

Chester School Budget Sent to Voters After Annual Meeting

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CHESTER – While most things have changed due to COVID-19 one thing that has stayed the same in the Granite State is that school districts and towns across the state have held their annual district and town meetings. That was the case for the Chester School District as it held its annual meeting on March 2. One of the major articles that was voted on and approved by the voters at the annual district meeting is in regards to the 2021-22 operating budget. The bottom line budget that was presented to voters at the meeting in the form of the warrant article is for a budget of \$13,483,256 which is a 5.17 percent increase. The total dollar amount for the increase is \$663,339. In a preview ahead of the annual school district meeting on Chester Public Access Television, Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson explained some of the highlights and struggles that district went through in order to prepare the 2021-2022 school budget. One of the things that Richardson pointed to that had a big impact on this year’s budget was COVID-19. He explained that costs for things like personal protective equipment, a new air purification system, and extra cleaning had an impact on the budget. “It was an expensive process to go through to open the school in August,” Richardson said. Richardson explained that the district ultimately decided to not have allocated funds towards COVID-19 expenses. He explained that they made their decision based on the information they have now. “Our feeling going into the budget is that

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Derry Zoning Board Approves Variance for New Event Center

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DERRY – During the March 4 Zoning Board meeting was presented with a variance request to allow the creation of an event center. The request was also to allow for the ability to provide a caretaker’s residence, overnight accommodations and agritourism. The event center would be located at 140 Rockingham Road, with Kimberly Livesey being the owner of it. The event center would be located right near the Robert Frost Farm. Livesey explained that the property would mostly be used for a wedding venue but wants it to be more than just that saying that she wants to be able to give back to the community. “Something that is really important to me is giving back to the community,” Livesey said during the meeting. Livesey explained that aside from having weddings there and other private events they are also hoping to be able to share it with the community and make it something that can help benefit different organizations. “We want to be able to offer this to the community when it’s not being used for private events,” Livesey said during the meeting. When it comes to concerns from people in the community Livesey explained that she wants to be a good neighbor, and wants to make sure that the community feels comfortable with what she has. “We’re going to take everything into consideration. As someone who has been a wedding planner for the last 15 years I’m a people pleaser,” Livesey said. “I want to make sure that my neighbors are happy.” The board ultimately approved the variance for the event center with four conditions being stipulated. The first condition is that it is subject to the town and state permits and inspections. The second condition is that it is subject to the Derry Town planning Board site review.

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Sweet Celebration Chester residents Sue and Brian Folsom prepare a batch of maple syrup as they celebrate 30 years of business on Candia Road in Chester. This year the state will celebrate “Maple Sugar Month” in March due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, giving a chance to still visit local sugar houses. See story on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Selectmen Approve Heritage Commission Spending for Reprint

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN – In conjunction with the reprint of a town history book, the Sandown Board of Selectmen have approved use of a credit card for the Heritage Commission. The card, which the board agreed to with a \$750 limit, is required to complete the sales project for the book and establish an account with the printing company that will handle book orders, Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said. The commission is in the final stages of securing a reprint of a third edition of the book, “A View from Meeting House Hill: A history of Sandown, NH,” by local author Richard Holmes. This effort is not specifically a fundraiser with little profit to be made but more a public interest service to the community, Blaisdell noted. The book has been out of print for some time with more families now possibly interested in purchasing this town history. The credit card is nec-

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Planning Board Approves Plan for Nutrition and Herbal Business

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CHESTER - A new business is expected to come to the town of Chester after the Chester Planning Board approved a site plan during its Feb. 24 planning board meeting.

The business site plan for 'Back in Thyme Wellness and Herbs' was submitted by the owner Heather Peloquin, a RN who wants to bring a nutrition and herbal consulting business to town. The business according to the application will offer consultations by appointment, group classes for health, wellness and herbal education, as well as a wide range of products for retail purchase including herbal and nutritional supplements.

ments.

Before the board approved the plan, Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik said that the application appeared to be in good shape.

"I've looked at the application and I believe that it's complete enough for acceptance," Hadik said.

Tim Peloquin from Promised Land Survey in Derry, spoke on the behalf of Heather. He explained that between the services offered and being located in what's considered the downtown part of town, he feels that it will be very beneficial for the town. The business will be located at 15 Chester Street.

"It's a good service for the community and it's a good location," Tim told

the board.

One of the things that was discussed between the board and Heather was in regards to the hours of the business.

In the original application it stated that the business was seeking approval to be open from Tuesday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., however Tim explained that she may want to be open more hours than that.

"She might not like to be locked into that," Tim said.

It was suggested by Hadik that they be proactive now to avoid any issues in the future.

"We don't want to constrain you to the point where you have to come back to us," Hadik stated.

Heather addressed the

board saying that while she won't be open for the full hours everyday, she would like to have the ability to be open about 11 hours a day Monday thru Saturday noting that she would definitely be closed on Sundays.

"I'd like the ability to be open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. though I may not need that," Heather stated.

After consulting with Tim she then asked to be open until 9 p.m. Monday thru Saturday which was approved by the board.

One controversial agenda item during the meeting was about the purchase of gloves by the Chester Police Department.

The police department made a request to the planning board to allow \$634 in impact fees associated with the police department to

be used to purchase examination gloves.

Planning Board member Michael Weider brought up his concern that the cost of the gloves seem very high. He also questioned if the funding for the gloves should be paid for through COVID-19 funds instead of through the impact fees.

"It seems like a long shot to spend \$600 on gloves when it's a normal thing that they would purchase anyways," Weider said. "And if it's related to COVID my only question is that we track it and get it reimbursed to the town," he went on to add.

Hadik explained that the issue of what is related to COVID-19 spending and what isn't is a question more geared towards the

finance department.

For Richter she explained that she didn't know how much the gloves cost so she wasn't sure if the number was high or not.

"I just don't know if it's a shocking number or not," said Richter.

After some speculation was discussed about how much the gloves generally cost, some of the board members decided to look it up online, taking advantage of the online meeting format during the pandemic.

Weider said that the numbers that he found online say that the gloves cost \$17 for 100 gloves.

The purchase was ultimately approved with a 4-1 vote with Weider voting against it.

Derry Planning Board Finishes Discussions on Downtown Changes

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DERRY - After five workshops took place revolving around proposed changes to the housing density, and parking requirements in downtown Derry, the Derry Planning Board voted to send their final proposal to a public hearing during its March 3 meeting.

The main reason why the workshops took place is because in the town council master plan, one of the goals is to look at the downtown area for redevelopment opportunities

and increasing the housing density.

During the meeting Derry Planning Director George Sioras highlighted some of the additional changes they added to the final proposal after reviewing comments from the board during the previous meeting.

One of the proposed changes that came from a previous meeting is related to the minimum size of a unit. Sioras explained at the last meeting 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.

Sioras explained that in the final proposal they kept the changes.

Another major change that came out of a previous meeting is in regards to how many parking spaces are required for developers to have per unit. After discussions at the previous

meeting it was ultimately decided to make a change in the final proposal to go from having three parking spaces minimum which is currently required to having one and a half spaces per bedroom.

One of the modifications that was brought up by Derry Planning Board Chair John O'Connor brought up during a previous 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.

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

It was explained by Sioras at the meeting that they included language in the final proposal to accommodate that modification.

Sioras also explained that at the next planning board meeting they will set a date for when the public hearing will be in regards to the changes to the downtown parking and housing density requirements.

In other news the board also approved a request made by JP Morgan/ Chase Bank to add a free standing ATM Machine at Hood Commons.

The ATM machine

would take up 10 parking spaces that currently aren't being used according to Sioras.

Because there are no abutters that would be affected by it Sioras explained that the staff was able to do it through an administrative review instead of having a public hearing about it.

The one condition that was put onto the approval was that the source of the electrical system be added to the plan and approved by the Department of Public Works.

The next Derry Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.



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Chester Zoning Board Approves Several Variance Requests

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CHESTER — The Chester Zoning Board of Adjustments approved a variety of different variances during its meeting on Feb. 23.

One of the agenda items that was heard by the board during its meeting was in regards to allowing an expansion of a driveway for a future detached garage.

The applicants Sean and Amanda Carlson made a request to the zoning board for a variance due to the fact that they wouldn't be able to put a driveway on either side of their property. In order to be allowed to expand their driveway they need to have approval by the board.

It was explained by

Sean that on one side of his property is wetlands, and the other side is an easement. He explained that the only place that he would be able to put the detached garage is in the backyard due to the way the property is shaped, but there is no way to get to it safely right now.

He explained that he is seeking the variance so they will be able to get to the back part of the property safely not just so he can get to the garage, explaining that the well is also located in the back of the property.

"Right now there is no safe way to get to that," Sean explained.

One question that was asked by the chair, Billie Maloney was whether or not he had spoken to his

neighbor about putting in a driveway on the side of his house. He explained that he has and that it was in fact a good way to introduce himself to her.

"She has no problem with it," Sean said.

During deliberation, the board agreed that Carlsons have a hardship that would prevent them from being able to put in a driveway without being granted a variance.

"I think the main thing here is that they definitely passed the hardship requirement," Maloney said, pointing to the fact that there was an easement on one side and wetlands on the other.

They also agreed that they didn't see any problem with granting the variance to them.

The variance was granted with a 5-0 vote.

Another variance that was approved by the board was in regards to a request for off-site parking permit.

The application was submitted by Sharon Osborne on the behalf of Latitude Learning Resources at Busche Academy.

She explained that she was made aware by the planning board that although Latitude Learning Resources and Busche Academy are owned by the same people, they are technically on two different lots meaning that they needed to seek a variance from the zoning board in order to get a to park at the Busche Academy.

Osborne said that it wouldn't impact the public if the variance was ap-

proved.

"We're not trying to do anything special, we are just trying to be able to park there," Osborne said.

The board quickly voted 5-0 to approve the variance.

Another application brought to the board was for a special exception.

The application was submitted by Patrick and Daniela Connelly, to allow them to have agritourism to host farm related education, health and wellness seminars, retreats and weddings at their farm.

Maloney who said she wasn't sure about the weddings and how that was related to farms.

It was explained by Ernest that they got the idea because they would have a few people stop by

each year telling them that if they did weddings they would definitely get married there.

"People want to be out, they don't want to be in a hall," Ernest said.

The board voted 5-0 to approve the application with the conditions that the planning board addresses the issues of hours, amplified music, and the number of guests for weddings.

In other news the board also granted a variance to Ernest and Mary Calderone allowing them to put in a 15x22 carport on the right side of the existing garage. The board also approved on a 4-1 vote that there be a condition put on the variance. The one condition is that the carport must remain open meaning that it can't be enclosed.

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The third condition is that it excludes approval of overnight accommodations. And the final accommodation is that there can't be any outdoor or air space amplified music after 10 p.m.

Another variance request that was presented to the Zoning Board during its meeting was in regards to turning an existing detached garage into two living units.

The variance request was made by Alexander and Evelyn Madden of 102

East Broadway Lane.

During the meeting, Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Lynn Perkins asked about the floor plans for the proposed units.

"For the floor plans we wanted to have just a simple open concept," Evelyn said.

She explained that currently there is no bathroom downstairs on the first floor of the garage so they would need to add one. She also explained that they have one upstairs but they need to make it larger because right now it is only

considered a half bath.

For the bottom floor she said they can make it into two bedrooms by putting in a divider.

"It's a decent and comfortable space for what a two bedroom apartment living space would be," Evelyn stated.

On the question of how many cars could be parked at one time, asked by board member Allan Evelyn said

that they would be able to park about 10 cars there.

It was also explained during the meeting by Derry Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey that the reason why they had to go to the zoning board is because even though the area is zoned for multi-family what they are looking for technically isn't multi-family according to the town's ordi-

nances. He explained that in order to be considered multi-family it is required to have three units or more in one building.

At the end of deliberations, Virr said that he didn't see any harm that would come from granting the variance.

"I don't see that it does any harm," Virr.

The board voted in favor of the variance 4-1

with the only condition that they are subject to all town and state permit and inspections.

In his dissenting vote Perkins said that he failed to see how the request met the hardship requirements.

"I fail to see the hardship on this," Perkins said.

The next Derry Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In “Transparency”

The motto of Sunshine Week is “Your Right to Know.” This is the heart of what government is all about.

March 14 - 20 is Sunshine Week. This week serves as a reminder to all of us that all government business should be conducted in the open, after all this is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we don't have the necessary information to hold them accountable. The more information and input we possess as citizens will force better decisions by our officials on behalf of the people they represent.

“Open and transparent government”, is a long time battle cry of this community newspaper along with other independent community newspapers everywhere. Transparency is what we want to see in our government. That's what the public deserves from its elected officials serving in the local, state and national governments. Providing all the information about the doings of government at the local level is a job this newspaper continues to take very seriously.

Elected officials have an obligation to conduct their business and discussions openly and publicly, except in some carefully outlined specific situations. Although it may be easier for officials to conduct business in private, serving in public office carries grave responsibility to the public and is not supposed to be easy. Citizens have the right to know how the government operates and how decisions are made on your behalf.

It is often said that knowledge is power. That knowledge/power is not just for the elected politicians. Information and

knowledge of the facts belongs in the open, available to everyone, especially to those who bear the burden of paying for government operations. We vote politicians into office and depend on and trust them to make the correct choices for us. We can only hope that they will make fair, sound and fiscally responsible decisions once in office. Hopefully, they are listening to the will of the people who elected them and all those they represent. How helpful would it be for the public to understand the information our elected officials possess and use in order to reach the decisions they make on our behalf.

The key, of course, is open access to all meetings and records. We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level, however, I would argue that transparency is more important at the town and school level. This is where the decisions of our elected officials have a much greater immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives.

Newspapers, if they're doing their job, help to get the information out to the masses. Newspapers have the responsibility to act as watchdogs, asking the often-uncomfortable questions, getting key information, and providing it to their readers. If documents/videos are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is at the ready for anyone to use. This paper attempts to do its best to report the details of what is happening in local government. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

This Newspaper is happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

Letters

Property Tax Relief – Is It A Scam?

To the editor,

Last week the Senate Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended that the municipal share of the Meals and Rooms Tax be restored to its original 40% share for towns and cities.

Should this bill pass, Derry would see a revenue increase of \$1.3 million dollars. Not just a one-time bump, but a permanent change. This allows town and school officials to count on this revenue when setting the property tax rate each year. But beware, it's too soon to celebrate.

Two weeks ago everyone got excited when the

Senate Finance Committee recommended passage of the Property Tax Relief Act. Passage would mean an extra \$960,000 for Derry over the next two years. Last week on the Senate floor the passage motion was defeated with most Republicans, including our Senator Birdsell, voting against it. All the Democrats voted for passage. The Senate then chose to table the bill awaiting more information on revenues.

Last week the Senate Finance Committee decided to continue to suspend general revenue sharing for the upcoming budget cycle. It decided that the Governor's proposed budget does not provide

enough revenue to share with municipalities.

In other words, in the end, the Senate will say they cannot afford to provide property tax relief or increase the municipal share of Meals and Rooms Tax revenues because they have given too many tax breaks to big businesses. Well, they probably won't put it exactly that way.

You've heard of the saying “Robbing Peter to pay Paul.” Well, I'm tired of being Peter. This has been going on for years and will continue until we, the voters, stand up, speak out, and fight back with our letters and our votes.

Mary Till
Derry

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essary for the commission to have on file and for the publisher P.E. Randall in the ordering process. Once available, copies of the book can be ordered online through the Pay.gov site with funds going into the town's account.

Randall, which also printed the book's prior editions, has finished formatting the digitized version that now has been proofread.

The card also could be used to purchase supplies for related commission events. None of the town's general fund would be used and the commission has funds to pay what's charged on the card.

Card amounts can be adjusted with the bank as necessary.

In separate action the selectmen approved a pay increase for one of the camera broadcast operators of its regular meetings.

Last July the Cable TV Advisory Board raised pay

for its cable operators from \$50 to \$60 per meeting for Level 1. Level 2 went from \$60 to \$70.

A maximum of 3 hours are customarily given for town meetings and they usually don't run much longer. After that billable time is available if needed.

The cable board had asked that one of its camera operators, Drake Thomas, move to Level 2 and the higher rate. Approval of the selectmen was sought regarding Thomas as a personnel matter on hiring that the governing body must pass on.

Money for the pay raises comes out of the cable board's own funds, not from taxation.

In another step, the selectmen are lending support to the annual roadside cleanup in Sandown that precedes Earth Day on Apr. 22.

The town works alongside the Girl Scouts every year and sometimes the Conservation Commission to assist. The cleanup this

year will be the weekend before of Apr. 17-18.

This program provides free blue bags that are made available without charge through NH the Beautiful, a private non-profit charitable trust that promotes litter cleanup and environmental awareness.

The program asks people to pledge to organize at least one community litter cleanup in a year, publicize it, and make information available to businesses and residents about highway sponsorship done by organizations and families through the state Department of Transportation.

Getting more free bags for the cleanup requires repledging, Blaisdell said. The selectmen went on record doing that and requested 10 cases of bags.

Public Works Director Arthur Genuardo and the highway crew have agreed to help again this year. The highway department will pick up the bags along the roadside the Monday after the event.

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Robert Thompson Chosen To Be Hampstead Superintendent

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HAMPSTEAD - A year ago, residents in towns across the Timberlane Regional School District, including Hampstead, approved leaving the school district come July 1. Since Hampstead have shared the same school administrative unit with Timberlane for so many years it meant that they were tasked with finding their own superintendent to lead the district.

That search came to an end on last month when the school board announced that Robert Thompson was to be its first-ever superintendent.

Thompson will be coming to the Hampstead School District with years of experience as a Dean of Students, as a principal and as an assistant superintendent.

In a press release from the Hampstead School District, Thompson's resume was laid out.

"Mr. Thompson has served as Assistant Superintendent in Hollis Brookline since 2019. His

educational leadership experience also includes Principal of Hollis Brookline Middle School and Dean of Students at Souhegan High School. Mr. Thompson has received his Master's Degree in Education, as well as holds an Ed. S. (Educational Specialist in Educational Administration and Supervision) degree."

School Board Chair Caitlin Parnell stated that Thompson is the right person to lead the district into the future, in what they view as a key role for the district.



Robert Thompson

"The School Board and Superintendent Search Committee are excited to bring Mr. Thompson in to lead Hampstead schools. His drive and commitment to students, staff and com-

munity are what ultimately led us to select Mr. Thompson for this key role," Parnell stated in the press release. "As a new single district SAU, Hampstead has the ability to shape our own future, and Mr. Thompson is the right person to lead us."

Thompson said that he is looking forward to joining the Hampstead district.

"The Hampstead School District has a long-standing reputation of educational excellence," Thompson stated in the press release. "I am honored to join a talented

team of educators who are committed to serving the needs of the students in the Hampstead Community."

Thompson edged out the other finalist for the job Dr. Daniel Moulis who has been the superintendent in Barrington since 2017.

Thompson will begin his tenure as the first superintendent in the school district starting July, 1.

The superintendent position isn't the only major administrative move that the Hampstead School District is expected to make this year.

With an opening for the Hampstead Central School principal position expected at the end of the year the school district is currently in the process of finding a replacement.

Hampstead School District Executive Consultant Earl Metzger announced during the Feb. 9 Hampstead School Board meeting that they have finalized the job description and already had the job posted. He told the board during that meeting that they will be accepting applications until March 14.

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Sandown's Hazardous Mitigation Plan Adds Drought, Climate, and Infectious Disease

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The four components of Sandown's current hazardous mitigation plan have not changed greatly since the most recent 2015 plan though with some updates made.

Natural hazards for the town include flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, severe winter weather, and wildfires. Despite having no earthquakes, those were put in the new plan because the state of New Hampshire has Rockingham County at risk for them.

Three additional hazards were added: drought, climate change, and – due to COVID-9 being seen as a natural hazard –

infectious disease, Theresa Walker, Rockingham Planning Commission consulting planner for hazard mitigation plans, said at the Sandown Board of Selectmen public hearing Mar. 1 on the town's draft plan.

The plan was developed by RPC and the Sandown Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires every town in the nation to have a hazard mitigation plan and be updated every 5 years to qualify for disaster relief funding. A disaster declaration made for a natural hazard enables eligibility to apply for financial assistance.

Some of these hazards

like flooding may be prone in specific town locations, Walker noted. Infectious disease and extreme temperatures can occur anywhere.

The draft plan includes these Sandown areas as vulnerable to flooding: Wood Duck Circle adjacent to the Exeter River, Rte. 121A at Deer Run Road, North Shore Road along Phillips Pond, and Hampstead Road at Metacomet Drive.

To mitigate hazards Sandown has master plans, the emergency operations plan, zoning ordinances dealing with flooding, storm water work, and other activities such as culvert assessments and tree removal.

As this is an update,

RPC looked at the 2015 action plan and the areas needing work then, what was completed, and the outstanding plan items to be kept or removed. New action items were added for climate change, infectious disease, and drought.

"By putting any of these action items in your plan you're not obligated to do them," Walker told the board.

"But the purpose of the plan is to show Homeland Security and FEMA that Sandown is aware of the hazards that impact you, that you have programs and policies in place to help mitigate the damages from those hazards, and that you have a plan – much like a CIP [Capital Improvement

Plan] type of plan – to address those threats, to protect infrastructure, human life."

Getting many citizen comments on these plans is rare but residents can always review them and share any input with town officials, she said. Those who live in Sandown may comment until Apr. 5.

After RPC receives any corrections or changes from the town, she will send the plan to New Hampshire Homeland Security for review and then make any edits requested. It will next go to FEMA for approval.

With the plan listing the Town Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, and Town Highway Shed as critical facilities, Selectman Tom Tombarello

asked Walker about expanding the sites. He suggested having the Recreational Building or the Library too.

Were the Town Hall to have a fire and major damage at the Fire Station, having other facilities on the list could be advisable, Tombarello said. At present, the Recreational Building is in the plan as a facility to protect in the event of a disaster, Walker noted.

If people were congregated in the rec center during a wind storm or wildfire, it would need to be evacuated quickly. But if the town wanted it as somewhere to gather if something happened to the Town Hall or Police Station, it could be moved up to Category 1.

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COVID-19 would be in a managed state going forward," Richardson explained.

Richardson explained that despite this, the school district's original budget still contained a large increase over the previous year.

The original budget would've seen an overall increase of over seven percent compared to 2020-2021. It's why the district decided to tackle the budget more to cut where they could.

"We immediately went to work looking at what we have in here that we can think about changing," Richardson said.

One of the major impacts that Richardson explained they had no control over is in regards to retirement contributions.

He explained that due to a mandated increase of contributions made by both school districts and employees to the New Hampshire State Retirement Fund the district is faced with a line item increase of \$140,000 compared to last year.

"In a year where we're tight on money it was an impact that we really didn't want to see," Richardson said.

Another major impact that they had no control over was in regards to special education services.

Richardson explained that they will have a 23.85 percent increase over 2020-2021 meaning that they will have an increase of \$387,000. In his preview Richardson explained out of that increase \$286,000 comes from out of district placements of students.

While much of the original budget increases needed to stay intact due to mandates, Richardson explained that they were able to make some cuts to what they were going to budget for Capital Im-

provement Projects essentially not seeking funding for projects and repairs that don't need to be done this upcoming year.

When it comes to budgets one of the things that districts often look at is what the tax impact will be on residents in the community.

Richardson explained that aside from looking at cuts they also looked at ways the district could generate revenue from things like grants in order to lower the tax burden.

"We think we did the best job possible to lower the impact," Richardson said.

If the warrant is approved Richardson said the tax impact for proper-

ties will be \$1.097 per \$1,000 worth of value.

The other two warrant articles that were approved by the voters at the district meeting is to allow \$20,000 to be transferred from the fund balance at the end of the year and be placed into the Boiler Capital Reserve Fund. The other warrant allows for voters to vote on a board member position who will get elected to a three-year term.

The next step for the warrants and ultimately the bottom line budget to be finalized will take place during the town's voting later this spring.

Voting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 11 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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300th Anniversary Committee Continues to Plan Events

HENRY GREENBAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester, 300th Anniversary Committee met last month via WebEx due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first order of business was the introduction of volunteers Sharon and Jeffery Dinopoulos. Sharon is a warehouse analyst for Comcast and her husband Jeffery is a marketing and financial analyst. They want to get more involved in the Chester community and hope to use their skills for the service of the town.

The next order of business was the 5K and Firemen's Muster which was represented by David and Maria Veale and Colin

Costine. They are meeting with the committee once more to present the numbers for a 5K.

They discussed the different quantities for donations that will be submitted by people. They also talked about the money needed for security, shuttle buses, t-shirts, and the general setup for the run.

The event will be taking place on July 23.

After approving the minutes, the committee moved onto some old business starting with the presentation documents. Committee member Sue Reiter put forward documents that were not approved by the committee and needed further review.

The documents were

about events taking place in the town like the car show or the signs and publications for the town. They also talked about the commitment memo that would be sent to all sponsors of the town. Committee treasurer Rhonda Lamphere suggested changes to the memo like putting the town's tax code on it as sponsors like to know things like that.

"Jay [Cannon] had mentioned that when a sponsor signs up or makes a commitment to us, they're going to want the town's tax identification number," said Lamphere. "I also felt that if we are using that form as a receipt, then a 300 member should be signing it as well

so that the sponsor knows who they were talking to."

The next order of business was the commemorative number plates. The committee had to decide on which commemorative license plate they wanted for Chester and had to choose between three different designs.

One license plate omitted the word tricentennial to make Chester and the dates of the town bigger and more visible. Another license plate included the word tricentennial along with the town Chester and the dates. The third license plate had the phrase "Live free or die" centered under the date instead of the bottom of the license plate itself.

The committee decided on the first option which omitted the word tricentennial as they decided that was the best looking one. They also adjusted the phrase "Live free or die" to be centered at the bottom of the plate, in between the two holes.

The next step in the process is to get a letter from the Chester Board of Selectmen and send it along with a draft of the license plate to Concord. Once it is approved, then they can start sending it out for estimates on getting the plates made.

The committee then discussed the Christmas tree lighting and the New Year's bonfire. When the Christmas tree is lit on Dec.

5, committee treasurer Lamphere wanted the tree to have two sets of lights. One set is multicolored and the other is white colored.

After Christmas, the multicolored lights would be taken down and the tree would remain lit with the white colored lights until March.

Other committee members make the point that people will be confused by that and wonder why it isn't included in the New Year's bonfire. Others believed that it was a good idea and make suggestions for the lights if they were to go forward with it.

The committee decided that it was best to resume the discussion on the Christmas tree lighting at the next meeting.

Planning Board Approves Site Plan for Field to Fork Farm

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER- It's about three months since the Chester Planning Board was first approached with an application for a site plan review to allow the owners of Field to Fork Farm, Patrick and Daniela Connelly, to conduct agritourism activities and events at their farm.

The owners were back at the planning board once again after they were told by the board that they needed to seek approval from the Board of Selectmen in order to be able to have use of Jack Road so people could park too, getting a special exception variance from the zoning board in order to have agritourism events.

During the March 3 Chester Planning Board meeting Town Planner Andrew Hadik explained that after going to the zoning board the Conley's were granted a special exemption to have agritourism at the farm, however the planning board needed to address the hours of operation, the number of guests allowed, and issues regarding amplified music.

On the topic of hours of operation it was decided to make the hours 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. seven days a week.

One of the concerns that was brought up by people in the surrounding area was in regards to the amount of guests that would be allowed per event. The main issue that people had was in regards

to having too much parking on Jack Road. It was decided to have the maximum amount of guests be 150 per event.

Another big concern that was brought up by abutters was in regards to amplified music.

After some discussion it was agreed on by the owners and the board to limit the amount of events that could take place that would involve amplified music or sound.

It was agreed on that amplified sound events and weddings would be limited to three times per month and would have a curfew of 10 p.m. and would be limited to Fridays through Sundays and on holidays.

Aside from weddings and other amplified sound

events that are expected to take place at the farm, they are also expecting things like farming-related educational seminars to take place.

Other activities are expected to include things like Health and Wellness educational seminars and Farm-to-Table dinners.

The Chester Planning Board ultimately agreed to approve the site plan review with the conditions agreed upon by the board.

In other news Hadik told the board that he had

spoken to the town clerk about the high cost of gloves for the police department and whether or not they would be able to receive any reimbursements from the federal government since it is considered personal protective equipment.

It was explained by Hadik that the original program through the federal government related to these reimbursements had expired, however the town is looking into seeing if they can receive reimburse-

ments through FEMA.

This was looked into after the planning board approved the use of funds from impact fees to purchase the gloves and they became aware of how much the gloves cost.

The main reason why the gloves cost so much money is because there continues to be a shortage of gloves.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

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Folsom Sugar House Celebrates Thirty Year Anniversary

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NUTFIELD NEWS

It all started with a phone call. In the late 1980's, a friend of Chester residents Brian and Sue Folsom asked if he and his wife could tap the sugar maple trees that grew in the Folsoms' backyard. The Folsoms obliged, receiving fresh maple syrup in return.

The next year, when their friends told them they would not be making syrup again, the Folsoms would take up the maple mantle.

"When they decided they didn't have time to do it, we said, 'Well, we have the time and energy,' so we borrowed their stuff and did it," explained Sue Folsom. The couple would visit sugar houses all around New Hampshire and Vermont that spring, said Folsom, and the more they saw and the more they

learned, the more they realized that maple syrup was their calling.

Folsom Sugar House would open its sugar house doors in the spring of 1991, this year marks their 30th anniversary.

Previously a busy electrician and a state worker respectively, Brian and Sue Folsom are now happily retired, running Folsom Sugar House year-round.

With last year's maple season corresponding with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as it continues into this year's season, the Folsoms have adapted to what has been a bit of a sticky situation for many maple syrup producers.

Folsom Sugar House has been offering a number of products for purchase online, as well as "Maple To Go" services so that customers may pick up their products curbside.



Chester residents Sue and Brian Folsom display their 30-year Anniversary mug as they prepare this year's batch of maple syrup Photo by Chris Paul

Folsom explained that customers have still been welcome to visit the sugar house in person, albeit in

safe numbers, provided that guests adhere to the CDC safety guidelines put in place this past year.

For their 30th anniversary season, Folsom's Sugar House will be open to the public for selected hours both weekdays and weekends. Hours will be posted on the sugar house's website, folsomsugarhouse.com, and on the house's Facebook page, Folsom's Sugar House, along with pictures and videos of the Folsoms' syrup-making process, product availability, and more.

In addition to their syrup, Folsom's Sugar

House also offers a number of maple-related confections, including maple candy, maple taffy, maple cream, and maple sugar, as well as maple barbecue sauce, maple mustard, and even maple pepper.

For their 25th anniversary, Folsom's Sugar House had commemorative mugs available to purchase. This year, the commemoration will be printed on the syrup jars to mark the occasion.

During their time being open, Folsom stated that her fondest memories are of the appreciation and wonder of guests, particularly those who had never experience the maple syrup process prior to their visit.

"To understand the work and effort that goes into such a delicious natural product, and how they're more than happy to buy local and to support us and others...keeps us interested in doing the hard work we do every year," said Folsom.

Folsom added that one of the biggest benefits of buying locally made maple syrup, especially in an age where products can be ordered directly to the home, is that customers will know for sure what they are getting.

"People really want to pay attention when they get (syrup) from another place," said Folsom, explaining

that there are a lot of products that on the packaging may say they are "Packaged in," or "A product of" the United States or Canada. While these labels may be accurate, what their bottles contain may not be as top quality as their branding suggests.

"These are big bulk (companies) getting syrup from all over the place," added Folsom. "And it may not be the freshest."

Over the next 10 years, Folsom said that she and husband, Brian, are looking forward to being able to enjoy more time with their family, including two grown children and several grandchildren, who have all been lending their hands during busy seasons to operations at Folsom's Sugar House.

Folsom said she looked forward to "Having opportunities to have (the grandchildren) join in and help us with what we do, and the learning experience they will get."

As Maple Month continues, Folsom expressed her wishes for NH residents to get out and enjoy all the season has to offer.

"We just hope folks can take the opportunity to visit any of the sugar houses in NH, and share that with their families," said Folsom. "It's a good experience for everybody."

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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astos Hockey Squad Advances to the DI Semifinals

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After just three years of being involved in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's girls hockey program, last week the Pinkerton Academy

Astros earned a spot in the final four with two big wins in the NHIAA Division I Championship.

The Lady Astros hosted two games to start the NHIAA tournament as the number one seed in the Region Three bracket and

beat the Bishop Brady-Trinity-Manchester West (BBTM) team 7-0 in the Preliminary Round and upended Concord High School 6-2 in a Quarter-final game. Both games took place on Pas home ice at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

In the first round, the Lady Astros had no trouble disposing of their BBTM opponent, spreading out their seven goals over the three periods.

Senior Kesey Levesque started the offense with the first goal of the game.

Junior Captain Jordyn Wasiejko was second to score, giving the Astros a 2-0 lead at the end of the first.

Wasiejko added an assist in that period, as well as an assist each for junior Molly Fahey and senior Lauren Riviere.

The PA lead was extended to 4-0 in the second period with goals

from freshman Riley Dunn and sophomore Madison Gibeault. Sophomore Emily Buckley had two assists in that period, and senior captain Chloe Laborgne also added one.

The one-sided scoring event continued into the third period when Levesque opened the period with a goal, followed by one from Buckley. Fahey added the sixth goal of the night for the overwhelming victory. In that period, Wasiejko had another assist as well as Fahey and Dunn.

In the second game of the week, in the Quarter-finals against Concord High School, the Astros were looking to correct a 5-4 loss they had suffered to that team at the end of the regular season and did just that.

This was a very physical game for the Lady Astros, and even though the PA team outnumbered the Crimson Tide squad by



Astros sophomore forward Madison Gibeault battles to try and put the puck past Concord's goalie during the Friday night Quarterfinals. *Photos by Chris Paul*

almost a full line, Concord kept up with PA until the third period, where PA then took a commanding lead.

The first period opened

with a goal from Emily Buckley followed by one from CHS to tie things up at one at the six-minute mark.

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Astros goalie Bobby Brodeur was able to hold Concord to just two goals in the Quarterfinals.



TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester Street, to consider:

a motion for rehearing from William R. Reishus and Corinna L. Reishus d/b/a Triad Winery for a denial of a variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.4 (prohibited uses in the R-1 zone) to permit a commercial use in the Zone R-1 including the construction of an approximately 12'x16' building on the premises with outdoor seating for a wine tasting area with ancillary uses, for the sale of wine products, including the sales of bottles of wine on the premises for off-site consumption

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Astros Boys Basketball Squad Bounced by Londonderry

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball squad wasn't ready to call it quits last week as they took on the Londonderry Lancers in their second game of the NHIAA Division I playoffs on Thursday night, March 4 in Londonderry.

The Astros were coming off a big first round win against Salem High School on Monday night and were looking forward to another win against their neighboring rival in the Preliminary Round of the tournament.

The PA squad had beat the Lancers 48-45 and 53-46 in the two regular season games and felt they had a good chance of continuing that streak.

Londonderry, on the other hand, had worked out their offensive issues from earlier in the season and were a much different team headed into the playoffs. Thus, the Lancers muscled through a

very physical game on their home court to come away with a 66-58 victory over the Astros.

The game was tightly monitored by the referees from start to finish that night, with 23 fouls called in the first half of play, 13 by Londonderry and 10 against Pinkerton, and things stayed that way throughout, with LHS getting 13 more in the second, while PA was charged with 12.

Offensively, the Astros came out with a slight advantage in the first quarter, PA Freshman forward Jackson Marshall had three, three-pointers and senior Justin Dunne managed a bucket and a three.

That quarter ended with PA taking a slim, one-point lead into the second period, but LHS tightened up their defense in the second and outscored the Astros 16-11, taking a 31-27 lead into half-time.

That momentum carried into the third period, where

the Londonderry boys were able to maintain a two-point scoring advantage and lead 46-40 headed into the fourth and final period.

In that period, the LHS squad was once again able to outscore PA by two for the 66-58 win.

LHS senior guard, Jackson Cox finished big, with 24 baskets and a number of steals. Cox had six buckets and one three-pointer. He also went to the foul line 17 times. Cox had not played in either of the games against PA in the regular season.

Marshall was big point-getter for the PA side with 20. He had four, three-pointers, a lay-up and six free-throws.

Dunne had eight points, and Andy MacDonald, Drew Brander and Aiden Kane each had six points in the loss.

First year PA head coach David Chase commented, "The Astros handled many challenges this season with

class and respect. From transitioning to a new coach to handling two different shut-downs due to COVID, this team bonded and as freshman Drew Brander said "We became a family" whenever you have five seniors who can put personal goals aside for the good of the team success follows. Andy MacDonald, Will Warriner, Justin Dunne, Jimmy Flynn and EJ Fasano had a huge impact in changing the culture of this program. With young guys returning like Tyrone and Anthony Chinn, Quinn Hammer, Aidan Kane, Sam Depelteau, Anthony Delsavo, Drew Brander and Jackson Marshall the future looks bright for the Astros."

Chase added, "As the new coach, I just want to thank the Pinkerton community for their support and excitement, we will continue to strive for excellence on and off the court. I am looking forward to running the youth basketball camps this summer and getting to know



Astros freshman Jackson Marshall attempts a three-pointer with LHS Jackson Cox defending.

more of the young players in our community." The program made a big stride from last year's one-win season to this year where they only lost two games.

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Astros Spirit Squad Takes First in Winter Championship

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Astros Winter Cheerleading squad competed in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division One Championship and took the first-place title for the third consecutive year and the 16th title since 2004.

The team has won all but two titles in the span.

This year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the competition was held virtually. Each team was allowed to submit one video of the team's routine, and those performances were

reviewed by a panel judges on Sunday afternoon, March 7.

In the review, the Astros team scored 104.3 to take the Division I Title. The Salem High School Blue Devils finished in second with 100.9 points and the Concord Crimson Tide finished in third place with 95.3 points.

The Londonderry Lancer finished in fourth place for the competition with 93.7 points.

Astros senior teams are: Haylee Apostoloff, Harper Lewis, Ariana Miller, Alanna Murphy and Chloe Sanders. Juniors are: Madison, Baker, Amanda

Bryson, Alexis Chrissanthis, Brooke Drouin, Skylar Neilsen, Anna Scaggs, Kylie Souza, Rachel Swanson and Kamryn Thompson. Sophomores are: Haleigh Bowler, Brielle Bryson, Emily Lawrence and Sarah Taylor. Emma Cassier is the team's lone freshman.

The Pinkerton Academy Junior Varsity squad also took first over the weekend.

That squad finished the competition scoring 87.3. Londonderry came in second with a score of 83 and Concord placed third with 61.6.



The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Cheerleading squad won another Division I Championship title over the weekend. *Courtesy photo*

Athletes of the Week

Week of March 1



Jackson Marshall Freshman, Boys Basketball

The 6'6" power forward led the team in scoring averaging 20 ppg. Shooting 12-26 from the floor (46.7%) and 9-9 100% from the foul line. He also grabbed 14 rebounds in the two games. Jackson also showed a competitive edge as he played his heart out both playoff games.



Brielle Bryson Sophomore, Winter Spirit

Brielle throws some of the hardest tumbling in the routine and controls the center stunt in her primary role for PAVC as a backspot. We can count on Brielle to show up every day for her team and coaches always giving us her 100%. She is positive, shows great leadership potential and she is a beast on the competition mat.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Lady Astros

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Fahey regained the PA lead seconds later with a goal of her own before the period ended. Gibeault, Wasiejko and Levesque each had assists in the first.

In the second period Fahey had the only PA goal, assisted by Wasiejko and the Crimson Tide got one back to make it 3-2 at the end of two.

After an extremely long intermission between periods due to very slow ice cleaning, the Lady Astros quickly snapped off two goals to start the third period.

Concord fans were more than a little upset with the ice sloppy ice conditions on the Crimson Tide side of the ice, and a brief pause in action took place at that point, but the momentum never shifted and the Astros enjoyed the

6-2 victory.

Third period goals came from Lauren Riviere, Jordyn Gravel-Maher and Wasiejko. Wasiejko and Fahey each had an assist to close out the win.

Juitor goalie Bobby Brodeur was outstanding

in the game, fighting off a countless barrage of shots fired at her by the Crimson Tide players.

The team was scheduled to take on St. Thomas Aquinas/Winnacunnet/Dover in the Semifinals on Tuesday, March 9, in

Concord after the Nutfield News went to press.

The Pinkerton team suffered the only other loss of the season to that team back in February. The game finished at 4-1 in Dover.

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Pinkerton Makes it to Quarterfinals in State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey teams squared off in the Region One Preliminary Round of the Division I State Championship last week, and even though the Lancers fought their way to a 4-4 to start the third period, the Astros were able to finish things for a 7-4 victory and move onto the Quarterfinals.

That game took place on Wednesday, March 3, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett, which happens to be both teams' home ice.

The Pinkerton team took an early 2-0 lead with a goal by Ethan Burgess from Lorenzo Corsetto and Nick Plaza at the 9:16 minute mark and 15 seconds later Burgess and Corsetto scored again.

Londonderry got one back about three minutes later when Connor Paiton got one by Pinkerton goalie Paul Lescovitz from Drew Nutter.

Corsetto added another point to the PA side of the board two minutes later with an unassisted goal to end the first period.

The second period continued to go Pinkerton's way, when at 5:39, Aidan Price scored from Jack Doherty and Ryan Lewandowski to give the Astros a rather commanding 4-1 lead.

Londonderry battled back at that point scoring three consecutive goals to end the second period with both sides knotted at four.

Sam Neville scored with an assist from Brendon Savage and Noah Malcolm at 11:37.

Savage then got a goal of his own from Neville thirty seconds later.

With just 20 second left on the clock in the second period, and with a man advantage, Londonderry's Drew Nutter tied the game up at 4-4 with an assist by Neville on a power play.

After an extremely long intermission between the second and third periods, due to ice cleaning issues at the rink, Pinkerton regained their momentum with a

goal by Nick Plaza from Aidan Price and Connor Clifford at 11:14 for a lead they would not relinquish.

Hunter Drouin tacked on two more before the buzzer sounded, one unassisted on a power play the other was by way of an open net, and the Astros moved on to the Quarterfinals.

Pinkerton goalie, senior Paul Lescovitz had 36 saves in the win.

Head coach Sam Littlefield was impressed with how the team handled the situation at the end of the second period. "We obviously had a lapse in that period, but we responded in the third (after a long intermission) and never lost confidence. I thought that spoke volumes about our team this year. We've been faced with a lot of setbacks throughout the season, but our guys have responded to each one of those setbacks and kept moving forward."

Things got much tighter in the Astros Quarterfinal game against the Salem Blue Devils in Salem.

In that game Pinkerton lost 2-1 with Salem Scoring both goals in the second period, while the Astros were only able to get one back in the third period.

Corsetto scored the only Astros goal with an assist from Ryan Leighton during



Astros senior Hunter Drouin makes his way to the Lancers side of the ice on Wednesday night.



Pinkerton senior goalie Paul Lescovitz had 36 saves in the win against LHS and 26 saves against Salem in the Division I playoffs. Photos by Chris Paul

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DERRY

Free Bag Meals To Go

The Derry Community Meals will provide Free Bag Meals To Go on: 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.; 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 derry-pl.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

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.

Food Pantry

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

CHESTER

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 Kuil 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.

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

Relaxing Kits

On Wednesday, March 17, the Hampstead Public Library has Teen Takeaway - Relaxation Kits available at Curbside Pickup for Hampstead students in grades five and up. This curated kit contains supplies to make a do-it-yourself stress ball. Plus, you'll find several other de-stressing activities and treats. Kits are available starting March 17 and as long as supplies last.

Book Club Reads @ Hospital Life

The Hampstead Public Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital by Sheri Fink. The discussion is on Tuesday, April 6 at 1 p.m. To reserve a copy of the book, call the Library 603-329-6411. In the tradition of the best investigative journalism, physician and reporter Sheri Fink reconstructs five days at Memorial Medical Center after hurricane Katrina. The culmination of six years of reporting, this book unspools the mystery of what happened in those days after the

storm, bringing the reader into a hospital fighting for its life and into a conversation about the most terrifying form of health care rationing.

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 Q&A. Advance registration is required; please sign-up via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Hampstead residency is not required; all baseball fans are welcome.

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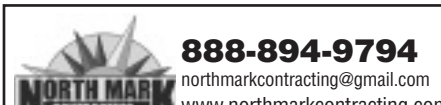
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Chess Club

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 self-care with this 30-minute class on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. According to the Mayo Clinic, meditation can reduce negative emotions, build skills to manage stress, improve rest and relaxation, and increase patience and tolerance. The classes are taught by library assistant and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump. You do not have to be a Hampstead resident to attend. Register via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org.

SANDOWN

Old Home Day Committee

The Sandown Old Home Day Committee has openings and is seeking new members for the committee. If you are interested in planning the Old Home Day Fall Festival, a wonderful community event, please contact Pat Kimball at pkimb456@gmail.com.

Trivia Game Spring Edition

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun with the Sandown Library on Saturday March

13, from 1 - 2 p.m., to play a spring edition of our popular Trivia Game! Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

St. Patrick's Day Kahoot

It's St. Patrick's Day! Join the Sandown Library for a St. Patrick's Day "Would you rather" Kahoot (for ages 6+) on Wednesday, March 17 from 4 - 5 p.m. Registration is required. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 887-3428, or youthservices@sandownlibrary.us. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Easy Spring Wreath

(all ages) Make a Spring wreath with two simple items. The Sandown Library will provide the grape vine wreath YOU provide 2 packages of paper napkins! These wreaths are easy to change out for your next seasonal decor. Registration is limited to ensure supplies for all participants, Registration closes Wednesday, March 17. Wreaths may be picked up between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., the week prior to the event. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

YouTube - Story Time

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

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 min-

utes 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.

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.

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.

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

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 887-3428 or youthservices@sandownlibrary.us.

OBITUARY

Robert G. Werner



Robert G. Werner, 92, of Chester, NH, died Thursday Feb. 25, 2021, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Bob was born Jan. 21, 1929 in Meriden, CT and was the son of the late Gustave and Lillian (Bercier) Werner. He was raised and educated in Meriden, where he resided prior to relocating to Chester in 1960.

Mr. Werner served in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked as a mechanic most of his life, having worked at Genest Ford, in Manchester, NH and then for many years at Candia Trailers and Snow Equipment Company. Bob was known to many as the "town mechanic" in Chester, doing oil changes and minor auto repairs for many local residents. He enjoyed deep sea fishing and snowmobiling. He was a lifelong gun enthusiast, formerly belonging to the Chester Rod & Gun club and was a longtime member of the Kinnicum Fish & Game Club of Candia.

Members of the family include his two sons, David J. Werner of Manchester, NH and Robert G. Werner, Jr., of Ventura, CA. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of over 40 years, Karla (Berg) Werner in 2001 and by his son James G. Werner, in 2014.

A walk-through wake was held Wednesday, March 10, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact, and maintain social distancing. A spring burial will be in Great Hill Cemetery of Chester at a later date.

OBITUARY

Albert A. "Babe" Gallien



Albert A. "Babe" Gallien, 88, formerly of Derry passed away on Tuesday Feb. 23, 2021 in Woodstock, GA surrounded by family both in person and via video. Babe was born in Derry, NH on Sept. 22, 1932 one of 11 children of Albert and Agnes Gallien.

He was a proud Navy Veteran. Babe had a long career of over 42 years with the telephone company in equipment installation. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Being a native of Derry, he spent lots of time at the family-owned beach down at Beaver Lake, making many memories with his family. There was always someone coming down to tell a funny story or just shoot the breeze. Many of the towns people knew Babe and enjoyed conversations at the local Dunkin Donuts and area restaurants.

He leaves three daughters, the late Leisa Gallien of Derry, Kim Spanos and her husband Chris of Derry and Julie Gallien of Manchester NH, six grandchildren, Nicholas Gallien-Oliver and his wife Jenny, Daniel Gallien and his wife Katie, Christopher Spanos, Julia Spanos, Michael Spanos and Christopher Broom; two great grand-children, Dylan and Flynn Gallien-Oliver, three sisters Teda Tingley of Chester, Michelle of Gilmanton and Marlene of Vermont; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday April 21, at 10 a.m., in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact, and maintain social distancing.



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