

# Town Administrator Discusses Capital Improvement Projects

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - As municipalities across the state begin to put together its 2022 budgets, the Derry Planning Board heard the proposed capital improvement plan for 2022-2027 during its Feb. 16 meeting. The plan includes different projects and spending which are being proposed for next year through the capital improvement budget.

One of the most important short-term highlights from the plan is in regards to 2022 capital improvement project proposals.

Two of the major projects would help keep public safety officials, and the

community safe. One of them being police cruisers and body cameras for police officers. Another major project proposal would be for firefighter self-contained breathing apparatus.

Town Administrator David Caron explained the breathing apparatus for the fire department was a priority last year but was unsuccessful in receiving a grant which would pay for up to 90 percent of it.

Their hope is that this time will be much different. "It is critical that we receive that grant," Caron said, noting that the project is about \$750,000.

On the public safety front, Caron said that they are also looking to replace their 2009 ambulance and their 2005 shift command vehicle. He said that they try to replace the ambulances every 12 years.

Some of the major projects that they are looking at for 2022 includes Sunset Avenue culverts replacement, traffic signal updates, Cemetery Road rehabilitation, as well as expanding the West Running Brook Field.

After completing the fourth part of the process, by making the presentation to the planning board, the proposal will now move forward to its final stage. The final stage which was explained by Caron will be for the town council to adopt

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# Chester School Board Reviews Some New State Legislation

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CHESTER - The Chester School Board met in the school auditorium for their previous meeting on Feb. 17 to discuss several articles of the Pending Legislation of Possible Interest to the Chester school district.

The board first discussed the House Bill 623 which would help relieve some of the financial pressure on school districts in the state which has been a result of the pandemic.

In the past year there has been a decrease in student enrollment. Normally this would result in a decrease in financial aid for school districts, but this

bill would allow the state to distribute the same amount of aid for the next two years as it did in 2021, despite the student enrollment differences.

The Senate also has a corresponding bill, number 145, which is very similar to Bill 623 and according to the board will likely later be crossed over into one bill.

"This is something I think we should lend our support to and also get behind our local representatives as well," One board member said.

While the board was in agreement with some of the articles, they also voiced concern over some of the new bills that the state hopes to implement.

The board expressed disagreement with House Bill 206 which would change the RSA 91-A law known as the "Right to Know." This bill would require all negotiations for school board meetings to become public.

"I think this is a really bad idea personally, so I wanted to see if you guys would support this," one member said. "I think we'd want to let the legislators know that we don't support this."

The board feels that there is a lot that goes into negotiations and that having them public can become chaotic and complicated.

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**Cold Creations** Dennis Hickey and Dave Soha of Ice Breakers returned once again this year for the annual tradition of sculpting some frosty creations in downtown Derry during the Frost Festival. There were a number of activities going on throughout the afternoon for families to enjoy last Saturday. See more photos page 8.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Popular Hampstead Camp's Plans Continued Due to COVID Issues

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HAMPSTEAD - After the Feb. 1 board meeting was continued due to the snowstorm the Hampstead Planning Board held its meeting on Feb. 15.

One item on the agenda was a request to allow a continuance for a conditional approval permit that expired on Feb. 1, 2021. They made a request to the board to allow for a continuance until Feb. 1 2022. The permit is to allow for the Camp Tel Noar- Yurt Village Expansion.

To open up the discussion, Planning Board member Paul Carideo asked about the timeline, saying that he doesn't think that they ever granted a one year continuance before.

"I don't have an issue with the continuance, the question is why one year," Carideo said.

Hampstead Planning Board Vice Chairman Randy Clark fired back at the comment pointing to the fact that these are unusual times.

"We never have had a

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# New Chester School District Superintendent Search Continues

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CHESTER - During the Dec. 2 Chester School Board meeting, current superintendent Dr. Darrell Lockwood announced that he would be retiring at the end of the school year, when his contract expires on June 30.

Since then the school district has been on the hunt for its next superintendent.

During the following school board meeting the board heard from representatives from the NH School Board Association who presented a proposal to manage the search process for the school district.

Eventually it was decided on to do the search in house and Lockwood pointed out that former school board member Maria Veale was willing to be the chair of the search committee on the behalf of the school board. It was also agreed on by the board to have Veale chair the search team.

From there the committee which consists of school Board members; members of Chester Academy Administration, SAU staff, teachers and paraeducators, support staff members and two parent representatives, have met to come up with a gameplan of what to do next.

One of the first things the committee did was came up with a job de-

scription and advertised it far and wide in order to attract applicants. Veale said that they have had 17 applicants.

They also did their due diligence to get feedback from the public and also meet with staff in order to get their input on what was important for the next superintendent in order to help develop their interview questions.

On Feb. 3 they had another chance for the public to give their input on what they are looking for when it comes to the next superintendent of the Chester School District, during a public forum, held over Zoom.

Chester School Board

Chair Royal Richardson began the public input by summarizing the role of the superintendent in a practical sense.

"If you think of this as a business and the school is really a 13 million dollar a year business then the superintendent fills the role of the CEO," Richardson said saying that although the superintendent works closely with the school board ultimately they are the face of the school district. "It's a key role," he went on to say.

One member of the community, Annie Kelly explained her thoughts for the role of the new superintendent as someone who not only has to help advance the education of

students but also keep in mind other factors.

"They need to be able to lead with compassion and thoughtfulness," Kelly said.

One community member, Marth Chazanoff said that she was pleasantly surprised when she found out that the superintendent position isn't a full-time position. Instead the position is ".6" meaning its a little over half-time.

"Wow that just really surprised me," she said.

Veale said that she agrees that it's a lot of work for a .6 position.

During the forum Veale explained the timeline for the next steps of the process to pick the next superintendent.

This week the search committee will continue interviews for those who were selected for interviews, and are planning on narrowing it down to three finalists.

From there the committee plans on making a decision on three finalists to send to the school board for their consideration.

Veale said the plan is to have the finalists interview with the school board in a public setting on March 10 beginning at 5 p.m. It is expected that there will be an announcement of who will be the next superintendent on Friday, March 12 assuming the board picks one of the three finalists and that they accept the offer.

# Heritage Commission Moves Ahead on Sandown History Reprint

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Preparations are underway for reprinting of the Richard Holmes book, "A View from Meetinghouse Hill: A history of Sandown, New Hampshire."

Fran Rosenau, a member of the Sandown Heritage Commission who is coordinating work on the new edition, sent a copy to the publisher P.E. Randall, she told the commission's Feb. 4 meeting. The publisher rescanned it to make a digital copy and she is now proofing the entire book.

Although the publisher recommended printing all

464 pages, Rosenau said her home printer is not designed to accommodate that large a number and she has been checking the pages on her computer screen.

In that process the primary error she anticipates would be a page omission. She is also looking to see whether the scan to file could pick up any letters as different from the print version.

Rosenau reported that she sent the first half payment of \$301 for the project's cost. The first printing will be 10 books and 6 so far have been ordered. The book is being sold for \$25. Commission Chair Pamela Gaudreau officially signed the contract with Holmes.

In a separate undertaking, Gaudreau met with the Sandown Conservation Commission to go over the town's targeted ancient stone structure sites to be surveyed. The heritage commission is collaborating with Tom Elmore, founder of the GeoNav group, a Suffield, Conn.-based surveillance company specializing in collection, analysis, and presentation of datasets on historic sites in New England.

This effort employs Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar) technology, a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges. It enables recorded data to be manip-

ulated to view target objects in 3D reproductions from any angle or view, including removing foliage and other debris that obscure structures.

Partnerships are forming between conservation commissions and heritage commissions or historical societies to obtain inventories and data collected from lines of rocks and walls to help determine the purpose of some buildings, Gaudreau noted.

The cost of doing the stone surveying is estimated to be at least \$8,000 if all data collection is done at once. The heritage commission will also be looking for grants to help defray expenses.

Elsewhere Sandown's planned Scavenger hunt for

children will likely wait until spring to set a date. Gaudreau thinks a specific cooperative arrangement with schools for the event may not be necessary as some of the interested children are home schooled.

She would, however, like to have some of the hunt's content reflect school curriculum. The likely sites for it would be the Railroad Depot, the Meeting House, the Barn, and Hearse House.

The conservation commission would be in charge of the stone sites and help contribute questions and clues for the participants.

Following social distancing children could go to the locations for information and enter their answers using online tools

to keep track of their progress.

Gaudreau would like to have those who take part receive some kind of item for participating such as a compass, trinket, award certificate, or T-shirt.

Later in the spring the commission wants to have a fundraising yard sale of small items possibly at the Town Hall or at Rosenau's home. She asked that any donations made not be appliances or clothing. Items could be brought to her home at 159 Little Mill Rd., or to a central location.

Everything will be boxed, priced, and ready wherever the sale is held, Rosenau said. The commission is starting off the year with approximately \$3,000 in its account.



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# Requests for Zoning Variances Spark Public Opposition

HENRY GREENBAUM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - The Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met for their monthly meeting on Feb. 4. The ZBA spent the meeting hearing different cases for variances in the Town of Derry Zoning Ordinance.

The first two cases were presented by land surveyor Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey, LLC.

The first case he presented was for the George E. Simard Revocable Trust who requested a variance to Article VI, Section 165-46.C.1a which required a plot of land to be one acre at minimum. The variance would allow for a plot of land to be split into two with one being 0.94 acres and the other being one acre.

They opened the floor to

the public to see if anyone was in support of it or against the variance and nobody really came forward.

The board all agreed that the variance would cause little disturbance as it is only slightly under the one-acre requirement. They voted unanimously to accept the application for the variance.

The second case that Peloquin presented was for the William A. Fortier Trust who requested a variance in Article VI, Section 165-48.B.2 and 3. The variance would allow for a lot of land at 36 Floyd Road to be split in two with one having 86.52 feet of frontage (on Warner Hill Road) which is under the 200 feet requirement.

When the ZBA opened the floor to the public, nobody came forward in support of the variance,

but a few people expressed their opposition to it.

I've lived on [Warner Hill Road] since 1961, when I was born, and I don't have any issues with families dividing land for family members since that is what we have done," said Jennifer Tucker. "I can't tell you how many [car] accidents have occurred there every single Summer."

Richard Burkland, who owns a property directly in front of 36 Floyd Road said, "Granting of this variance would also change the character of the neighborhood and sets a precedent for others to seek a variance when they don't have the required 200 feet of frontage."

Those opposed to the variance are also concerned that having such a low frontage by a sharp curve

may cause car accidents as there have been many by that corner. Peloquin disagreed with this, believing that it can be fixed should the issue come up.

He said, "Regarding the safety of the road I do want to say while I'm not familiar with the accidents, I'm not surprised given the sharp bend in the road. I would say that at the planning level, this was all going to get flushed out. Moreover, if there is a problem there, police are going to weigh in, fire [department] is going to weigh in, public works is going to weigh in."

Despite concerns made by the public, the ZBA felt confident that Peloquin and the Promised Land Survey, LLC can fix whatever issues occur with the frontage and voted unanimously to approve

the variance.

The third case was a variance requested by Randall and Linda Coate who are purchasing land from James L. Sullivan and Maureen Doherty on 17 Charlestown Place. The variance would allow for a single-family home to be built on a private road and will have less than what is required for building setbacks.

The floor was opened to the public who expressed opposition to the requested variance. "I can't imagine a house being built between my neighbor and myself," said Laura Brookes, who lives on 19 Charlestown Place. "When these properties were for sale, I spoke to the realtor and all of us assumed this would be meant as a driveway to access the property behind."

Kenzo M. Stevenson of 15 Charlestown Place said, "All the houses on this road are the old cottage camps built in the 1950s...when the people approached, as far as the real estate agents, they were informing us that this would be an access to 13 Tobacco Road."

Some of the people who live on Charlestown Place are concerned that building a new house there would take away from the neighborhood. It would also be too disruptive to them as it would take up too much space on the property.

With those concerns in mind, the ZBA ruled that the Coates need to return to a future meeting with a more specific plan in regard to the dimensions of the property beyond just a conceptual idea.

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pandemic before, which has canceled camping seasons for two years in a row," said Clark.

Chairman Stephen Wentworth suggested that he would read the last statement from the applicant.

"At this time it appears that the 2021 camping season will be limited to two-thirds capacity at best. However, the state guidelines and guidance to overnight camping is still being formulated for the summer of 2021. The approval process involves DHS and the governor's task force and the attorney general," the letter stated.

A proposal that was

brought up by Wentworth would allow them to have a six month extension to see where they stand at that time as far as reopening.

One piece of information that was sought was in terms of how long the Zoning Board of Adjustments variance was good for and when it expires. The concern that they had is that they didn't want to approve a continuance that would contradict the variance that they have been approved for from the town.

"I really wish we had that date," Carideo said.

After some discussion it was ultimately approved by the board to grant the continuance, until the Aug.2 meeting.

In other news the board

voted to continue a few other different items on the agenda.

One of the items that was continued was not at the request of the applicant, who went into the meeting seeking approval for a lot line adjustment request for his property at 62 East Road.

The lot line adjustment would allow them to be able to put a house on the back of the new lot line as well as put in a driveway to access the house.

One concern that was brought forward by a member of the community Colleen King in regards to the fact that she suggests that a similar application from 2010 was denied by the board, and feels that the

same should be done in this situation.

She brought up the fact that in 2010 there was a public hearing regarding subdividing the same lots. The board at that time decided to deny the request for the subdivision request.

She explained that because there were issues with the lot shape and the size of the driveway then and there hasn't been any changes to the ordinances since then it should be denied again or continued.

After numerous neighbors came forward with their concerns over the lot line adjustments, Wentworth explained that the board ultimately has to rule based on the facts and not personal feelings.

"I just want to let you know that we are bound to the rules and regulations and we can't just rule on our own personal thoughts," Wentworth said. "We're here to make sure it meets all the zoning rules and regulations," he added.

It was approved by the planning board to continue the matter for a later meeting in order to get more information about the lot and to hear from the applicant's engineer and the town's attorney.

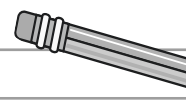
The board hopes to be able to hear from the applicant's engineer to learn how they view that the application from 2010 is different from the one now.

The next Hampstead Planning Board is scheduled for March 1 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## No Dinosaurs Here

Whenever the conversation comes up at meetings about how do we get the word out it always amazes me that they never mention the local newspaper. Some say newspapers are dead and nobody reads the paper anymore. When people talk about the death of newspapers, they tend to lump all of them together and that is a big mistake.

Most of us, even the most diehard print readers, turn to the computer, Smartphone or iPad when we want up-to-the-minute state, national or international news. That is a convenient way to catch up on recent current events.

The world of news has indeed changed and the internet certainly played a role. However, if you try to find the menu for the monthly Knights of Columbus dinner, the details of the new Spanish Club fundraiser, or what happened at a town or school meeting chances are that you will not find that information on the internet.

Some say no one is interested in what goes on at meetings, forgetting the people whose investment is in their homes and their children who could be sorely impacted by a planning, school board, or zoning etc...decision.

Where do you go for that news? You go to your family owned community newspaper. An added value of this paper is that the owners live in or near your town and are invested in your community. Your children are featured

in photos from varsity games or in school plays and you can clip these photos for yourself or send the clippings to grandparents. Unfortunately 2020 was severely impacted by the COVID pandemic and many of these events did not happen. Yet it was our papers that kept you informed on what was happening in your town.

The letters published in the paper provide you with opinions from your neighbors. You can check the police log to see what the ruckus was all about.

Yet we continue to hear all the time that people don't have the time to read newspapers. Tell that to the readers who ask us to include a notice in the calendar, parents who thank us for the photo of their child in the paper, or those who call to tell us they appreciate the news of what is happening at various town meetings. Those things matter because people do indeed read the newspaper. For consistent reporting of local events, week in and week out, your hometown newspaper fits the bill. Despite last year being a very changeling year we know our newspapers still gets read.

We won't go the way of the dinosaur, unless COVID kills us, we are a small business that depend on other small businesses to survive. There's far too much going on in town to keep us busy for years to come.

# Letters

## Vote Article 2 & 4

To the editor,

I am a current resident of Hampstead and have been for my entire life. I have three children, two of which have already moved on from Central School, and one that still has a few years left. I am writing today to express my support for the much-needed school renovations.

As a former student at HCS and now a parent, I have seen firsthand how the school can no longer support the growth of this great town. The school has remained mostly unchanged from when I was a student, except that they have been forced to become creative with space to provide special services, which robs the kids of space for other things (like their library and computer lab). Classrooms are no longer grouped together by grade level, the stage isn't usable because the student population is too large, and the library is being used for classrooms.

The car loop used to drop off and pick-up students pulls car exhaust from vehicles into classrooms due to the outdated ventilation system. When attempting to enter the school, you need to be buzzed in through a series of locked doors before reaching the main office and its administrators, who do not have line of sight to the parking lot. I have also seen how much larger the class sizes are getting each year.

I chose to raise my family in Hampstead because of the great community, the amazing school system, and its incredible teachers. It is time for the Central School to be updated to reflect these allur-

ing qualities. I realize that we are currently in a pandemic, but this year has shown how ill-equipped the school is to get all students safely back in school full time. I know people see renovations and immediately think no because their taxes are going to go up. But if you really look at what you would be spending and then look at the benefits that money will provide, I hope you can see why now is the time to get these passed.

In closing, I am asking everyone to get out and vote on March 9th <x-apple-data-detectors://7> and please, please, please vote YES on Articles 2 and 4. Our kids are worth it.

Thank You,  
Jennifer Smith  
Hampstead

## Support Article 2 & 4

To the editor,

I am writing in support of Warrant Articles 2 (addition) and 4 (renovation) for the Hampstead Central School. Having grown up in Hampstead, our decision to move back here to raise our four children was due partly to the great community Hampstead has to offer, but mostly to the school's strong reputation. The Central School expects more than 60 new students next year, which will bring the school to near 100% capacity. To maintain Hampstead's academic excellence, there are several improvements that need to occur.

Our goal as a community should be to provide a properly ventilated and insulated building to ensure a comfortable learning space for all grade levels. While I

understand that my support for these articles is backed heavily by the fact that I have young children attending HCS, I believe renovating the school benefits the community at large. It is important to have a school system that is competitive and maintains a good reputation for our home values to be sustained.

It would be extremely beneficial to have an administrative office at the building's main entrance for obvious security reasons. While the school did implement a bell/camera system at the door, a first-floor administrative office would ensure complete transparency for every person entering and exiting the building. With this proposed space, the gymnasium could be used as a Unified Arts room and a space for community gatherings instead of doubling as a cafeteria.

In speaking with others in the community, there is also concern about the inadequacy of special education spaces. The proposed renovations account for this and will provide the much-needed space to accommodate state mandated services for these students. Improving the school to provide sufficient space and facilities will improve the learning environment for our children now and in the future. Children in our school are currently learning in hallways and closets because we lack dedicated teaching space. This is less than ideal for them to focus on learning. As I write this letter, my children are learning fully remotely and have been since the beginning of the pandemic. Although this has been our choice, I have seen firsthand that working

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outside of a normal, suitable classroom setting has created a greater challenge for them to focus.

Voting yes on both the addition and renovations will create the necessary space for our students and accommodate our expanding enrollment, including all incoming Kindergarten students, which brings revenue into the town. The improvements will also lead to smaller class sizes, allowing for more individualized education.

As a Hampstead resident, I want what is best for our children. They are our future leaders, and we must provide an adequate learning environment for them. Let's continue Hampstead's strong reputation and provide a safe, suitable and productive learning environment for our kids and support articles 2 and 4!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,  
Jenna Forzese  
and Family  
Hampstead

## For Hampstead's Shcool

To the editor,

I've have had the privilege of teaching many pre-school and kindergarten children since 1989 in Hampstead. My husband and I moved to Hampstead in 1983 to start our family. My sons attended HCS in the 90s, a few years after the last major renovation. 32 years have passed since then. Just as school curriculum and technologies

evolved between when I attended school and when my boys did, school has continued to progress for my grandchildren's generation. In 1992, students were just being introduced to computers, with one shared computer per classroom – now, every student has their own laptop. Like advances in medical technology, new practices in education have been researched and found to be more beneficial to students. Would we want our doctors to treat us using the same practices and facilities as 30 years ago, or do we want them using cutting edge technology? In Hampstead, our "doctors" of the future are still being educated in antiquated and potentially unhealthy facilities.

This renovation project is needed, well thought out, and the cost is reasonable because of the low interest rates, possibility for grants and using existing funds to offset costs. Now is the time to Vote yes on Articles 2 and 4 on March 9. The need isn't going away. As an educator in town, I've used NESDEC to forecast my school's population. I have found them to be very accurate over the years. Stepping Stones' school enrollment has been reflective of the forecasted increases and decreases in student population. NESDEC is predicting significant growth in Hampstead's school population for the next several years. This project used those numbers to decide how many classrooms will be needed long-term. This project isn't just a tempo-

rary fix, but a solution to future needs.

Travel around NH and take a look at the new schools other nearby towns have built in the past few years and you will see how HCS is lacking. We need a library, gym, music room and cafeteria. We need a secure entrance with office space and nurses' offices located near it. We need a healthy environment where outside exhaust isn't pulled into the building, temperature-control so that classrooms aren't freezing in cold weather or sizzling in the heat. We need sprinklers to reduce risk to children and the facility. We need enough classrooms to house our growing school population. None of these things are luxuries - they are necessities!

Our taxes are always a concern, especially for the older citizens of our community. But the costs related to this project are reasonable, affordable, and wise. I have always been grateful for those who voted yes to support our schools over the 37 years we've lived in this town.

And now I feel it is my responsibility to pay it forward for future generations.

Terri Malcolm  
Hampstead

## Building Our Community's Future

To the editor,

We know everyone believes having a safe, clean, and properly sized school is the foundation for creating an improved & competitive learning environment for children that are dreaming of becoming an architect, engineer, electrician, plumber, firefighter, dancer, or any other career choice. It all begins in our school system.

Since the 1980's we have been "creative" in finding ways to push a 20th century building to become a 21st century learning environment. We have:

- Used smaller spaces for dedicated learning areas,
- Modified old broom closets for specialized learning areas,
- Increased our class sizes to the limits despite feeling that it was not

advantageous to our students' learning experience.

We need more space to support a population growing by more than 150 students. There are some in the community that believe we could add more classrooms by making choices that would ultimately decrease the quality of education that Hampstead can offer. By eliminating the art, music, and advanced learning rooms; transforming the gymnasium into a classroom.

The latter choices are more expensive than updating the building and have a long-lasting negative impact that causes students to be much less competitive with other nearby districts. We want our children to be as prepared for success as possible as they are future caretakers of all our generations.

Our School District has explored many options with experts who work with local schools to complete their projects on time and under budget. Over the past year we have worked to remove cost from the project and have high confidence an addi-

tional \$600,000 will be saved on the total cost if Warrant Articles 2 and 4 passes. We cannot see this project being cheaper for our community.

We continue to explore opportunities (grants and energy efficiencies) to reduce the tax impact to all of us! The time to do something about it is now.

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Megan Malcolm,  
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School Board Member

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# Hampstead Schools to Continue Hybrid Model Post Break for Now

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - After Winter break the Hampstead School District held their classes virtually for two weeks to help control the spread of COVID-19 after the holidays.

Now the district is facing a similar situation. With February break the district has the important decision of what to do post break.

This was an important topic that was discussed during the Feb. 9 Hampstead School Board Meeting.

One of the big concerns that Hampstead School District Executive Consultant Earl Metzler brought up is the possibility of having staff shortages after the break.

"People, parents, stu-

dents need to understand that we potentially might not have the staff to open following February break," he said. "I can't say for sure right now."

He explained that aside from typical sickness this time of the year, there is also the concern that staff may travel outside of New England during the vacation meaning they will have to be out while they quarantine. He also noted that they can't tell staff that they can't travel but can tell them they have to follow protocols which means quarantining when they return.

With that said at this time Metzler is calling on the district to pull the plug on in person learning after the break just yet.

"At this time we still plan to reopen after the

break but we're watching it very closely."

School Board Chair Caitlin Parnell raised the question during the meeting of what happens if they didn't decide to change the plans post vacation during the meeting and they ended up in a situation where they had to go with remote learning.

"We've chosen to work collaboratively so far with the board throughout this process, we don't really need a board vote."

For now the board decided to not make any changes to the plan for after the break.

Another discussion topic that was on the agenda during the meeting was in relationship to the first school deliberative session.

Faced with the pandem-

ic this year the school district had to make sure they followed all safety measures while putting on the important annual forum. When all was said and done Parnell said that all went well.

"It went as smoothly as possible during covid pandemic times," Parnell said during the meeting.

Parnell also made sure to thank all the district staff that helped to make the session go off without a hitch.

"Thank you to everyone for getting us through it," Parnell said.

This year the school district will hire its first superintendent. Last March residents in towns across the Timberlane Regional School District, including Hampstead, approved leaving the school district come July 1.

Since Hampstead has shared the same school administrative unit with Timberlane for many years it means that they need to find its own superintendent.

Parnell announced that they would be having a public forum for the two finalists to have a chance to speak to the community and answer questions. The public forum took place last week.

The two finalists include Dr. Daniel Moulis who has been the superintendent in Barrington since 2017. The other finalist is Robert Thompson who has been the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services in Hollis Brookline since 2019.

The school committee will decide between the two. According to a press release the school com-

mittee will now meet at a later date during a non public meeting to decide who the district's first superintendent will be.

During the meeting the school board was also given an update about the Hampstead Central School principal search. Metzler said that they were able to finalize the job description and posted the job last week. Metzler said that they will be accepting applications until March 14.

On March 9 voters in the district will make their way to Hampstead Middle School where they will vote on eight different warrant articles ranging from school board members to the school district's bottom line budget of \$30,652,326. Voting will take place from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## Conservation Commission Suggests Recourse for Road Runoff Issue

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Conservation Commission is recommending possible restorative steps for a town homeowner whose property has experienced runoff from adjacent road construction.

Although the home at 50 Pillsbury Road, also located at the intersection with Summer Street, has wetlands in back, Environmental Consultant Bruce Gilday doesn't think those

were violated in the project's aftermath.

Runoff sediment came behind the house from work done on Summer Street, a gravel road that was recently filled and graded but with no erosion measures taken, he told the commission at its Feb. 11 meeting.

The matter was brought to commissioners' attention through a resident complaint filed by the homeowner.

A private contractor did the grading of Summer Street and not the Depart-

ment of Public Works because it is a private road. Gilday said the contractor, whose identity the commission was not sure of, should be responsible for measures to stop the runoff.

The town did not grant any permits for the project as no culverts were being replaced, and Sandown officials accordingly would not have been notified about the work or made any determinations, said Commission Chairman Brian Butler.

Gilday estimated the

accumulation of the runoff sediment was starting to build up but remained next to the wetlands. Now it's frozen with snow on the ground but in the spring it could escalate and go into the wetlands.

The runoff goes behind the house into a culvert and discharges into Angle Pond. Gilday thinks erosion control should be in place.

In his view the private contractor should have used straw wattles for perimeter protection to reduce soil erosion and runoff and to retain sediment. The contractor could have used the tubes of compressed straw and overlapped them.

Salt marsh hay would be

best as the hay doesn't have any foreign seeds in it, he said. However, if the straw were placed in a heavy enough layer it would prevent any gullies from increasing due to rainwater.

Then loaming could have been done and seeding of the side slope. As it is now, it's unstable, Gilday noted.

With the area being frozen, the wattles can't be put in at present. But heavy mulch could be placed there.

Gilday advocates clearing the snow and mulching the area which is 30 by 15 feet. The mulching should be on the shoulder of Summer St., as that is bare ground now.

The rain is hitting the gravel road and has nowhere to go but the shoulder area which is unprotected. The road then is coming into the shoulder and the backyard of the house.

The necessary work simply wasn't finished, he said. With gravel being put on the road, over on the shoulder should've been loam, grass seed, and mulch in order to stabilize it.

The commission approved sending a letter to the homeowner with its recommended course of action. The resident can go to the contractor seeking assistance as well as consult with Gilday and other town officials.

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## Vote Articles 2 & 4

To the editor,

My husband and I have been Hampstead residents for 34 years. We moved here because we wanted to raise our children in a small-town, family-oriented community with very good schools, like we experienced during our childhoods in Massachusetts.

Our two children attended Hampstead schools/Pinkerton Academy between 1988 and 2004. When our oldest began at Hampstead Central School, the most recent addition was just being finished. Before renovating, school and maintenance supplies were stored in hallways to

free up closets, which were being used to work with individual students. New office space was made for the principal and administrative staff. The addition also included an entry area with restrooms, leading to the multi-purpose cafeteria/gymnasium/music room with stage. This was a good solution 35 years ago. Since then, Hampstead has continued to grow, as more families move here for reasons like ours. HCS is more overcrowded than ever.

This year represents the 6th time in 7 years that a HCS proposal has been brought before the town. I am confident that this year's proposal (Articles 2 and 4 on this March's ballot) makes solid financial sense, represent the best value we

can get for our money, and offers the most practical design for future benefit to the school and the community. With bond rates at an all-time low (1%), it is imperative to approve Articles 2 and 4 and begin the long-needed building improvements. Local construction companies and labor will be used as much as possible. The project will benefit our local economy.

As young parents, we were very appreciative for the community members of all ages who supported the schools through property taxes. We are now retired and still enjoy making our home in this town. We understand the continuing responsibility of being part of this community, and willingly support our town and schools through

our property taxes.

While our adult children do not live in Hampstead, many of their friends still live in town and have children in our schools. I am a huge advocate for child development and quality education. All the town's children deserve to have an opportunity to thrive in a secure, nurturing environment that allows for an optimal educational experience. We can show our respect and support for the dedicated professionals who provide this education by maintaining high standards for the school environment.

As retirees with a limited income, we spend our money carefully and, like many others, prefer not to see increases on our tax bills. The reality is that costs increase every year. As citizens of Hampstead, it is our responsibility to share the costs of maintaining this town's quality of life. It will require some careful budgeting for us, but we are willing to accept the relatively small increase on our monthly property tax bill as an investment in our great schools.

It is time for responsible Hampstead voters to show their support on March 9 by voting in favor

of Articles 2 and 4 on the School Ballot.

Martha St. Jean  
Hampstead

## Consider Articles 2 & 4

To the editor,

I'm writing this letter to entice you to get involved this spring and vote for articles 2 and 4 supporting the Hampstead Central School renovations. We are looking forward to big positive changes post pandemic for our town. There has been a big push for this in years past and what better time to support our community than now? We, as a community, have faced one of our most challenging years in our history and I personally believe our community is coming out of this pandemic stronger and more resilient than we went in.

Our kids have had a rough year and we can no longer ignore the pressing issues that have challenged our educational system. Before the pandemic the children and staff in the Central School faced challenges that included but were not limited to classroom space deficiencies, heating and cooling issues, air quality concerns, and

lack of facilities availability in areas of the building. I as a former teacher at Timberlane have also experienced facility issues in an older building which effective health and safety and cause stress and concern among students and staff. We have seen the detrimental effects from the lack of public school on our community and moving forward with rectifying these space and facility issues will provide more stability and resilience in our educational system for the future. We need to remember our kids best interest is at stake. Voting for articles 2 and 4 supports better air quality, more space for learning, comfortable temperatures, and access to facilities for hand washing and sanitation.

I am proud to be a part of this special community and I look forward to our future and the future of our young community members. These school renovations will only better our community esthetically and will provide the facilitatory services our kids and teachers deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration! Vote for kids and support articles 2 and 4 on March 9.

Meghin & Rob Marley  
Hampstead

# Derry

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the plan either as presented or with modifications that they see fit.

O'Connor gave credit to Caron for the presentation saying that he thinks the presentation will be able to help the community understand what the plans are for the future and the impact it will have.

"I think this is one of the best presentations I have seen," O'Connor said.

Another important agenda item that took place during the meeting revolved around proposed changes to downtown housing and parking.

The board held its fifth workshop revolving around the proposed changes to parking and apartment regulations in downtown Derry.

After about an hour of discussion during the last board meeting, it was a

much shorter discussion period with Derry Planning Director George Sioras, laying out some of the proposed changes that staff made, with the input from the board at the last meeting.

One of the proposed changes is related to the minimum size of a unit. Sioras explained that currently the minimum size of one and two bedroom units is 800 sq feet, but after input by the board they changed the proposal to down to 750 square feet. The only exception to the rule would be for studio apartments which would be 400 sq feet. The maximum amount of studio apartments allowed for a single project would be five percent of the total project.

Another proposed change is in regards to how many parking spaces are required for developers to have per unit. Sioras explained that after the discussion at the

last meeting they changed the proposal from three parking spaces minimum to one and a half per unit and one space per bedroom.

One of the modifications that O'Connor brought up during the meeting was in regards to plans being submitted in regards to parking. His idea is that the developers will develop and submit a plan to the planning board in order to make sure they can meet the parking demands.

Economic Development Director Beverly Donovan, said that she agrees with O'Connor.

"I think that's good. I think it definitely addresses the concerns that people have about parking," Donovan stated.

Staff will now look at the comments made during the meeting and will send out revisions before the next meeting to the board for its consideration.



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Boys Basketball Team Wins Two Loses One

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS



Senior Astros guard, Andy MacDonald, brings the ball down the court at a recent home game.

Photo by Chris Paul

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team continued to notch marks into the win column last week with victories number five and six, but unfortunately they also suffered their first loss of the season in a make-up game with Bishop Guertin.

The Astros had a 60-36 win against Nashua South on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and a 46-36 win on Friday night against the same team, but in between those two wins the PA team lost 41-30 at home to the Cardinals.

In the 24-point win game at Nashua South, PA had a commanding lead for the entire contest, leading 15-3 in the first quarter and 19-8 in the second to give the Astros a 34-11 lead heading into the second half.

The Pinkerton squad then outscored the Purple Panthers 26-25 in the sec-

ond half for the team's fifth victory of the season.

A total of ten Astros contributed points in the victory. Freshman Jackson Marshall had 11 points, three rebounds and two steals. Senior Justin Dunne added 10 points with four blocked shots in the paint. The Chinn brothers also contributed with Anthony throwing in eight-points and four rebounds, Tyrone had five-points and five rebounds.

Other scorers for the Astros were: Anthony De-Salvo five-points, Aiden Kane five-points, EJ Fasano five-points, Drew Brander managed four-points (in-

cluding his first varsity dunk). Andy MacDonald had four-points and Jimmy Flynn had three. In the team's game against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals on Thursday night in Nashua, the news wasn't quite as good.

In that game the team suffered its first loss of the season, a 41-30 defeat to give the PA squad a 5-1 season record.

The Astros bounced right back from that loss with a 10-point win against the Purple Panthers the following night on their home court.

PA sophomore Anthony Chinn led the team in

offense with 16-points and 10 rebounds. Chinn also collected two steals and played great defense in the win. Justin Dunne played well in the team's sixth victory, scoring 12-points while grabbing eight boards and four blocked shots.

With that win the Astros improved their season record to 6-1 and will play the Windham Jaguars for two games this week and one game against Merrimack to finish the season.

The following week the team will host Salem in the first round of the NHIAA Division I playoffs.

Salem has yet to win a game this season.

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# Lady Astros Hoops Team Suffers First Loss, Wins Two



Junior Kristina Packowski has been contributing heavily under the hoop. *Photos by Chris Paul*

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad had a very busy stretch last week, as they sandwiched a make-up game with the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals between two games against Nashua South High School.

In the set of games, the Astros suffered their first loss of the season to the defending Division I title holders, but also got two fairly convincing wins over the Lady Purple Panthers.

In the first game, which took place at Pinkerton Academy on Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Lady Astros came away with a 49-33 win to put their season record at an impressive 5-0, despite a two-week break due to COVID-19.

In that victory, junior guard Avah Ingalls led the team in scoring with 16-

points. Seniors Abby Marasco and Alli Ingalls had nine-points; Elizabeth Lavoie had six-point; Samatha Franks managed five-points and Kristine Packowski had three.

The PA girls outscored the South team in every quarter: 13-11 in the first; 14-6 in the second; 12-9 in the third and 10-7 in the final period.

Two days later the Lady Astros had a much tougher task ahead of them as they faced the five-time defending champion Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals at a make-up game in Nashua on Thursday, Feb. 18.

In that game, the PA girls notched their first blemish to their so-far perfect season with a 52-37 loss

to the state champs.

The BG team led in each of the four quarters with junior Becca Farnum getting nine-points to lead the PA squad. Avah Ingalls and Packowski each had eight, Lavoie had seven and Marasco had five-points in the loss.

In the third game of the week, at Nashua South High School on Friday night, the Lady Astros bounced right back and beat the Lady Purple Panthers 48-35 to bring their season record to 6-1.

Marasco and Packowski each had 12-points to lead the team, Avah Ingalls had eight and Farnum managed five in the win.

This one didn't go as easy for the PA squad, as they had some trouble scoring in the third period and letting Nashua back in the game, but the cushion they had built earlier in the game was enough to sustain the lead.

The Lady Astros will have another three-game week this week as they are scheduled to play two games against Windham and one against Merrimack to finish the abbreviated regular season.

The NHIAA Division I Playoffs will start the following week, with PA hosting a Round One game against Windham High School.



Astros senior captain forward Alli Ingalls makes her way down the court in a recent game.

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# Astros Wrestlers Make it to Quarters in DI Championship

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team had not competed in a Dual Meet all season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but despite that the team entered the NHIAA Division I State Championship last week

and had two meets to compete in.

This year's Championship was quite a bit different from all other year due to the pandemic, brackets were set up with teams squaring off in Dual Meets, and one team will be named as the eventual winner. There also won't be any of the individ-

ual titles named this year due to the COVID-structured finals.

In the Astros first Dual Meet, held at Pinkerton Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 17, the team faced the Exeter Blue Hawks and won in rather convincing fashion with a 42-12 finish.

In that match, many of

the heavier weights were not filled by either team, and had double forfeits. The 106 lbs. weight class also had double forfeits.

The Pinkerton team had victories in the 113, 120, 126, 138, 152, 160 and 170 weight classes and then advanced to the quarterfinals.

The team also celebrated their senior team members during the meet. Marcus Scouza, David Hammond and Alex Gilbert were all recognized.

Unfortunately for the PA squad, advancing meant they would have to travel to Timberlane Regional High School on Saturday, Feb. 20,

to face the winner of the last 19 of 20 Division I titles.

In that tough match-up, the Astros fell to the Owls by a score of 69-12.

The team's two victories came from Jack Mackiernan, with a pin in the 170 lbs weight class, and from freshman Michael Ziniti at 113 lbs, also with a fall.

# Pinkerton Swimmer Experience Success at Season's End

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Swim teams have not had many opportunities to display their skills in competitions this season, due to COVID-19 related issues, but they were able to compete in the 2021 New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletics Association's Division I State Championship over the weekend where they had a number of successes.

The state championship took place at the Workout Club in Salem on Saturday, Feb. 20, where the Astros Girls Swim Team was able to capture the sixth-place spot out of 13 teams and the PA Boys finished in the eleventh spot with 24 events being recorded.

For team results, the Bedford Bulldogs took the top spot in both boys and girls with Bishop Guertin taking second in both divi-

sions. Merrimack High School finished third for the girls and Exeter was third for the boys.

In the Girls 200-Yard Freestyle, Sophomore Emma Hazard came in at 11th and junior Kylie Winer was 13th.

For the boy's team, junior Anderson Sharp took the 13th spot, followed by fellow junior Ryan Divilbiss who finished in 14th.

In the Girls 200-Yard Individual Medley, senior Amanda Roberge finished 11th with a time of 2:32.50.

In the Girls 50-Yard Freestyle event, sophomore Reilly Hazard came in eighth with a time of 26.82. Senior Camelia Hannah was ninth with 27.09 and junior Meghan Knight was 12th at 27.58.

For the boys, junior Cole Alden finished in eighth with a time of 24.85

The Girls 100-Yard Fly had Grace Mack finishing in seventh with a combined

time of 1:05.17. In the boy's race, junior Anderson Sharp placed 11th for PA with a time of 1:01.56.

In the Girls 100-Yard Freestyle races, Emma Hazard finished tenth with a time of 1:00:12.

Sophomore Alexander Tovtyn placed seventh for the boys in that race with a time of 53:88 and junior Ryan Divilbiss was 13th with a time of 56.95.

The Girls 500-Yard Freestyle event had Grace Mack finishing in seventh with a combined time of 5:32:01.

In the Girls 100-Yard Backstroke, Camelia Hannah was the top PA finisher at eighth with a time of 1:05:03. Reilly Hazard took tenth at 1:06:61.

For the boys, freshman John Hobden finished in eighth with a time of 1:01:65.

The Girls 100-Yard Breaststroke had senior Amanda Roberge finishing eighth (1:16:09) and Megan Knight taking 11th with a time of 1:18:54.

The Astros had two top 12 finishers in that race, Alexander Tovtyn finished

tenth with 1:13.22 and Riley Maynard was 11th with 1:14:09.

Head Coach Peter Crowell was impressed with the team's perseverance, "Having missed a huge chunk of our season due to COVID I was impressed

that we had so many student athletes still compete and do well at the State meet. Missing both practice time and opportunities to compete made this season very challenging and I am so proud of my entire team for the way they saw it through."

## Chester

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and after negotiations are made public records and there are public hearings after them, which is why some board members expressed their frustrations with the proposed bill.

"I'm not against getting information out there but if we are going to be elected by a body to do some work I think we ought to be trusted to get it done in the most appropriate manner," one board member said.

Since the board already has a system that allows the public's voices to be expressed, they feel that making negotiation meetings public is unnecessary.

Another article that the board did not agree with was the House Bill 278 which would require school districts to leave space for charter schools. This would make schools responsible for leaving room on their property for years where there are more students.

Under this law, the

board feels it would "potentially hurt the tax payers" in future years.

The school board's opinions were mostly unanimous in regards to which bills they did and did not hope to support.

As a result of discussion during the meeting, the board reached a conclusion that they will send a letter to local legislators on behalf of the board's behalf voicing their concerns with some of the bills.

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# Pinkerton Boys Hockey Squad Suffers Two Losses to Concord

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After only playing one game before having its season halted because of COVID-19 concerns at the school, the Pinkerton

Academy Boys Hockey ran into a bit of a wall in their second week after the break.

The Astros suffered two wide-margin losses to the Concord Crimson Tide last week on both their home ice and away.

In the first game, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at home, PA was held scoreless in a 7-0 loss.

In that game, Penalties took a toll on Pinkerton, giving up three power play goals on five penalties and

unfortunately Pinkerton was unable to generate much offense either. The Astros squad was only able to penetrate the Concord defense for a total of six shots on goal.

Despite the seven goals, Pinkerton goalie Paul Lescovitz was able to make 26 saves.

One goal was scored in the first period and four were scored in the second by the Crimson Tide. The Concord contingent capped off the win with two more in the third.

In the second meeting, on Saturday, Feb. 20, Pinkerton was able to get through the Concord defense with a goal, but there was an identical margin of a loss.

In the 8-1 loss, the Crimson Tide put the Astros on their heels quickly jumping out to a 5-0 advantage after just one period.

They were able to score two times in the second period before Pinkerton's senior forward Evan Samiotes scored. Samiotes was assist-



Senior forward Evan Samiotes had the only goal scored last week for the Astros. Photo by Chris Paul

## PA Girls Ice Hockey Team Gets Two More Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After winning their first two games by 20 goals, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey Team had a successful second week with two wins and one loss.

The week started with another 10-point win, this time in a road game against the Bedford Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Astros had a big 12-2 win with goals from Emily Buckley, Molly Fahey, Jordyn Wasiejko, Riley Dunn, Madison Gibault and Hailey Sauer.



Emily Buckley

the week, against St. Thomas Aquinas/Winnacun-

net/Dover in Dover, the PA squad lost 4-1 with Kelsey Levesque getting the team's only goal.

The girls' week finished with another contest against the Lady Bulldogs, this time at home, on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Pinkerton girls won that one 8-2, with goals from Riley Dunn, Kelsey Levesque, Madison Gibault, Molly Fahey, Jordyn Gravel Maher, Emily Buckley and Lauren Riviere.

The Lady Astros will finish its regular season with a game scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25, at home against Concord.

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## DERRY

### Final Spring Youth Basketball Tryouts

On Saturday March 6. Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Spring AAU tryouts at the New England Sports Center in Derry, NH. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - High School. The next tryout date is Saturday March 6. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 2 - 3:15 p.m., 7th & 8th boys and girls: 3:15 - 4:30 p.m., and High School boys and girls 4:30 - 5:40 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com) or call 603-926-2276.

### Free Bag Meals To Go

The Derry Community Meals will provide Free Bag Meals To Go on: Breakfast on March 6 at St. Thomas Parish from 10 - 10:30 a.m.; Lunch on March 14 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 2 - 2:30 p.m.; Breakfast on March 20 at St. Thomas Parish from 10 - 10:30 a.m.; Lunch on March 20 at St. Luke's Church from noon - 12:30 p.m., drive around to back door.; Sonshine Soup Kitchen

- Will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:30 - 5 p.m.

### 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 [deryp.org](http://deryp.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 [deryp.org](http://deryp.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.

### 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.

### 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

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### Food Pantry

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## CHESTER

### 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.

### 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

### Chess Club

Due to Covid19, the

Hampstead Chess Club will be online only this year. Sundays: 4 - 5:30 p.m., on now - March 28. The Chess Club is open to all players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play, drop in on any Sunday starting at 4 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Go to [www.HampsteadCivicClub.org](http://www.HampsteadCivicClub.org) for more details on how and where to sign up. Contact Program Coordinator: Charlie Backman at (603) 329-5867 with any questions.

### Create & Donate

The Hampstead Public Library in collaboration with Stitched With Love Hampstead offers a special Create & Donate craft, available starting Tuesday, March 2. Each no-sew Pet Bed kit includes materials and instructions. This is your chance to help animals in need. Bring the finished pet bed back to the Library by the end of March. All beds are donated to shelters in New Hampshire, with the help of Stitched With Love. There are a limited number of kits. Please reserve your pet bed craft in advance; register now via the Events Calendar on [HampsteadLibrary.org](http://HampsteadLibrary.org).

### 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

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### Puzzles

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### Ancestry

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Elections on March 9. New voters may also register at the Sandown Town Tax Collectors Office, during regular business hours or at the Supervisors table on the day of the Elections. Please remember, you will need Proper Identification to register.

### 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](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### 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.

### 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.

### Legos and More

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

Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@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 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](mailto: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.

### 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

## OBITUARY

### Cheryl A. Morrisette

Cheryl A. Morrisette was a mother, sister, daughter, florist and paramedic for many years. She saved so many lives even those of cats. Way to go "McCatfree!" She was funny and never met a stranger. She could get anyone to laugh even her patients who were very close to death themselves. She also cooked for her coworkers on long holiday nights or even invited them to her home from the station to have a home cooked holiday meal. She was the best helping hand to anyone in need and now she will rest in God's hands.

She will be sorely missed by her daughter, Cassandra Pacunas and her fiancé Kenny Hardy, her parents, Kenneth B. and Sally Pacunas, her brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth M. and Deborah Pacunas, her nieces, Kaylee and Leah Pacunas and her loving husband, Thomas Morrisette. Tom took such good care of her right down to the end. He was the love she was meant to find, and we are all so happy and grateful she did.

We love you Cheryl XOXO and we will miss you until we see you again. We know you are always there.

Services will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry March 13. Further arrangements and burial will be announced by her family. The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to Amedisys Hospice Foundation, 3854 American Way, Baton Rouge, LA, for the wonderful job and help provided to Cheryl and her family. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## OBITUARY

### Robert L. Gorham



Robert L. Gorham, 83 of Derry, NH passed away after a period of declining health on Feb. 17, 2021 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH. Bob was born on Feb. 23, 1937 in Beverly, MA, a son of the late Austin and Dorothy (McCarran) Gorham. He was a lifelong resident of Derry having lived there since the age of two. Having attended Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Bob graduated from the Tilton School in Tilton, NH and earned his bachelor's degree from UNH, Class of 1958. Bob had been employed in banking for Fleet Bank in Derry for 35 years, retiring in 1999. Bob was a founding member of the Derry Rotary Club where he hadn't missed a meeting in over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gail (Boles) Gorham of Derry, his son, Greg Gorham and his wife Elizabeth of Hooksett, NH and his grandson, Austin Gorham. Bob was predeceased by his sister, Deborah Mauzy.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing, and limited interaction with the family will be held on Friday, Feb. 26 from 4 - 8 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m., in the funeral home. The burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Derry Boys & Girls Club, PO Box 140, East Derry, NH 03041, <https://derrybgclub.org/how-to-help>.

## OBITUARY

### Sophia Marie Sullivan

Sophia Marie Sullivan, 37 days old, of Derry gained her angel wings on Sunday Feb. 14, 2021. She was born in Manchester, NH on Jan. 8, 2021 a daughter of Madison Hand and Evan Sullivan

In addition to her loving parents, Sophia is also survived by her maternal grandparents, Brian Hand and Shannon Case, paternal grandparents, Susan Sullivan, David Sullivan and Stacy Frahm, great grandparents, Terri Case, Sheila and Ken Hand, Linda Sullivan, and Allen Wyer, great great grandmother, Janet Sheppard, aunts, Taylor, Michaela, and Olivia Hand, Lindsey and Juliana Sullivan, uncles, Thomas and Daniel Sullivan, and her cousin Matthew Sullivan.

Private calling hours will be held for family and close friends at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In accordance with State of NH guidelines all those in attendance must wear a mask, remain socially distant and minimize contact.

## OBITUARY

### Leon Anthony Peters



Leon Anthony Peters, 72 of Derry, NH died peacefully on Tuesday Feb. 16, 2021 in Manchester, NH following a lengthy illness. Leon was born in Poland on Jan. 3, 1949, a son of the late Paul P. and Gertrude E. (Konigsmann) Peters.

Leon was a graduate of New Hampshire College, and served in the Military. He led a successful career in the field of engineering, including 20 years as an electronics engineer with Digital Corporation. Leon enjoyed his cars, especially his Mustangs. He was an outdoorsman and was known for his kindness. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Saturday Feb. 20, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Catholic prayer service followed in the funeral home. Services will conclude with military honors. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross.





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