

CIP Warrant Article Discussed By Chester Board of Selectmen

NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - As towns across the Granite State finalize their budgets and prepare its warrant articles to be voted on by the community, they often concentrate on how they save the taxpayers as much money as possible.

That's what led to one of the discussions during the Chester Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The discussion revolved around what the board wants to do with money allocated board that they ultimately towards capital Improvement projects in 2019 that weren't spent entirely due to mately ask the community

was anticipated.

It was explained by Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda that the money not spent by December will be put back into the capital spending reserves.

Some of the savings that were pointed out by Doda came from the police department cruiser which came in under budget, as well as \$14,000 that was allocated equipment for the Chester Fire Department that wasn't spent. The total savings from 2019 is \$50,000.

Doda proposed to the use the \$50,000 for this year's projects and ulticosts being less than what for \$50,000 less in the war-

rant article pertaining to the capital improvement fund. This would lower the ask from the town for capital improvement funds from \$400,000 to \$350,000.

"Why not ask the tax payers for less," Doda said.

One selectmen, Stephen Landau, asked if they wanted to lower the ask or keep the funds for a rainy day.

"I don't have any probpersonal protection lem with using the funds the way Deb is suggesting but do we want to lower what we are raising," Landau said.

> He explained that because of projections that they will need a new fire truck soon he wants to explore the idea of keeping

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Future of Hood Park Discussed During Town Council Meeting

ALEX MALM **NUTFIELD NEWS**

DERRY - A few years ago Mark Brassard sat down for coffee with Derry Town Council Chairman Charles Foote to talk about memories of Hood Park and what it could be in the future.

Fast forward to today and now the possibility of making changes and improvements to the park is very real.

After the town completed its master plan they decided that one of the things that they wanted to put an emphasis on for the future of the town is Hood Park.

This led to a team being assembled of both community activists and

city employees.

council commissioned a steering committee for the park to gather input from the community about what they like and dislike about the park and what they would like to see in the future.

"Our goal was to simply gather comments and opinions and present our findings as raw data with a summary," Brassard said.

gave its presentation to the council Derry Town Administrator David Caron explained that one of the outcomes that they were looking for during the that the community said meeting was to get feedback from the council about what they think.

"We're looking for

feedback from the council Last summer the town so we can advance projects specifically in regards to the Hood Park Project," Caron said.

> It was explained by Brassard that they spent the last several months working to gather as much feedback from people in town about what they think of the park, through a myriad of different mediums.

"The people of Derry Before the committee have indicated what is important to them. At least those who took the time to express their opinions," Brassard said.

> Some of the top things that they like about the park includes the central location, the natural look

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First Batch Hampstead resident Andrew Chisholm keeps a watchful eye on his very first batch of maple syrup being made in his newly constructed sugar shack at his home on Main Street in Hampstead on Sunday afternoon. Warmer temperatures have Maple trees starting to release sap needed for the area sugar farmers. See story on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Hampstead Civic Club Plan on **Holding Annual Fishing Derby**

ALEX MALM **NUTFIELD NEWS**

HAMPSTEAD - Last year the Hampstead Civic Club had to cancel its annual Fishing Derby due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was announced during the Feb. 22 Hampstead Selectmen meeting that this year they are planning to go on with the event.

ing derby coordinator for the Civics Club explained that they are planning on year on April 24, the first Saturday of April vacation.

Heidler said the last time they held the event 80 kids attended. That in previous years they had upwards of 200 kids attend.

He said that this year

David Heidler, the fish- due to the circumstances they aren't sure how many people will attend.

"We don't know how having the event again this many we will have this year," Heidler said.

> A question raised by Selectmen Chair Sean Murphy is whether or not they would be able to fit everyone by the lake if 80 kids come this year and they each bring one

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Windham Voting Results on Sandown Moderator's Mind for Election

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SANDOWN - The discrepancy in ballots cast during Windham's general election in Nov. weighed heavily on Sandown Moderator Kevin Major's mind as he spoke at the Feb. 22 Board of Selectmen meeting.

What occurred then has generated attention and uncertainty to the point where Major thought he should address some voting issues before Sandown's Town Election March 9.

During the fall election Windham voters had 8 candidates for 4 open state representative positions: 4 Republicans and 4 Democrats.

All the Republicans won in the vote tallying, with the closest Democrat losing by 24 votes. That

candidate, Kristi St. Laurent, requested a recount, triggered automatically by the narrow margin.

The recount results were quite striking to every town moderator in the state, Major told the selectmen.

Windham cast a total of 10,006 votes in that election. When the recount conducted by the Secretary of State's Office was completed, all 4 Republicans had picked up around 300 more votes a piece. Three of the Democrats had between 18-28 fewer votes each.

These results also showed that St. Laurent, despite coming closest in the voting among Democrats, had picked up 99 votes that weren't cast for her in the election.

The Republicans lost votes that were picked up

the discrepancy. "Normally in a recount things don't change very much at all," Major said.

He noted that Sandown uses the same AccuVote optical scanning machines as Windham, and are used by 191 towns and cities in NH.

Windham has 4 of the ballot counting machines on which maintenance is probably done every year, he added. The machines have Global Election Management System software.

Programming is done on a memory card that the town owns. Prior to elections the town clerk is supposed to test every machine with its memory card and backup memory card, Major said. The usual peri-

in the recount which found randomly marking up 50 ballots and inserting them in the machines and making sure the hand count matches the machine results.

> Major told the board he had spoken to the deputy attorney general who investigates elections and to the Secretary of State's office in the wake of the recount. The moderator pointed out current state law limits further investigations by only allowing a single recount.

> In response the state Senate passed SB 43 by 24-0. whose local sponsors included Sen. Bill Gannon and Rep. Tony Piemonte. That measure is headed to the House.

The bill certifies the Windham election results but recognizes something happened that warrants an od to do that is 7 to 10 days. investigation, and authoriz-This process is done by es both a hand recount and

machine recount to be done in public.

Major emphasized the machines have been consistent in their performance and are not online in using the memory card.

Sandown preprocesses ballots but doesn't open them before Election Day. On that day, teams working in pairs open them and work with ballot clerks to ensure the appropriate names are crossed off the town check list.

For absentee ballots the moderator and assistant moderator or other officials pick up some of the ballots and place them in the ballot counting machines that can hold about 400 ballots.

For whatever the reason, some ballots in Windham did not go into the machines. While unsure how mistakes

count, Major thought one possibility in Windham might have been double counting a box of ballots.

After an election, he said, the number of people voting is usually determined by information in the ballot books, how many the tape says voted, and the number of uncast ballots left over.

Dominion Voting Systems, which has been a subject of speculation in the 2020 presidential election, is the parent company of the voting machines but does not manufacture the devices.

Major stressed that Sandown elections have gone smoothly. The Town Election will follow covid safety procedures with the assistance of EMS personnel.

Hampstead Conservation Commission Proposes Right of Way Easement

KAITLIN BEDELL **NUTFIELD NEWS**

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Conservation Commission met in person for their most recent meeting on Feb. 17 to discuss several different orders of business.

First the commission talked about small projects regarding stone being placed to prevent runoff for Hadley, Golden Meadow, and Stage Rd.

Chairperson Timothy Lovell said that the stone being used is called screened rock and that

"everybody is in the same ballpark" pricing wise.

One member asked if that area would be Golden Meadow's responsibility since it is not conservation land, but the runoff does trail off into the conservation's "right of way" land in the area, which is why the commission must be involved in the project.

Lovell said he would like to keep the entire project under one thousand dollars, which he thinks will be very easily manageable.

The chair also said that this is a very simple project and in the upper part of the stone.

The board then discussed the conservation mappings that are being drawn by Member Jim Wilkinson.

Wilkinson said that most of the eastern area of the town of Hampstead was completed but that he was having difficulty locating some of the trails as they are not all located on online map resources.

As Wilkinson was mapping these trails in person using raw GPS, he

area where the parking lot came up with a proposal to is, he is hoping to use a expand conservation area very minimal amount of in order to allow the public to continue on that path down towards the Town Pound

> From Quarry Rd., to the Town Pound on the other side of Old Forge Rd., the Conservation Commission has an existing 15 ft. walking-only easement.

> Between the trail of Old County Lane and the trail on Quarry Rd., there is about 100 ft. worth of land that does not belong to the conservation.

> The owner of the property is Vernon Dingman, whose father was previously on the Conservation

Commission as well as the Planning Board for the town of Hampstead.

"I've dealt with Dingman before," Lovell said. "He's a nice guy."

Wilkinson came forward with the proposal for the commission to ask Dingman for permission to extend their walkingonly easement across his property so that the public can continue on the trail of Old Country Lane.

"There is already a trail going down there with stones," Wilkinson said. "It would be nice if we could have a right of way and people could go to that old town landmark."

If Dingman allows the commission a right of way to the property, members would have to write an easement deed at their expense which would state that the maintenance of the area would be their responsibility and that they do have a right of way to that portion of the land.

The commission came to an unanimous vote that they would like Lovell to reach out to Dingman with the request for the 100 ft. walking only easement. Once Dingman accepts or declines their proposal, the board will move forward with the next steps in the deed.



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Fire Department Continues the High Bar with Officer Designations

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DERRY - There are only 13 fire officers in the state of New Hampshire, and 550 in the country who have earned the Fire Officer designation from the Center of Public Safety Excellence.

Nine of them are from the Derry Fire Department.

Earning this designation is something that the department takes great pride in because of how intensive the process is to earn the designation.

"This designation is only awarded to Fire Officers who exhibit unconditional dedication to the fire service profession by demonstrating excellence in seven measured components including experience,

education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competence. This recognition goes far beyond the NFPA Fire Officer Certification requirements," the fire department's Facebook page stated.

For the Derry Fire Department the first member to earn the designations was current Chief, Michael Gagnon, who earned his Chief Fire Designation. From there eight other officers in the department have received a designation.

Fire Department Battalion Captain Rob Atwater, who also earned the designation, explained that earning these designations is a way for members of the department to see how they are firefighters across the nation.

"It is an opportunity for us to compare ourselves to national standards and see how we measure up. Chief Gagnon has always seen value in accreditation," Alwater said. "Instead of saying to ourselves 'yup, we're doing a good job', we have gone through a number of nationally recognized processes (of which CPSE is one) It allows us to compare ourselves to others in the industry and see how we are doing.'

The most recent member of the department to receive the designation is Todd Donovan. While Gagnon was the first to earn a designation, it was actually Fire Department Assistant Chief, James Richardson,

doing compared to other who was the first in the means that he has found Fire Officer designation. Since then seven others have followed in his footsteps including Donovan.

Donovan first joined the department 18 years ago after working as a paramedic with a different department. A conversation with a firefighter friend led him to make a career shift.

"I became a firefighter after I became a paramedic. However, a friend of mine, who became a firefighter before me told me that he could trust his life with his coworkers, and I thought; 'that's what I want!' It was a few short years later I graduated from the NH Fire Academy and was hired by Derry Fire."

For Donovan being able to earn the designation

department to receive the another way to show his commitment to being a life-long learner.

> "It shows that I opened myself up to peer review from other credentialed fire officers across the country to meet eligibility requirements in the form of academic achievements as well as practical experience," Donnovan said. "Additionally, peer reviewers look to see what contributions I have made to the industry in the form of professional articles, teaching, and public speaking. Finally, credentialing demonstrates that I have developed a strategy for continued career improvement and velopment as well as my commitment to life-long learning."

> Donovan explained that he is proud of his accomplishment doing something

less than 550 people have done thus far.

"I really wanted to highlight and document my professional growth, have a plan moving forward in that growth and lastly, I am in good company at Derry Fire. There are eight other Designated Fire Officers at Derry Fire," Donovan said. "I was proud of their accomplishment! They paved a way for other fire officers such as myself to demonstrate my commitment to the community of Derry."

The nine officers that currently hold the designation includes BC Shawn Haggart, BC Rob Atwater, Captain Ryan Bump, Lt. Mike LaValley, Lt. Matt Evans, Lt. Dennis Livoli, Lt. Greg Laro, Lt. Todd Donovan, and Lt. Tony Rossignol.

Derry Zoning Board Revisits Cases from Previous Meeting

HENRY GREENBAUM **NUTFIELD NEWS**

DERRY - The Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met at the Derry Municipal Center with some members appearing via Zoom on Feb. 18. Chairman Lynn Perkins had to attend the meeting via Zoom, so member Craig Corbett was the acting chair for the meeting.

For most of the meeting, the ZBA revisited cases that were heard at the previous meeting on Feb. 4. The first case was presented by Douglas C. & Cheryl A. Kimball who are seeking a special exception in Article VI, Section 165-48.A of the

This exception would allow for the operation of a small engine repair shop at 288 Island Pond Rd.

"Douglas's business hours will be Mon. through Fri. from eight to five P.M. and most Sat.'s from eight twelve p.m.," said Cheryl A. Kimball. "I can assure my neighbors that we will conduct business with complete respect and consideration for continued peaceful pleasant existence within my control."

The ZBA did not have many concerns with the application as the Kimball's have followed all the conditions that were given not them. The property is in the process of being Derry Zoning Ordinance. refurbished, they have a

sign that meets that required square footage, and they are creating as little noise as possible.

After deliberating over the application, the ZBA voted unanimously to approve the special exception for the Kimball's to conduct an engine repair shop out of their home.

The next case that they revisited was an application for a variance made 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

It was previously met with opposition from residents of Charlestown Place who all thought a driveway was going to be built that would connect to the property on 13 Tobacco Rd.

They are concerned that building a house there would take away from the neighborhood as the houses are old cottage camps that were built in the 1950's. Residents are also concerned that it would take up too much space on

the property.

The ZBA had decided last time that the Coates needed to return with more information on what they plan to do with the property.

The Coates have redesigned the blueprints for their home to make it simpler for the neighborhood. Before, it had a balcony and now it does not. The square footage of the house was reduced from 1,300 Sq. Ft. to 1,160 Sq. Ft.

The ZBA was conflict-

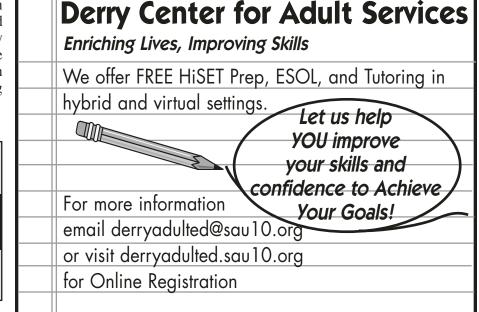
ed on what to decide for the application. Some members believe that they are trying to follow the conditions given to them as best they can. Other members believe that it is simply too big of a property to have built in a neighborhood that is very small and congested to begin with.

The ZBA voted to deny the Coates' application, three to two, for a singlefamily home to be built at 17 Charlestown Place.

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Editorial

Everybody Reads

The first week of March is marked as Read Across America Week, and celebrates children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss's birthday was March 2, the Saturday of winter vacation, so this is the week when most celebrations are taking place. And true to the famed children's author, school activities focus on reading.

While Read Across America Week was created by the National Education Association, no matter what people think of unions we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children - early and often.

Whether it's dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read a bedtime story, Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life

Yet there's not a more important factor in future success than the ability and the desire to read and not just texts. Most of us take it for granted and don't remember how we learned to read, but we use the skill every day. Research shows kids who spend time reading do better in school. Whether it's by reading traffic signs or employment applications or college textbooks or exam questions, or the enjoyment of sitting by a warm fire and reading a book to relax for the evening reading follows us through our

If your child's school asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home, go for it. In the midst of busy, out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you're at it, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another reading experience for your voungster.

So whether it's from Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time in class, or awards given to students "caught" reading during the school day, Read Across America Week underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on a Kindle, you can read on a computer, and best of all, you can read in a book. And when you read to a child, you're building memories for both of you.

As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."



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Letters

For Governor Sununu

To the editor,

In your interview recently with Adam Sexton of WMUR, you indicated that you would not approve of partisan-drawn maps for the upcoming redistricting process. Well said and thank you. I am, however, confused about your statement that you believe that gerrymandering is extremely rare in NH.

We all know that every ten years, district maps must be redrawn to reflect changes in our NH population, and that in NH this redistricting is done by the political party in power at the time of redistricting. Because of this system, there is always a concern by the voting public that the party in power may be tempted to gerrymander. Legislators have a duty to their constituents to make sure that the complete redistricting process is done in a fair and transparent manner, and that public input is respected. Voters must be confident and assured that all members of the newly appointed Redistricting Committee have access to all relevant information and that their input is fully considered. Adequate time and sufficient information must also be given to voters to testify meaningfully on proposed maps in public hearings. Ten years ago, at the last redistricting process, the League of Women Voters reported that this was not the case. Maps were drawn up behind closed doors without all members present were completely unavailable to voters at the public hearing. My understanding is that maps were only available to the legislators 24 hours before they

those maps, not anywhere near enough time to study those maps for fairness.

This year the Republican Party is again in charge of redistricting. Just recently, it was reported in the Union Leader and WMUR that the GOP Chair Steve Stephanek bragged publicly because his party would be in charge of redrawing the district maps, he could guarantee that NH would be sending a conservative candidate to fill our Congressional seat in Washington in 2022. This kind of thinking is a threat to our democracy, and very disturbing to voters who want to know that their vote will count fairly in 2022.

As the leader of your party, and because you are the governor of all NH citizens, I respectfully ask that you stand up and publicly call for redistricting to be fair, absolutely nonpartisan, transparent to the press, and open to voters for input at all stages of the process. Will you commit to veto any bill that is not?

Thank you for your time. Corinne Dodge Derry

For the Hampstead Community

To the editor,

Smith and for those that do not know I am one of two School Board members that have been leading the Central School construction committee for the past year. We have learned a lot about the needs of the students while balancing the value to the community. I will attempt to keep this short and feel the best way to communicate why, as a taxpayer and community were expected to vote on member, I support this

project. I give you "Dave's Top 10 Reasons to Support Warrant Articles 2 & 4."

- 10) I love this town. I have been a nomad all my life living, moving no less than 20x between 5 states and 12 towns/cities. This is the first time I have lived somewhere that feels like home.
- 9) This plan IS right sized to accommodate the growth of the student population for the foreseeable future.
- 8) Approving this project allows the town to concentrate on other projects needed in the future. Fire station! Community center, anyone?
- 7) We have cut costs by using less expensive materials that provide the same quality and are long-lasting - saving taxpayers money is a top priority.
- 6) We have the right team in front of this to provide the best value and best opportunity to reduce overall costs
- 5) Provides a safe & secure solution. A more secure entryway, building code and safety upgrades, and administration being located at the front of the building will allow for students to walk throughout the school without being chaperoned.
- 4) This is the lowest interest rate we will ever see - it's almost "free money" to borrow at ~1% interest
- 3) Allows students to My name is David stay in-district without needing to find alternative solutions that are more costly to all of us
 - 2) We keep our library, computer lab and dedicated space for the arts, while gaining properly sized classrooms, and more! Students are provided the space needed as the foundation to a competitive education with other communities.
 - 1) This plan pays for itself over time. We have

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COVID Cases Continues on a Downward Trend in Derry

ALEX MALM **NUTFIELD NEWS**

DERRY - For the past year COVID-19 has played a major factor in every aspect of society, and it was a topic brought up during the Derry Town Council meeting on Feb. 16.

During his presentation to the council, Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon announced that they are continuing to see a downward trend for positive COVID-19 cases in town.

Gagnon told the council that there are currently 182 positive cases in Derry which is down 59 positive cases from the last council meeting two weeks ago.

For the second meeting in a row the chief was also able to announce that there are currently no positive cases in their adult care facilities.

Gagnon also explained that the newest concern is the new variants of the virus coming to the United States. The first positive case of the UK variant in NH was detected on Feb. 12.

It was explained in a press release from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services that the case came from a resident of Hillsborough county who had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19

after international travel.

"The presence of a COVID-19 variant in New Hampshire is not surprising, and we will likely see increasing numbers of infections from the B.1.1.7 variant," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, State Epidemiologist. "The CDC has estimated that the variant will likely become the predominant circulating variant in the U.S. in the near future."

Because their continues to be positive cases in town, and with the added scare of having the new variant in NH, Gagnon continues to urge people to social distance, wash their hands, and to wear a mask.

"Even though everything is heading in the right direction it's important for everyone to remain vigilant," the fire chief said.

Gagnon wasn't the only one to express their concerns and urged the community to continue to take the virus seriously.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon said he agreed with Gagnon saving that there is still work to be done as a

plenty to be happy about foot contract bay building. with the downward trend they are still high compared spring and summer.

"If we compared numbers today compared to numbers in the summer and spring we'd be horrified," Bourdon said. "We can't let our guard down," he went on to add.

He also pointed out his concerns with some families who said that they were going to travel during the February vacation and then put their kids right back into school. He said that if families travel that they need to follow the rules about returning to work and to school.

He stated that everyone needs to do the right thing.

"The quicker we all unite together and do the right thing the quicker we will be able to defeat this thing and get it behind us."

Another highlight during the meeting was in regards to tax relief for two different companies in Derry.

The first business seeking a tax relief was Lauralei LLC. It's intention is community, noting there is to create a 17,000 square

The idea of the tax breaks for industrial commercial projects that meet certain requirements is essentially to help bring jobs to the community.

"To be eligible, the project must demonstrate that it will enhance the economic vitality of the Town and increase the commercial/ industrial activity, including job creation. The program authorizes to extend tax relief equal to 50 percent of the town and local school tax rate on the value of the improvements generated by the project, up to a period of 10 years," the memo to the council stated.

Councilor James Morgan asked for clarification about the benefits for the time but at the end was satafter becoming isfied aware that the company will be creating at least 20 jobs in the community.

"I'm happy that we're able to verify 20-25 jobs," Morgan stated, explaining the number of full-time jobs that are expected to be created from the project.

Another question raised

was what happens if no construction is done to the site. Caron explained that the tax break only applies to the added value so they wouldn't receive any tax break.

"If there's no construction then there's no new added value," Caron said.

The first reading of the tax relief was approved with a vote of six to one, with councilor Neil Wetherbee being the dissenting vote.

The second business seeking tax relief was Labelle Winery Derry, who recently bought the Brookstone Event Center.

Caron explained that this was brought up at the last meeting, however they wanted to clarify how many jobs would be created.

Caron reported to the council that they are planning to invest between two - two and a half million dollars, creating 150 jobs, 100 being full-time jobs.

The first reading of the tax relief was approved seven to zero.

The next Derry Town Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

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identified millions in savings over the course of 10 years which dramatically reduces our budgetary needs over the next 10 years. Not to mention additional savings beyond the 10 years of the bond. Without this, we pay more to provide less to our students and community.

> Thank you, David Smith, Community Member Hampstead

What Derry Property Taxpayers Should Know

To the editor,

During the past decade NH gradually completely withdrew its support to our towns toward our pension costs for firefighters, police and teachers. Prior to that, the state covered 40% of those costs. Meanwhile, property taxpayers have seen our taxes surge as the state downshifted these pension costs to us. Last week an attempt was made, unsuccessfully, to help restore a modest 5% of that support to towns like Derry. In these times wouldn't every little bit help us all? The following Derry State Reps voted with the Republican majority to prevent this modest help for Derry taxpayers: Ann Copp, Mary Ann Kimball, Erica Layon, David Love, David Milz, John Potucek, Kathrine Prudhomme-O'Brien, and Richard Tripp. These Reps don't seem to care for us - Derry property taxpayers, do they? Rep. Phyllis Katsakores supported the bill at first. After it failed to pass, Rep. Stephen Pearson voted to retain it for later consideration. Rep. Katsakiores voted with Derry's other state Reps against reconsideration.

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Eversource Gets OK from Sandown Planning Board to Move Forward

NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Sandown Planning Board held its board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16. First up on the board's agenda was on a conditional use permit sought out for the company Eversource for the R193 Line Transmission ROW Maintenance Project.

It was explained at the meeting by Town Engineer Steve Keach that this application is similar to ones that have been presented in the past and is similar to the project completed a year ago across from the police station.

The current wood structures that are holding the

transmission lines are beginning to deteriorate, are aging, and the new structures will be made of metal and will be 5-10 feet off the ground instead of being much closer to the ground.

Keach explained that part of the project would take place on wetland meaning that the project needs to receive the board's approval. In addition they also they need to meet certain environmental criterias

One of the things that needs to take place in order for the permit to be approved is to get support from the Sandown Conservation Board.

"As board members understand one of the criterias is receiving a correspondence from the Conservation Board in favorable support of the permit," Keach said. He noted that they have received a letter in support from the conservation board.

One of the main conditions for the permit is that Sandown's Soil Scientist Bruce Gilday has permission to monitor the project.

Keach said that after reviewing the applicant's materials he sees no reason for the board to not approve the project.

The board approved the project.

In other news the board heart requests made in regards to lot line

One of the applicants that had their requests heard and considered during the meeting involved Planning Board Chairman Ernie Brown. He recused himself from any voting on the matter.

It was explained that the proposal would take part of the property owned by Ernest Brown Construction and give it to the property owned by Joshua Padden Hardscapes. The total land given to Padden's property is 12.27 acres.

With Brown abstaining from the vote the board approved the request.

Another lot line change request came from proper-

ty owner Parker David who owns 29 Hale True, and Marie Celeste who owns the property that is adjacent to it.

It was explained by the applicants representative Kevin Hatch, from Cornerstone Survey Associates, that the proposal was to move .35 acres from the land owned by Celeste to the property owned by David.

The reason for the move is because that is the property that overlaps.

"Half of the backyard essentially goes over the lot line," Hatch said.

The board approved the proposal.

Also during the meeting, the planning board continued one hearing until its March 16 meeting, at the request of the applicants. The application is for a multifamily residential site plan for an open space development, to consist of 48 twobedroom Townhouses. The application for the project was submitted by the property owner, D&H Construction of Plaistow, Inc., and the proposed project is for property located at the easterly end of Ferguson Lane.

The reason why the applicants asked for a continuation to a later meeting was not indicated during the meeting.

The next Sandown Planning Board meeting is slated for Tuesday, March 2.

Chester Selectmen Face Big Decisions Ahead of 300th Anniversary

NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Next September the town of Chester will be celebrating its 300 year anniversary.

It's why the town is working to come up with a plan to renovate Stevens Memorial Hall, which has a rich history and sits in the center of town.

Recently the town accepted bids for proposals to make repairs and renovations to the hall includ-

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ing painting the building, bers which really concerns and fixing the roof that needs to be repaired.

During the Feb. 25 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting one of the biggest discussion items on the agenda was in regards to the hall, after receiving bids last week.

One of the biggest concerns in regards to the hall renovations that was brought up by the floor is the lack of details that were in the bids. Their concern is that it's not concrete on how much the final cost will be.

One of the selectmen to express their views was Stephen D'Angelo, who is concerned with the lack of details coming from the proposal from Charter Brothers.

"I don't see anything in here with real hard num-

me," D'Angelo said.

While the selectmen say that they were originally projecting the project to cost about \$500,000 it is now expected that renovations could cost over one million dollars.

The projected final cost of the project is something that board chair Jeremy Owens says that he is concerned about.

"It looks to be getting prohibitive as the costs are piling up and I don't get how we get around that," Owens said.

Also brought up by the board of selectmen about what the purpose of the building will be going forward if they spend a million or more on the building renovations.

One of the selectmen are going to pay for it. Joseph Hagan explained that he thinks they should have a long term plan for the building.

'Our discussion should include what the towns long term plan for the use of the building is," Hagan said.

Selectmen Stephen Landau explained that in his view they need to make a decision about what they want to go in for the hall.

"We have to make a decision," Landau said. "Do we want to repair the building, or do we want to maintain it on the historical register but let someone else maintain it."

Owens explained that he is concerned about the high cost of the project during the pandemic without having a firm plan of how they

Aside from the unknown cost of the renovation project the other concern that was brought up by members of the board is in regards to the fact that the 300 year anniversary is fast approaching.

The main reason why it was decided to explore doing renovations to the hall right now is because it would be an important place during the activities of the anniversary. However, without a clear timeline of when the project will be completed the selectmen are concerned that it won't be done in time.

With that said the selectmen generally agreed that they need to come up with a plan of what they can accomplish before the anniversary and it's many events.

An example of short March 4.

term repairs that Owens pointed to is in regards to painting of the building.

"I know it's lipstick on a pig but can we touch up paint, can we do something to make it presentable without doing a full repaint of \$100,000," Owens said.

It was agreed upon by the board to arrange a meeting between Charter Brothers and a couple of members of the Board of Selectmen in order to get more information regarding specific details of the bid.

They also feel that by allowing them time to come up with a long term plan they will have time to search for different funding sources like grants.

The plan is for the board to discuss it more during its next Board of Selectmen meeting on

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parent or someone with them.

Heidler said that depending on how many sign up they may consider breaking it up into two different time frames to maintain social distancing.

Heidler assured the board that they will inform participants ahead of time that masks will be required.

"We're going to put in our announcements that masks are required," Heidler said.

Selectmen Chad Bennett, who used to participate in the event when he was a kid said that he has no issue with the event taking place.

"I personally don't have any problems with it as long as everybody has a mask and socially distances and keeps to themselves." I

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able to afford to do so.

consider the proposal.

look at," D'Angelo said.

Selectmen

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D'Angelo said that he also

believes that they should

"It's a proposal we should

While they have until

April Doda said she is hop-

ing to get the Warrant Article

finalized as soon as she can.

warrant article as soon as

board for them to think

over the options and to be

revisited at a meeting in a

possible," Doda said.

"I'd like to finalize the

It was agreed by the

Stephen

don't see any problems with hosting the fishing derby," Bennett said.

While the board didn't have to take a vote to approve the event the Civic Club went to the board to give an update. Selectmen Chair Murphy said that he is ok with the event as long as they keep an eye on the number of people who register.

"I just ask that you think about that number prior to opening up registration," Murphy said, explaining that he would hate to see too many people register and there not being enough room to have social distancing between families and have to turn people away.

Another hot ticket agenda item during the meeting was in regards to the Hampstead Memorial Gym.

It was explained that they received an email from

sonal protective equipment.

raised by D'Angelo was in

regards to why the item

winter coat," D'Angelo asked.

"How does it become a per-

sonal protection equipment?"

Berube explained that since

the coats have the ability to

be washed if they are

exposed to COVID it quali-

fies them as PPE. He also

noted these are the same

coats that the fire depart-

D'Angelo was the one

They also voted to

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approve the purchase of a

FM transmission radio for

that last year during the annu-

rowed a radio because they

\$199.99

approving the purchase.

ment was approved for.

Police Chief Aaron

was considered PPE.

One question that was

"How is this PPE, it's a

the Planning Board asking for an update on any major projects that could be planned for the next five to ten years involving capital improvement.

the Planning Board as an Ex-Officio, explained that they originally emailed all the department heads back in December, asking if they had any projects in mind for the next five to ten years, however they only received a response from the library. This caused them to reach out again to the different departments.

"Were trying to do some proactive planning for the town." Murphy said.

He explained their reasoning is that they are going to be working on the master plan for the town after the March elections and the goal is to come up with a

to the pandemic.

Doda said that if they are er buying its own.

"If we're going to continue to have outdoor Town meetings we might want to buy our own FM transmitter radio," Doda said.

It was explained by

It was also pointed out

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

going to continue to have the annual meeting outdoors then the town should consid-

One question about the purchase was brought up by Myette was whether or not the town would be required to get some type of licensing to be allowed to use the radio.

Doda that because of how little power it uses that it isn't necessary.

by Doda that the radio can be used for other events put on by the town as well.

It was explained by Doda al Town Meeting, they borhad the meeting outdoors due schedule of high cost projects so they can spread them out more versus having multiple ones in the same

In their update to the Murphy, who sits on board Melissa Denton, a member from the recreation commission explained that they have made major repairs in the last couple of years including roof replacement as well as the gym floor being redone.

year like the case this year.

They also noted that they were supposed to paint the bleachers last year but weren't able to because of the unexpected cost of the roof.

As far as projects on the horizon they asked that the building be inspected, the siding which they've been trying to address for the last two years according to Denton. She said that they've been reassured numerous times that it is just a cosmetic issue, but Bennett agreed that it could be an issue and said that he has been putting a plan in motion to have it looked at, overall the commission feels the gym is in good shape considering the fact that it is 71 years old.

"We think there is plenty of more life for it," Denton said.

One of the discussions during the meeting was in regards to the long term plan for the building.

While the board of selectmen and the commission generally agree that for now the gym is fine the reality is that a time will come when the gym won't have much time left to be

used and they need to have a replacement plan in place.

Bennett who is the liaison to the recreation commission noted that he has been the subject of discussions on social media saying that he is essentially "ready to tear the building down tomorrow." He said that isn't his stance but just wants to make sure they have a plan in place for when they need to build a new building.

"Everything eventually has a shelf life," Bennet said.

He also noted, which Denton agreed with, that the building isn't in an ideal location and that they should be on the lookout for a better location in the near future to house the new facility when the time comes.

Selectmen Joseph Guthrie explained that he thinks that the recreation committee should create an internal subcommittee to look at what is needed for a new rec center. He did agree however that the gym gets plenty of use.

"The good news is that there is a use, the lights are on all the time," Guthrie.

Denton also asked the commission that if any long term plans regarding the rec center are discussed that they be invited to those discussions which board agreed with.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for the fire department to help out with covid vaccinations

It was explained that after the state went to vaccinations seven days a week for 12 hours a day, they made a request to the fire departments across the state to help out with distributing the vaccines.

The issue for the board was what they should set the rate at since the fire department doesn't usually do details nor have an official rate for what they charge. As they normally charge the same rate that the police department does which is currently \$45 an hour plus the cost per hour for taxes and retirement.

Another issue that was raised was in regards to whether or not they should increase the rate if the police department's rate goes up before the end of the memorandum. It was explained by Murphy that on April 1 the union contract for the police department is expected to go into effect, pending the vote at the Town Meeting. If this happens the rate for details for the police department would go up as well.

It was agreed on by the board to approve the rate as \$45 per hour to the employee and any costs to be reimbursed to the town meaning that it won't go up even if the contract changes.

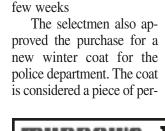
In other news the board also reminded the public that the annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Hampstead Middle School.



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Newly Constructed Sugar House Ready For Maple Month

Melissa beth RUiz **NUTFIELD NEWS**

It's been nearly a full calendar vear since the COVID-19 pandemic put events all over on hold until a seemingly never-ending further notice. Among many beloved statewide traditions, Maple Syrup season was certainly not immune.

Last year, the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association had to make the devastating call to cancel Maple Weekend, and all of Maple Month, due to the effects that COVID-19 had been having on communities across the state.

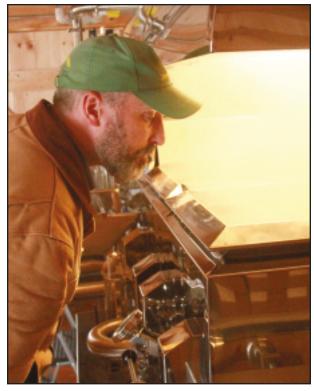
Thankfully this year, residents can indeed mark their calendars for Maple Month 2021. And for those in and around the Hampstead, NH area, there will be a brand new stop on the sugar tour.

Hampstead resident Andrew Chisholm began construction of his new sugar house, an 18th century barn replica, in July of 2020. Now that all of the equipment necessary for production has been installed, Chisholm Farms is up and running and ready for visi-

Until now, passersby have been able to catch a glimpse of Chisholm's operation from a distance, as he has been collecting sap from over 700 trees in the woods behind Main Street, Hampstead.

Chisholm commented that weather conditions have so far been favorable for a good syrup yield, having been around freezing at night and above freezing during the day.

Every few days, Chisholm is able to produce anywhere from ten to fifteen gallons of fresh maple syrup.



Hampstead resident Andrew Chisholm eagerly awaits his first batch of maple syrup in his newly constructed sugar house. Photo by Chris Paul

Chisholm Farms open all help with production and to month long, and to have Chisholm plans to have minimal staff present to

assist with spreading out visitors and groups for their safety. Though the sugar house is well-ventilated, CDC guidelines COVID-19 prevention will be expected to be upheld by all who stop by.

Chisholm stated that he will also be taking reservations for groups to come and tour the facility, but the sugar house will be open to the public, provided conditions are right.

"If they see doors open and steam coming from the roof, they are welcome to poke in and say 'Hi!'" said Chisholm.

Visitors will be delighted to witness the production of the state's staple sweet firsthand, watching the delicate dance of steam from the evaporator, and taking in the delightful, decadent aroma of fresh, warm syrup. And depending on the day, visitors may be able to take home their own bottle fresh off of the evaporator.

'When I produce syrup, it's not stored in drums or barrels," explained Chisholm. "Everything goes right into the bottles."

Chisholm mentioned that he typically begins production of the syrup around two or three in the afternoon on weekends, and in the early evening hours on weekdays.

In an age where more and more folks are turning to grocery delivery apps and takeout services for their supplies and meals, Chisholm encouraged the people of Hampstead and surrounding areas to venture out and support all their local producers. They never know what they may find.

In addition to traditional maple syrup, which objectively is a delicacy in and of itself, Chisholm Farms will also have infused maple syrups, including flavors such as cinnamon and vanilla.

will also apply to Chisholm's honey crops later on, as he is also on

track for having honey made from his own bee hives available to the public around May of this year.

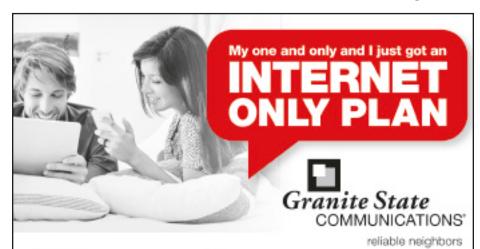
For those still a bit wary of visiting any tourist attractions at this point in the year, but don't want to miss out on what Chisholm Farms has to offer, Chisholm assured that his syrup will also be available for purchase at J&F Farms, Prime Butcher, East Derry General Store, Chester General Store, and Zorvino Vineyards.

Customers will recognize Chisholm's locallymade goods by their Chisholm Farms logo, as well as their unique and catchy product monikers: Blossom and Bee for the honey, and Tree and Tap for the syrup.

These names not only reference the process that honey undergoes from flower to beehive, and from maple tree to evaporator for syrup, but they help to remind patrons that these are products of pure nature, samples of the richness only New Hampshire has to offer.

To close a calendar year that was more bitter than sweet, Hampstead (and surrounding) residents can look forward to a palette cleanser, straight from their neck of the woods.

For more information on These unique flavors Chisholm Farms, or to reach Andrew Chisholm for further inquiries, visit chisolmfarm.com.



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Astros Boys Hoops Squad Wins Big in Playoff Game

CHRIS PAUL **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team finished out its regular season, last week, with two wins in three games, and started this week with a big win against Salem High School at home NHIAA Division Championship.

season with an 8-2 record, a Round on Thursday night, 15-12. vast improvement over last year's finish and headed into the playoffs with as good a chance as anyone to win the DI title and on Monday night, March 1, they beat the Salem contingent 69-48 to move onto the next round in in the First Round of the that tourney. With that win the PA squad will be playing in Londonderry against the

March 4.

game, freshman forward Jackson Marshall had a huge game, scoring 21points and pulling down nine rebounds. Six of his points came from outside the arc

Dunne also had an outstanding game with 11points, one of which on a three-pointer.

The Chinn brothers also contributed 17-points in the regular season last week victory, nine of which went to Tyrone and eight points for Anthony.

Both teams started out the game strong and finished the first quarter with PA having a slim 15-14 lead, but in the second quarter the Astros forced a number of turnovers and took a 37-30 as the clock sounded to end the first half.

The third quarter ended with the Pinkerton boys widening the margin even further, outscoring the Blue Devils 17-7 and leading 54-37 headed into the final segment of the game.

In that period, head coach David Chase tried to slow the pace down, as the

The Astros finished the Lancers in the Preliminary outscoring their opponent

As the buzzer sounded, In the Monday night at the end of the game, the team celebrated their final game of the season on their home court and looked forward to their meeting with the Lancers.

Despite the fact that the Astros beat LHS in two Senior forward Justin close games this season, it should be a tough game, since the Londonderry squad has a full, healthy line-up.

> The Astros finished the with two games against Windham High School and one against the Merrimack Tomahawks.

> In the games against the Jaguars, the Astros split victories, with PA winning on Tuesday night 59-52 and losing the Thursday contest 70-61.

> In the loss, played in Windham, the Jags scored 51 of their points on threepointers by five players.

> > Freshman Drew Brander Andy MacDonald and



Freshman Jackson Marshall had a big night against Salem on Monday night, scoring 21-points and pulling down nine rebounds. Photos by Chris Paul

had 21-points to lead the Tyrone Chinn both scored Astros in that game and nine.

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Astros senior forward EJ Fassaro contributed 12points and eight rebounds in Monday night's playoff win against Salem High School.

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Lady Astros Hoops Season Ends With Two More Victories



Astros Freshman Elizabeth Lavoie, had 15-points in the 46-38 win over Merrimack. Photo by Chris Paul

NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team finished out its regular season with three games against two teams and won two of them

The team finished the COVID-19 inflicted winter season with an 8-2 record, and even though the girls were able to compete very strongly throughout the season, the team announced they will not be participating in the NHIAA Division I playoffs due to a positive COVID-19 case being detected.

The first of the three games last week resulted in the Lady Astros second loss of the season at the hands of the Lady Jaguars of Windham High School.

The Windham squad beat Pinkerton by a score of 41-32, due in large part to a very slow start to the game

The Lady Astros only managed four points in the first quarter and a total of 11-points by the end of the

The PA team managed just 21 points in the second half and lost by just nine

Junior guard Avah Ingalls was the teams high scorer with 12-points. Junior Becca Farnum had seven and Alli Ingalls and Abby Marasco got four-points

The next day, the Lady Astros hosted a make-up game against the Merrimack Lady Tomahawks, where the PA girls were able penetrate the basket a few more times than the night before and won 46-38.

The Pinkerton squad jumped out to an early start in this one scoring 14-points to their opponents five-

By the half, Pinkerton led 24-19.

With 15-points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth the Astros defense proved strong enough for the win, as Merrimack only managed 19-points in the second half.

Lead scorers were: Freshman Elizabeth Lavoie, 15; Avah Ingalls, 13; and Marasco with eight. Junior pointer.

In the third game in three nights the Lady Astros hosted the Windham squad for the final game of the pandemic-shortened winter sports season and won 46-

Once again, PA was able to get off to a quick lead, scoring 17 in the first and 10-points in the second.

The team took a 27-15 lead into the locker room at the half and had no trouble finishing with another "w"

Hailey Frost had one, three- to end the season and get ready for the playoffs.

Avah Ingalls had 13points, Alli Ingalls and Farnum ended the night with eight. Junior Kristina Packowski managed six and Lavoie had five-points.

The 8-2 Pinkerton girls were scheduled to host the Windham squad in the first round of the playoffs on Tuesday afternoon, but after a positive COVID-19 test with one of their players they will not participate in the tournament.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 22



Elizabeth Lavoie Freshman, Girls Basketball

Elizabeth scored 15-points in the game against Merrimack High School last week to be the team's high-scorer.

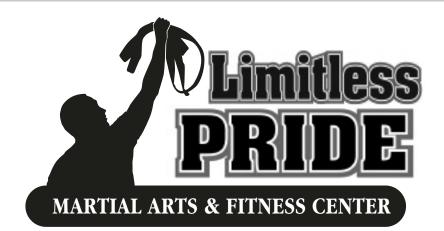


Hunter Drouin Senior, Boys Ice Hockey

Hunter scored two goals and assisted on another in the team victory over Windham last week. He is the team's captain and leads by example for the rest of his squad.

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Pinkerton Boys Hockey Gets Two Wins in Final Three Games

NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Astros ended its season on somewhat of a high note last week as the team claimed victories in two of their last three game of the regular season.

Blue Hawks sandwiched mark. between those victories.

Pinkerton jumped out to a fast first period lead with three unanswered goals. Goals were scored by senior forward, Aidan Price, from Jack Doherty and Ryan Lewandowski at 12:45.

Senior Ethan Burgess The team was able to then scored at 8:37 from felbeat Windham High School low senior Hunter Drouin. 5-2, and Hanover High Junior Jake Sullivan added School 4-2, but suffered a to the tally from Ryan tough 7-2 loss to the Exeter Lewandowski at the 3:42

In the second period, In the Windham game, Windham got one back,

on Wednesday night, Feb. Drouin negated that with Blue Hawks. 24, at the Icenter in Salem, another goal, this one from Ethan Burgess and Lorenzo Corsetto.

> Hunter Drouin finished the night with a hat trick in the third, on a goal assisted by Jon Caprigno.

> Paul Lescovitz had 16 saves in the game, while Windham's goalie made 46

> Two nights later, on Exeter's home ice, the Astros were only able to put two by their opponents goalie, and lost 7-2 to the

One of the two goals came from senior defenseman Nick Plaza, early in the second, with the assist by Hunter Drouin and Ryan Leighton.

The other goal was land-Pinkerton goalie, senior ed late in the third period by senior forward Ethan Burgess.

> Plaza took a two- and 10-minute penalty at the end of the second period that lasted well into the third leaving the team short-hand-

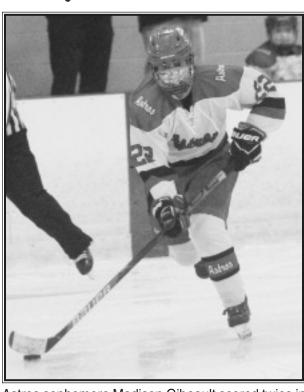
Hanover High School, the at 5:56 in the third with Astros started slow, and the only goal being scored in the first period was by their opponent.

The PA team came to life in the second with three unanswered goals. Aidan Price got one from Jack Doherty and Jon Caprigno at 1:50. Lorenzo Corsetto got the second Astros goal from Jon Caprigno at 4:36, and Drouin got the third assisted by Ryan Leighton Paul Lescovitz had 32 and Ethan Burgess at 9:08.

Corsetto tacked on the In the 4-3 victory over insurance goal from Drouin Hanover battling back with two goals of their own to end the game one goal shy of a tie.

> The Pinkerton Astros hockey squad finished their COVID-19 suspended season with a record of 3-5 and hope to make it through their Preliminary Round Game against the Londonderry Lancers on Wednesday, March 3, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

Lady Astros Ice Hockey Squad Tallies Loss in Final Game



Astros sophomore Madison Gibeault scored twice in the funal game of the season. Photo by Chris Paul

OBITUARY

Richard Allen Oldham

Richard Allen Oldham, 79 of Derry, NH died

CHRIS PAUL **NUTFIELD NEWS**

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Girls Hockey team closed out its winter season with a tight 4-5 loss against the always-tough Concord High School Crimson Tide last week.

The season was unfortunately interrupted by the COVIS-19 pandemic which put their games on hold for two-weeks and in that twoweek span, the Lady Astros had seven games cancelled.

In the team's final game of the regular season, the PA girls scored three times in the first period get get out to a promising start.

The scoring began with

a goal from junior center, with an assist from Dunn, Jordyn Wasiejko. Sophomore forward, Madison Gibeault followed with a goal of her own in the first. goals in the first period. Assists went to Molly Fahey and Gibeault with one each in that opening period.

Gibeault got her second goal in the second period

but that's where the scoring ended despite the team's efforts in the third to score.

The Astros squad looks Riley Dunn made it three to extend their season with games in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I Championship.

> The Lady Astros were scheduled to play Bishop

Brady High School in the Preliminary Round, on the PA team's home ice at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett on Tuesday night, March 3.

If they make it by that team, they will replay Concord High School in the Quarterfinals on Friday, March 5, also in Hooksett.

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In the Tuesday night 59-52 win against WHS, the three-point count was down to 13, and PA controlled the boards for the victory.

Brander had 17-points and Marshall had 13 to lead the team with MacDonald contributing eight-points.

In the team's third game last week, PA beat the Tomahawks 70-41 at home on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

In that final home game

of the regular season, Senior forward Will Warriner came up with five, three-pointers to lead the team in scoring with 15-points. Fellow senior forward EJ Fassaro also had a big game, contributing 12 points and rebounds in the win.

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Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 in his home with his family by his side. He was born in Boston, MA on Dec. 26, 1941, a son of the late William Jr. and Ruth (Klingler) Oldham. He served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Elaine (Crawford) Oldham of Derry, his daughter Ruth Leavitt and her husband Chris of Derry, two grandchildren, Anna and Ben Leavitt of Derry, and his brother William Oldham III and his wife Jean Oldham of North Carolina and several nieces and nephews. Private graveside services with military honors will be held in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH. Due to State of NH guidelines, those attending are

required to wear masks, minimize contact, and maintain

social distancing. The Peabody Funeral Homes and

Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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and feel of the park, and that it has something for every-

Overall the number one thing that people said they would like to see improved in the future is the Hood Pond water quality, followed by adding more walking trails, and creating additional seating just to name a few ideas that the community had.

Brassard also presented to the council a spreadsheet that indicated projects that could be realistically achieved in the near term, mid term and long term along with the projected costs of the items.

Town Councilor James Morgan said that they should look at how much the total cost is and get the ball going on the full picture project saying that the park is very important for the town in many ways.

"It really is the jewel in Derry especially in downtown. I think we really need to take a serious look at fast tracking this and not making it a municipal project but make it a fast track project that we can actually see results by summer of 22," Morgan said. "That's what I would love to see."

One of the things that Brassard explained during his presentation is that municipalities compete with each other to attract people to their communities. He said that the committee views the park as a huge advantage for the town.

Some of the reasons he pointed is that it is just steps away from the downtown part of town, and the rail trail connects through the park and into downtown.

"I think if we approach it from an economic perspective as well as a recreational perspective then all parties will be well served." Brassard said.

This is something that many Town councilors said they agreed with.

Foote said that the current town council has put an emphasis on economic development especially in the downtown area and this goes along with that.

"It's a draw for us, we

need to capitalize on it," Foote said.

Cheshire said that the the park is a perfect and easy way to enhance the downtown even more because the resource is already in place.

Aside from being a recreation resource for the community, Brassard said that they can over emphasis the importance of the park as an economical driver.

"We can't overstate the economic resource that the park is," Brassard said.

During their presentation to the council, Brassard talked about some of things that they heard from the community that they don't like about the park.

One of the biggest concerns was the quality of water in the pond.

While Public Works Director Michael Fowler said that they will be looking at the water issue more closely before spending a large amount of money to fix it. He said that they are looking to take steps right away to improve the park.

"We want to take some incremental steps but we will be rolling some things

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Derry officials are looking at ways to improve Hood Park. Photo by Chris Paul

right out of the chute that virtually cost nothing," Fowler said.

Fowler explained that they want to be able to meet as many of the needs of the community as possible.

"We're trying to be responsive to as many of the requests as possible that the committee came up with through outreach," Fowler said.

Some of the things that he mentioned includes putting up benches and chairs.

Another important discussion that took place during the meeting was in regards to coming up with a plan and drawings of what

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the project can look like when it's fully completed.

Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon who says he fully supports the project said that he thinks that they should figure out what they want to do before spending a lot of money in order to make sure that all the pieces fit together.

"I think it would be a mistake to throw money at different things when we don't know what the end game is," Bourdon said.

Brassard said that they fully agree with that idea.

It was ultimately agreed upon by the council to have Caron look into seeing if they are able to get any grants at the state level for the rendering of the design or if they can make it work in the budget.

The rendering in the future plans will have input from the committee which will stay in place. This is something that Foote feels is very important.

"I think it's only appropriate that they continue to give their input," Foote said.

Brassard said that he is very thankful for everyone who volunteered to help with the committee.

"The town owes them a great debt of gratitude," Brassard said.

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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. 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 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 Trasfiguration (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., Lunch on March 21 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Dinner on March 26 from 5 - 6

p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; 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.

Genealogy Series

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

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

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CHESTER

Escape Room

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

Book Group

The Chester Library Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 16, at 1 p.m., to discuss An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders

Library Trustees

The Chester Library's Board of Trustees will meet on, Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Make a Pencil Holder

Make and decorate a CUTE pencil holder on Thursday, March 18, at 4 p.m. at the Chester Library. This event is open to all ages. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Make a Greeting Card

Create a pretty greeting card to send to a loved one at the Chester Library on Thursday, March 11, at 6 p.m. This event is for adults. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Among Us Party

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event on Thursday, March 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 Sox Nation Presentation

Don't miss the Ultimate

Presentation for Red Sox Nation! The Hampstead Public Library hosts this live Zoom event on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Veteran sports writer and pop culture historian, Marty Gitlin takes us on a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history. His presentation features videos and photographs of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events, and moments in franchise history. There is time for O&A. Advance registration is required; please sign-up via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Hampst-

Shamrock Craft

baseball fans are welcome.

ead residency is not required; all

The next Hampstead Library Craft at Home for elementary school children is available starting Wednesday, March 10. Call when you get to the Hampstead Public Library and we'll bring out Shamrock String Art kits for the children. Each kit has a foam shamrock, colorful string, and all you need to make a St. Patrick's Day decoration. This craft is best for ages 3 and up.

Ancestry.Com

Free remote access for Hampstead Public Library users has been extended through June 30. Research family history from the comfort of your home, by opening Ancestry.com through the Library website. In the upper right corner of HampsteadLibrary.org, click "My Account." Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in

the Links box on the catalog homepage. If you need assistance or a password for your Library account, please call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org.

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 for more details on how and where to sign up. Contact Program Coordinator: Charlie Backman at (603) 329-5867 with any questions.

Meditation Classes

Weekly online Meditation Class from the Hampstead Public Library has been extended through the end of March. Make time for selfcare 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.

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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 You-Tube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brainbased program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skillbuilding 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

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 avail-

887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

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

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

able. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or youthserv- discussion and watch the ices@sandownlibrarv.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 movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary

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TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March</u> 16, 2021 at 7 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester St., to consider:

(these times assigned are flexible, please arrive 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled appointment in case the application before you runs shorter than the time allotted. If that happens and you are not available, the Board will proceed to hear the next application):

7:15 PM:

1. The application of Jacob M. Josef and Lauren R. Josef for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.4 to permit limited short-term rental of the property

On the premises known as Map/Lot 001-059-000, 78 Harantis Lake Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district

2. The application of Yvonne M. Vissing as Trustee of the Yvonne M. Vising Living Trust dated March 23. 2011 for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.4, Subsection 5.4.3 of the Ordinance to permit shortterm rental not specifically permitted in the C-1 Zone

On the premises known as Map/Lot 009-067-000, 726 Raymond Road, in the C-1 Commercial Zone

3. The application of Diane Crespo on behalf of Mary A. Gesel, Trustee of the Francis X. Gesel, Sr. Revocable Trust of 2009 for a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.4 of the Ordinance to Permit a two-chair hair salon in the R-1 Residential Zone

On the premises known as Map/Lot 016-009-000, 15 Chester Street in the R-1 Residential Zone

8:45 PM:

4. The application of Steven J. Moore and Jill E. Moore for Variances

From Article 9, Section 4.7 of the Ordinance to permit a 1,846.16 SF Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) where the maximum square footage allowed is 1,000 SF and from Article 3, Section 3.1 of the Ordinance to Permit an ADU to omit a sprinkler system required per Chester Building Code which is not required by State Building Code RSA 674:51 and a Special Exception permitted by Article 11, Section 4 of the Ordinance to create an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit

On the premises known as Map/Lot 002-063-000, 38 Hart Roberts Road in the R-1 Residential zoning district.

OBITUARY

Carolyn Dorothy Cafarelli



Carolyn Dorothy Cafarelli, 69 of Derry, NH passed away unexpectedly at Parkland Medical Center in Derry NH. Carolyn was born Aug. 22, 1951 in Brookline, MA and was a daughter of the late Thomas and Josephine Mitchell. She was raised and educated

in Medford, MA, where she resided prior to relocating to Derry in 1989.

Carolyn was employed for over 20 years by Comcast and it's predecessors as a revenue coordinator. She enjoyed the lasting friendships that remained in her life well after retirement.

Members of the family include her three sons, Robert and his wife Anita Cafarelli, William Cafarelli, Jimmy Cafarelli and her beloved daughter, Cynthia Luther and her husband Christopher. Eight grandchildren, Brittney, Chris, Cody, Joey, Nicholas, Anthony, Natalia and Sabrina and her sister, Joanne Cole. Carolyn was predeceased by her husband, Robert L. Cafarelli in 2018.

After cremation, calling hours was held in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, on Friday Feb. 26, with a Catholic Prayer after. 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 Brain Injury Association of NH. 52 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301 To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Thomas M. Dattilo



Thomas M. Dattilo, 33, of Watertown, MA, passed away Tuesday Feb. 23, 2021 at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA unexpectedly of natural causes. He was born in Malden, MA on April 16, 1987, a son of Thomas Dattilo and Nancy Collins

Dattilo. He grew up in Tewksbury, MA, and later Derry, NH, where he graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2005. He was a graduate of the University of Tampa with a Bachelors degree in Criminology. Tom was employed in sales for EBlock.

In addition to his parents of Derry, NH; he is survived by his brothers Brett and Bobby Dattilo, his sisterin-law Alissa Dattilo, his nephew Nathan Dattilo, his best friend and cousin Dana Dattilo, and his loving partner Tracey O'Leary; as well as many family and friends.

Tom is described by those closest to him as loving, compassionate, fiercely loyal, and someone you just wanted to be around. His interests included playing baseball, golfing, drawing, and being outdoors. He was a diehard Patriots fan and found wonder in all things space and history related. He was in the process of teaching himself how to play guitar.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Tuesday, March 2 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. https://give.bafound.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1125065&pg=personal&fr_i d=1040

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