point where decisions may need to be made to outsource some of our special education services or some children's education because of building limitations.

Why vote yes now? The interest on the bond is at an all-time low. The cost to do the project is NOT going to go down if Hampstead votes NO on these warrant articles. Next year, the need to do this project will still be there but the costs will be higher. If we need to outsource any services/education, there will be new annual. School Board members David Smith & Megan Malcom are working on all avenues to get state funding to help offset the cost of the project.

We believe strongly in the project that the School

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Chester Residents Will Have Two Contested Races in Election

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The residents of the town of Chester had the opportunity to sign up for a number of Town Positions that will appear on the May ballot last month and out of the ten positions that have

seats expiring, only two will have contested races.

The following residents have filed their Declaration of Candidacy for open offices in the Town of Chester:

Selectman: The two, three-year term seats will be sought by Steven M. Couture, Michael D'Angelo,

Travis Grimm and incumbent Stephen O. Landau.

Road Agent: One, two-year term position will be sought by the current Road Agent, Michael J. Oleson, who is running unopposed.

Budget Committee: There are three, three-year term seats available on the

ballot but only one candidate signed up. Paul Edward Murphy Jr. will be running unopposed.

Library Trustee: The two, three-year term seats will be sought by Mary Beth Ditoro, Ronald Petrie and Beth Swanson.

Trustee of Trust Funds: The one, three year seat will

have one unopposed candidate. Richard J. LeBlanc Jr.

Great Hill Cemetery Trustee: Christopher Joseph Carolan is running for the one, five-year seat.

John T. Colman is the sole candidate for the one, two-year seat.

Wilcomb Townsend Trustee: Jocelyn G. Grady

will running unopposed for this five-year term seat.

School Board Member: Incumbent Royal Richardson is running unopposed for his current seat.

Village Cemetery Trustee: The one, three-year seat for the Village Cemetery Trustee had no one signing up.

Hampstead to Fill Additional Selectmen & Library Seats This Year

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The residents of the town of Hampstead voted to increase the number of Selectmen and Library Trustee seats at last year's town meeting and that has spurred a number of folks to throw their hats in

the ring for next month's election.

Last month, the Hampstead Town Clerk gave residents the chance to sign-up for these positions, below are those who chose to run:

Selectman
Two, three-year term seats: Incumbent Chad

Bennett will be running with Maurice Worthen, Jr., Karen Hanides and Steven Morse.

One, one-year term seat: Lewis A. Eaton III, Jacqueline Dimando and Laurie A. Warnock will be running for the one-year Selectman seat.

Chief Of Police: One

for three-year term position: Current Chief Joseph Beaudoin will be running unopposed.

Planning Board
Two, Three-year Term seats: There will be three candidates. Incumbents Stephen Wentworth and Tom Riha will be running along with Kim Colbert.

Trustee of the Cemeteries: One, Three-Year Term Seat: Joseph V. Pasanise is running unopposed.

Library Trustee
Two, Three-Year Term Seats: Theresa McTammany, Alfred Cipriano and Charlene Flaherty will look to fill the two seats.

One, Three-Year Term Seats: Kristina Durocher is running unopposed.

Budget Committee
Two, Three-Year Term Seats: Timothy Lovell and Robert Weimar are running unopposed.

There were two other seats available, but no residents signed up.

Derry Has a Number of Contested Races for March Election

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The period Derry residents had to

declare their candidacy in town and school elections closed at the end of January and there will be a number of contested races

on both ballots.

Town and School elections will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Listed below are

the names of those who chose to run this year.

Councilor at Large: Incumbent Phyllis Katsakiores will be running for the one, three-year seat

District #1 Councilor: Erin Spencer will be running against Incumbent Richard Tripp for the one, three-year term seat.

Derry Public Library Trustee: Armand "Pete" Marcotte, Meryle Zusman, Victoria Austin and Lorraine Lindenberg look to fill the three openings on the board.

Taylor Library Trustee: Raymond Fontaine, Danielle Rieger and Lorraine Lindenberg look to fill the two openings on the board.

Trustee of the Trust Funds: Current committee member Jeffrey Moulton looks to fill the one expiring seat.

SCHOOL DISTRICT
There will be three School Board positions on the school ballot, two, three-year positions and one, one-year seat.

School Board

Two - three-year term seats: Erica Layon and Jason MacLeod will be running against incumbents Erika Cohen and Paul Lutz, who was a fill in for the one-year seat but now is running for the three-years seat.

One - one-year term seat: Colleen Bryer, Jonathan Dugan, David Clapp and Michael Layon look to be elected for one seat.

School District Moderator

One - three-year term: Cristina Guilford

Sandown

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money back under the grant application. But that was reimbursement for funds already spent.

The administrator asked the board for approval to spend the \$1690 in case the article fails this year. The money is not in the current budget for this purpose because the requirement to file the permit was not considered in relation to the timing of the election and vote on the budget.

Sandown has a consulting and engineering line and a grants line that would cover most of the cost, Blaisdell said. In that case

the town would still be down approximately \$400 which could probably come from another line item.

The permit must be filed by early March but the town is trying to have the deadline delayed until March 15 to take the timeline past the election and recount period.

Another problem comes in allowing other towns to delay their permit submission until then, Blaisdell noted.

The board is being asked to possibly approve funding before that time.

Selectman Jonathan Goldman said he would prefer to wait but would be willing to agree to the

funds if necessary.

The board does not have to act immediately, Blaisdell said, but would need to move on time if a permit delay occurs to avoid losing the money.

In a separate step, the board set a public hearing for March 1 at 7 p.m., on the draft of the updated Hazardous Mitigation Plan for 2021. The hearing will be part of the regular selectmen meeting that night.

Public comment will be accepted through April 5.

Work on the revised plan with the Rockingham Planning Commission has been delayed over the past year due to covid but the process is now in the final stages.



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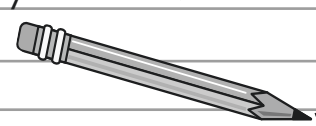
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Budget Committee Approves Articles 3 and 4 of School Budget Plan

KAITLIN BEDELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Budget Committee came together with the Chester school board at their previous meeting on Feb. 8 to finalize the proposed budget report for the 2021-2022 school year.

The warrant articles were presented to the budget committee from the school board hoping for their approval. The two boards have been working together to formulate a plan and faced a public hearing in the last stages of the budget planning.

While the two committees worked closely

throughout the fruition of most of the budget, the meeting strictly focused on articles three and four which are the only articles that require attention from the Budget Committee.

The two boards first reviewed Article Three of the report where the Chester School Board proposed a budget of \$13,483,256 which is a 5.17% increase of the previous school year.

School Board Chair Royal Richardson said that there were several factors that impacted the budget significantly.

Richardson said that the state of New Hampshire had a mandated increase in contributions

for retirement systems in the state which largely affected the budget planning decision making.

Another factor contributing to the rise in the budget according to Richardson was the special education department. The town of Chester has seen an increase in demand for special education services in students within the past year.

Those two changes alone made up 63% of the total increase in the budget for the year. Richardson also noted another large portion of the budget will go to Pinkerton Academy.

Pinkerton's individual tuition increased this year by \$13,698 per student which is a 3.53% increase over the prior year's regular education tuition.

Chester's anticipated financial obligation to Pinkerton Academy for the following school year is \$3,652,800 making up 27% of the town's overall school budget.

The committee contin-

ued on with Article Four of the proposal which highlighted a \$20,000 budget increase in anticipation of a boiler replacement for the Chester Academy building.

Richardson said that the board is expecting a \$100,000 project in the 2024-2025 school year and wants to ensure that the school board for that year will be able to fund the project without significantly increasing taxes for the town.

The committee had no questions or concerns on Article Four and moved forward with it's motion.

As the discussion started to come to a close, Richardson ended with a few closing remarks for the committee who his board and he have been working with for several planning sessions.

After reviewing the information presented for a final time, the committee put forth Article Three with a motion from Dana Theokas seconded by Rhonda Lamphere.

"Thank you for your support," Richardson said. "As always it's nice to have a collaborative effort in reaching a conclusion in these things."

Budget Committee Chairman Michael Weider said he is "thankful" for the school board's efforts in creating this budget and that they "did a very nice job" with it.

The meeting concluded as committee members pointed out a few small changes they'd like to see made regarding wording on the budget, but said they all agree with the contents of it.

Weider thanked his committee for their hard work and said that their dedication "made his job easy" when drafting this.

Frost Festival Will Be Feb. 20

DERRY - Derry's 22nd Annual Frost Festival will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. with a variety of locations and activities to choose from.

The annual wintertime family tradition continues to encourage families to celebrate winter with family, friends, and community.

All of the events and activities are free, family

friendly, and will take place at Various Locations in Derry. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, most programs will need to be done amongst resident's own families, weather permitting, and some require preregistration.

This year's event is unique, as it is supported by a group of devoted volunteers from the Greater Derry Area and funded solely through sponsors and donations.

Events include a food trucks, sledding and snowboarding, ice skating, ice sculptures, cookie decorating kits, arts & crafts kits, musical entertainment, a

visit from Frosty, and more.

Parking is free and available throughout downtown Derry as well as at Alexander-Carr Park and Hood Park where the events will be taking place.

While all activities are free, food and beverages have a fee. All activities are weather permitting and at your own risk.

Pre-registration for the craft and cookie kits are required while supplies last, no walk-ins will be accepted. Go to: www.derrynh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf3026/f/upload/s/2021frost_festival_registration_form.pdf for information.

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Derry Fire Chief: Covid Cases Down 164 Cases in 2 Week Span

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The town of Derry was able to avoid a \$15,000 expense after the new owner of 264 Hampstead Road came forward with a demolition plan for the structure on the property.

Originally the Derry Town Council approved a resolution on Oct. 6 which would allow \$15,000 to be used to demolish the structure on the property. This decision came after years of unsuccessful attempts by Derry Code Enforcement to get the property owners at the time to make immediate repair to the property.

According to a supporting document to the town council from Public Works Director Michael Fowler, the former property owner Michael Dawson was given until Jan. 1, 2021 to address the dilapidated structure. Dawson explained at the Oct. 6 meeting that he was attempting to sell the property with the hope that the new owner would demolish the property and build a single-family home.

That is exactly what happened. After staying in contact with prospective buyers Code Enforcement was informed in December that a new buyer had emerged with plans in place.

It was explained in the supporting document to the council that because there is a demolition plan in place and plans to build a four-bedroom house on the property there is no longer a need for the town of Derry to demolish the structure.

This means that the funds will be repurposed for other "dilapidated structures discovered by Code Enforcement or the Property Management Committee," a supporting document to the council stated.

With Covid-19 continuing to play a major factor in just about every area of society the council approved a donation during the meeting to help the fire department continue to stay healthy.

The Derry Village Rotary Club recently donated 2,000 masks for a value of \$600. It was explained in a supporting document from Derry Town Administrator David Caron that by getting these

donated it will help them especially in the case of a PPE shortage.

"Receiving these items would help to supplement our existing stock of PPE," the supporting document to the council stated. "With the future being uncertain with Covid-19, this donation should put us in a good position with our PPE supply moving forward."

Also related to Covid-19 it was announced during the council meeting that the town's fire department have had no no transport cases involving someone with the virus since the last council meeting on Jan. 19. This is something that Derry Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Michael Gagnon sees as a very good thing.

"That's great news," Gagnon said. "Our people aren't routinely going out and picking up Covid related patients any longer."

Gagnon also informed the council that they cur-



The Derry Village Rotary Club recently donated 2,000 surgical masks to the Derry Fire Department. The masks were dropped off to the department's central station by Don Blaszkza. Pictured left to right: Firefighter/paramedic Tom Gillis, Lieutenant James Kersten, Rotary Representative, Don Blaszkza, Battalion Chief Rob Atwater, and Lieutenant Thomas Beaumont.

rently had no positive cases of Covid-19 in their adult care facilities. He also said that many of the residents in the facilities have had their first and second doses of the vaccine.

One question that was raised during the discussion came from Derry Town Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores who asked Gagnon if any of the first responders had refused getting the vaccination.

Gagnon explained to the council that they've had a few rare incidents of this

whether because they wanted to further consult with their primary care doctor, or just wish not to get it at least at this time.

"Getting the vaccination is a voluntary program," Gagnon said.

While some first responders have opted out of getting vaccinated at this time Gagnon explained that they can still get vaccinated later on if they decide to.

"I think it's important to mention that even if somebody says they don't

want it now there's nothing that prevents them from getting it later on," Gagnon said.

Overall Gagnon said that "Covid cases in the town are moving in the right direction." At the time of the meeting Derry was down to 241 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 which is 164 less than at the time of the last meeting.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.



CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

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budget for the district. Going into the session the school board had approved a proposed budget of \$93,151,401.80 to be considered during the deliberation session. This budget would see an increase of 1.13 percent compared to last year for a total increase of \$1,044, 978.79 compared to 2020-2021.

Some of the highlights to the proposed budget includes staff reductions and additions.

In the area of reductions the proposed budget would eliminate a district librarian for a savings of \$98,136.73, the elimination of two ESOL assistants for a total of \$47,984.63 in savings, and the elimination of a elementary classroom teacher for a total savings of \$92,014.47.

In the proposed budget there are also proposed

additions to staffing that would bring on a special education teacher at DEEP for a total of \$98,589.51, and a special education teacher at South Range for the same cost.

In total the staffing changes proposed would be a net increase of \$40,956.81.

Other proposed budget highlights include an increase of \$770, 541.96 for New Hampshire retirement, an increase of health and dental insurance for a total of \$427,283.31, and an increase in tuition for Pinkerton Academy students.

One of the main line items in the proposed budget that raised questions and discussion from members of the community was related to special education services. Each year Derry Schools are required to pay specific tuition to Pinkerton Academy for students from Derry that require resource

services.

It was explained by former school board member Dan McKenna that this account is often underspent pointing to last year being underspent by 1.3 million dollars and traditionally being underspent by about \$700,000.

In his account for this he explained that traditionally the school board projects the amount of students they will have that need those services at Pinkerton by looking at students moving up a grade each year. McKenna pointed out that it isn't as simple as that for a number of different reasons which include students no longer needing the services, graduating early, moving among other things.

After making his argument he went forward with making a motion to amend the budget with a decrease of \$300,000 pointing that the proposed budget calls for an increase of 40 stu-

dents at \$9,000 each which is often overestimated.

After discussion from members of the school board and the community the meeting moderator Roger Konstant brought the amendment of reducing the proposed budget by \$300,000 to a vote which was approved in a majority vote.

With the amendment to the proposed budget being approved during the deliberative session it means that taxpayers will be voting on a total budget of \$92,851,401.71.

After the budget article was approved to be sent to the voters, Konstant presented the next article to be discussed and debated. This article would allow an estimated \$550,924 to be spent by the district if an agreement is reached with the Derry Teachers Union. This number reflects the estimated increase for salaries and benefits.

The article reads, "shall the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Association that calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,924 for the upcoming fiscal year (2021-2022), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the changes in salaries and benefits required by the

new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels?"

Another article that voters will have a chance to weigh in on when they make their way to the ballot box would allow the school district to pay a total of \$33,173 in extra salaries. This is the estimated increase if an agreement is reached with the educational assistants union.

The language of the article reads, "shall the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801 that calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year: and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,173 for the upcoming fiscal year (2021-2022), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the changes in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels?"

The estimated tax impact for the warrant would be \$.01 per person.

The final article that was presented at the session was in regards to the school fund balance. A fund balance is essentially an escrow or 'rainy day fund' for the school district

to offset any large costs that arise that aren't budgeted for.

The article reads, "shall the District adopt the revisions to RSA 198:4-b, II enacted in 2020, which allows the District to retain up to 5% of the District's net assessment in any year, allows the expenditure of any amount retained after the School Board first holds a public hearing, and further requires the School Board to include a report on the retained fund balance in its annual report to the District?"

Aside from the budget articles voters in Derry will have the opportunity to vote on school board members. This year there are a total of three open positions for the school board. There are two openings for the three-year terms and one opening for the one year term. Running for the three-year term positions include Erika Cohen, Erica Layon, Paul Lutz and Jason MacLeod.

Candidates running for the one-year term include Michael Layon, Colleen Bryer, Jonathan Dugan, and David Clapp.

The final position that voters will have the chance to vote on is for the School District Moderator which is a three-year term. Running for this position unopposed is Cristina Guilford.

The budget, school board members, and budget articles will be voted on by voters on Tuesday, March 9 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at West Running Middle School.

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Board has brought forward. The two warrant articles address the most important building needs at HCS, not only for today but for the future educational needs of our town. The plan is well thought out and does not include superfluous extras. Now is the time to vote Yes for the HCS project.

Please join our entire family in voting YES on School Warrant Articles 2 & 4.

Many Thanks
Suzanne Finocchiaro
Hampstead

Vote YES on 2 & 4

To the editor,

If you look up the word education in the dictionary, you will find two definitions. One being the most obvious: the acquisition of knowledge or other important factors of life such as morals, values or a particular skill set. But there is one definition that I feel gets overlooked. The other definition according to the

Oxford dictionary is: an enlightening experience.

When looking for our new family home, my husband and I made sure that the school system was one that not only our children would be safe in, but where they would get a great education. The Hampstead School system checked off both boxes. With that being said, it is important that we as a community make learning an enlightening experience for our youth. In order for our children to be successful in their academic endeavors, it's imperative that we give them the best environment to achieve success as a student. We need new classrooms to house our ever-growing community. We need a room for the arts and music.

There is a need to add on and renovate The Hampstead Central School so that we can give the children of Hampstead an enlightened learning experience. No matter what stage of life you are in, I encourage all to think about our town's children and their right to a great education in a great school. Please consider a Yes vote on Warrant article #2, and

Warrant article #4 this upcoming March 9, 2021.

Jennifer O'Reilly
Hampstead

For the Children of Hampstead

To The Editor

In any town with only one elementary school, the building must be well-rounded and able to accommodate all of the needs for the children who attend. Many towns have multiple schools and are able to spread out programs for children into several buildings, but

Hampstead does not have that option. For the past eight years, I have watched Hampstead Central School utilize space which was never designed to be, nor is it appropriate for, a classroom. Teachers and administrators have been creative in turning these environments into inviting spaces for students, however the fact remains that these spaces are not conducive to learning.

Last March, before the shutdown occurred, I brought my youngest to have an evaluation for pre-school beginning fall 2020. The evaluation was held in

an old storage closet which had been transformed into an office. Despite the work put in by Central School staff to make the closet a warm environment for children, it was not enough space for an evaluation with three staff members, a young child, and two parents in attendance.

Our children shouldn't be forced to have evaluations or services in small spaces such as repurposed closets. This has been going on for years and, when we can no longer offer services to children due to lack of space, the town will be required to

send students to other districts which can offer the services needed in appropriate spaces. This comes at a significant financial cost to the town, but more importantly, has an impact on people's decisions to move to Hampstead, thus negatively impacting housing values.

Put yourself in the shoes of a young family that is looking to move to Hampstead - would you want to move here only to be told that your child needed to be sent someplace else? I know I would not.

Erin McGuire
Hampstead

Nearly 200,000 Granite Staters Sign Up for COVID-19 Vaccination

Since Friday, just under 200,000 citizens signed up for the vaccination as part of Phase 1B, and over 60% of those have already scheduled a location and time for their first shot.

"The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is one of the largest logistical undertakings our state has ever faced," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Our teams are working around the clock and our systems have worked as designed and

ahead of schedule. New Hampshire is ready to administer the vaccinations as fast as the federal government supplies it."

The state currently receives an average shipment of 17,000 doses per week. Should production and shipments increase, the State will move up appointment slots as quickly as vaccines become available.

"All eligible individuals within Phase 1B are

guaranteed to be scheduled for an appointment time," said Perry Plummer, who has been appointed to manage vaccine rollout. "While appointments are currently being made into March and April, we urge folks to take the earliest appointment slot available and to remain patient."

Following registration on vaccines.nh.gov, individuals will receive an email within 3-5 days to schedule their vaccination

appointment. Medically vulnerable individuals must be referred by their primary care physician, and will receive an email within 3-5 days of the referral having been made.

The 2-1-1 Call Center continues to field a high volume of calls, having processed 27,327 calls since Friday, January 22. Callers are asked to remain patient and expect wait times.

OBITUARY

Shirley Matteuzzi Farland



Shirley Matteuzzi Farland, 92, of Derry, NH, passed away Thursday Feb. 4, 2021, at the Cheshire Medical Center, Keene, NH. She was born in Saugus, MA on Aug. 4, 1928, a daughter of the late Stanley M. and Katherine M. (Gerry) Dingle. Shirley and her first husband,

Eugene Matteuzzi Jr., operated Matteuzzi Farms in Derry until he passed away in 1999. She also was a school bus driver for several years in Derry. Shirley enjoyed playing scrabble and cards and will be remembered as having a passion for painting.

She is survived by husband of 20 years, Robert E. Farland Sr., one son, John Matteuzzi, five stepchildren, Robert E. Farland, Jr., Loretta Beattie, Kathy Moore, Vicky Cassidy, and Tony Farland, many grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister, Patricia Crabb, as well as her nieces and nephews. In addition to her first husband, Shirley was also predeceased by one son, Richard Matteuzzi and a stepson Joe Farland.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH.

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DERRY

Manga/Anime Take & 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 derypub.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 continue to March 29. This program will be at 10 a.m., each Monday morning. Call the library for more details at 432-7186.

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 derypub.org or call 432-6140.

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 end on April 2. Call the library to register or for more information.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is open for curbside pickup only. Call the library for curb 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 Library will be closed on Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day.

Gnome Craft

On Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m., make a little adorable gnome at the Chester Library. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Mandalorian Escape Room

A Mandalorian themed Escape Room will be open on Mondays in February at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Kuiil need your help. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Book Group

The Chester Library Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m., to discuss Accused by Lisa Scottoline. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Librarys board of Trustees will be holding a meeting on

Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Make a Mini Zen Garden

Make and decorate your own zen garden at the Chester Library on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. (this event is for teens & adults) Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Among Us Party! (All Ages)

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event and come play with the Chester Library on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. (This event is for all ages) 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.

HAMPSTEAD

Red Cross Blood

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Feb. 19, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Snowman Hunt

All ages are welcome. The Hampstead Public Library is distributing large snowman coloring sheets starting Wednesday, Feb. 17. Color, personalize, and hang your snowperson in your window or on your door. Display it through February 28. Take a family drive around town to find other snowmen. If you email your street name to

youthservices@HampsteadLibrary.org, the librarian will compile a list of streets and post it on social media Feb. 22. The list can also be emailed upon request. Adults without kids can participate too. Look for the rolled coloring sheets at the Library's Curbside Pickup table starting Feb. 17. Businesses in Hampstead are also welcome to participate, please email youthservices@HampsteadLibrary.org for more information.

Lenten Discussion Groups

All are invited to join Hampstead Congregational Church's Lenten discussion groups. We will be meeting online for six weeks on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning on Feb. 22. The booklet "Living Well Through Lent 2021" will guide our discussions on how to listen and live well this year. No prior experience in groups or a faith community is needed. To receive more information and a copy of the booklet, please email or call Rev. Kathy Youzwak, the pastor and facilitator of the groups. at: pastor@hampsteaducc.org or (603)329-6985

Puzzles

Puzzle lovers, the Hampstead Public Library has over two dozen puzzles you can borrow. From a 48-piece dinosaur to 1000-piece challenges, we have puzzles for you. There are also 100, 300, and 500-piece puzzles you can borrow. You can find the list in the Library's catalog; look for the Jigsaw Puzzle section under the Visual search tab, or ask a librarian. Want a little extra? Find online puzzles at www.jigsawplanet.com/hampsteadnhlibrary. Using a click and drag method you can assemble library related puzzles. More will be added to the selection soon.

Ash Wednesday

Hampstead Congregational Church is offering ashes to go on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 10 - 11 a.m., and from 4 - 5 p.m., in front of the church at 61 Main St, Hampstead. The Oublic is inviting the public to pull into the church's circular

driveway to receive ashes from Rev. Kathy to mark the beginning of Lent.

Meditation Classes

Weekly online Meditation Class from the Hampstead Public Library has been extended through the end of March. Make time for self-care with this 30-minute class on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. According to the Mayo Clinic, meditation can reduce negative emotions, build skills to manage stress, improve rest and relaxation, and increase patience and tolerance. The classes are taught by library assistant and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump. You do not have to be a Hampstead resident to attend. Register via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Virtual Adventure Trip

The Hampstead Public Library hosts a virtual Adventure Trip to Yellowstone & Big Sky Country on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss the Magic of the West with Rick Little, a local angler and owner of Shad creek Flies. We may be stuck at home, but through the wonder of Zoom and Rick's photos, we can experience the beauty of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, and Montana. See highlights of the wildlife, geo-thermal features, historical sites, and spectacular scenery. Advance registration is required. Please sign-up via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org.

Ancestry

Now through March 2021, Hampstead Public Library cardholders can use Ancestry.com for free in-home research. This tool is great for genealogy buffs, or those investigating their family tree. Go to the Library's catalog; click "My Account" in the upper right corner of HampsteadLibrary.org. Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in the Links box on the right of the catalog homepage. Once in Ancestry.com, search billions of records and discover your family's story. If you need assistance, please call

the Library 603-329-6411 or email circulation@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 Feb. 22.

Craft Videos

Hampstead Public Library cardholders have free use of Creativebug, which has thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. It's a great resource for holiday décor and gifts. Access it via the Library website LEARN tab. Call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org if you need assistance.

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.

SANDOWN

Valentines Essential Oil Class

Take and Make of essential oils sprays for your special Valentine with the Sandown Library on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. - noon. All materials will be supplied to registrants in a Take and Make bag that may be picked up at the library on **continued on page 13**

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Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

Books & Bites

February book, for Sandown Library's Books and Bites, held Feb. 17 from 6 - 7:45 p.m., is "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Laine Moriarty. This program will be hosted virtual, a Zoom link will be emailed to participants. Contact: Sue Kehoe, at 887-

3428, or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

Morning Crafting Crew

The Sandown Library will host a morning Crafting Crew on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 10 - 11 a.m. (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. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

Trivia Game

Which nursery rhyme is said to have been written as a protest against an export tax on fleece imposed in Britain? What is the name of the gas in the air that keeps us alive? A young hippopotamus is known as a what? Do YOU know the answers to these questions? Are you a Trivia

Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun as we play "... I Should Have Known That!" with the Sandown Library on Feb. 20, from 1 - 2 p.m., on Zoom. Teams will be created and zoom breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program. Contact Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral storytelling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Tween/Teen Craft

Valentine's Day is almost here. Come and craft with the Sandown Library and make a

Valentine's Day Puzzle Wreath or an Anti-Valentine's Day Puzzle Wreath via Zoom. You get to choose which wreath you want to make. Registration is required. Materials will be provided for all registered participants. (ages 11+) A Take & Make Bag will be available for pick up Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., for registered participants. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youthserves@sandownlibrary.us.

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Zoom Room Story Time

The Sandown Library will hold themed stories designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others, on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. 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 Room. 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 consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

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

Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where

we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youths@sandownlibrary.us

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.

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 skelhoe@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 youths@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

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Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

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/tipstotics

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.

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.

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.

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 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/tipstotics

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 parenting 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 pre-registration 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.

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 atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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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