

Chester Selectmen Approve Town's Warrant Articles

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – With two months to go before the annual Chester Town Meeting, which was rescheduled due to COVID-19, the Chester Board of Selectmen discussed and approved the warrant articles being sent to the Chester Budget Committee for their approval.

One of the warrant articles that caused a good amount of discussion revolved around the donation of the property at 78 Raymond Ave. If approved by the town the warrant article would allow the property to be donated to the town of Chester.

It was explained by Selectmen Chuck Myette that the donation to the town would be contingent on the appraisal of the property being acceptable by both the IRS along with the property owner since the donation would be applied to taxes.

Because of this under the federal guidelines it means that the appraisal needs to take place within 60 days of the closing date meaning that instead of getting the appraisal done in March like they originally planned they will have to wait until May 1.

The main point of discussion by the Selectmen was in regards to if it would be worth obtaining the property or not at this time.

Myette made the point that while they may not have a use for the property currently the town is continuing to grow meaning that they will likely need more properties in the future. He feels that by being able to obtain the property, which is centrally located in town adjacent to the school and he said, "It is the future. We know we will need more space in the future."

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo explained that he was neutral on the issue,

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Hampstead Selectmen Meet as New Five-Members Board

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HAMPSTEAD – The Hampstead Board of Selectmen convened as a five-member board for the first time ever, at their March 22 meeting. Last year's Chairman, Sean Murphy, will continue leading the board again this year.

New members elected for three years are Steve Morse and Maurie Worthen, and for one-year Laurie Warnock. Chad Bennett was not returned to his seat in the March elections.

Selectman Joe Guthrie had urged town voters in a petition article last year to increase the board's size from three to five members. The measure was approved in March 2020 with a one-year waiting period.

He called for the board's expansion to improve transparency and to enable members to more effectively fulfill their liaison roles with the numerous boards and committees in town.

In turning to business, the board approved the new police union agreement following the town's support this year for cost items in the three-year collective bargaining accord between the Hampstead Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local No. 37 of New Hampshire, taking effect April 1.

Voters this month appropriated \$27,576 for the additional cost of increased salaries and benefits.

Many years ago town of Hampstead residents voted to create a special police detail fund, Police Chief Joseph Beaudoin recalled for the board. This allowed the department to place a certain amount of money from every detail into the fund. With the selectmen's permission equipment is purchased from it for the police department.

With the new contract the police portion of the payroll is going up. It will go from \$45 currently to \$54 as voted on by the town to maintain the same number of department

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Bunny Help Members of the Sandown Lions Club got a little help from a large white bunny during the Drive Thru Easter Breakfast fundraiser held on Saturday morning, March 27, at the Sandown Town Hall Parking Lot. See more on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Erika Cohen Selected as Derry School Board Chair

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DERRY – The Derry School Board held its first board meeting since the school board elections took place in early March. During the March 23, meeting the board selected a new school board chair to serve for the next year.

Derry School Board member Lynn Perkins then nominated board member Derick Anderson to serve as the vice chair of the board, after previously serving as the school board chair. Anderson was voted as the new vice chair unanimously.

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David Smith Chosen as Hampstead School Board Chair

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board held its first meeting following the March elections and during the meeting Hampstead School District Executive Assistant Earl Metzler welcomed the new member of the Hampstead School Board.

Erin Pellegrini was welcomed as a new three-year term member to the board. Metzler explained that Pellegrini isn't someone new to the school district as she has been involved with the school district in a number of different ways including the parents group.

Pellegrini said that she

is excited to join the board.

"I just wanted to take a minute to thank everybody that voted for me. I really appreciate every single vote. I really want to thank you for trusting me to be a voice for our children," Pellegrini. "I'm looking forward to an interesting and busy year but I think it will be great."

One of the members of the board who won his election was Jason Giard. Giard previously served on the board for the last year.

"I want to thank the community, the teachers, the staff, and the residents in town who supported me and voted for me through the election process. It was a fun run and the well wishes and the messages

were greatly appreciated," Giard said. "I'm looking forward to the new position, the new role, and representing the town the best that I can. I'm ready to get to work."

During the meeting they also elected its new board chair for the 2021-2022 school year.

Being elected on a 4-0 vote was David Smith.

Smith said that he is thankful for the three members of the school board who have served for the past year.

"Thank you to the three board members who have been with us for the last year. It's been quite the turbulent year with a lot of work we've done with a lot of ups and

downs," Smith said.

Smith also thanked the board members who previously served.

"We all owe you a great deal of appreciation," Smith said.

The board also picked its new vice chair. Serving as the Hampstead School Board Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 year will be Megan Malcom.

It was also agreed on during the meeting by the board that its regularly scheduled board meetings will take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hampstead Town Hall.

It was announced by Smith that they will begin having meetings in person again starting on April 13,

and will no longer be having the meetings via Zoom. He said that the district is working on a way to have the meetings live streamed for people to watch.

Because the school board currently has an opening, it was also announced how they will be filling the vacancy.

Under the district's policy there is no specifics on what they need to do in order to fill an open position, aside from the fact that they need to fill it. The term will last until the next Town Meeting which is in March of 2022.

It was explained by Smith that they decided to seek letters of interest from residents of Hampstead who are interested in serv-

ing on the board. From there the board will review the applicants and determine the top three.

In a special school board meeting the board will invite the top three applicants to answer questions publicly for the board and the community to learn more about them before they make a decision on who to appoint to the school board.

Smith said that they are hopeful to have a fifth member of the board soon.

"Our goal is to have that fifth board member sworn in and participating in our April 13 board meeting," Smith said.

The next Hampstead School Board meeting is slated for April 13.

Sandown Planning Board Delays Picking New Board Officers

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SANDOWN - While the Sandown Planning Board was slated to pick its officers for the upcoming year during its March 16 meeting it was ultimately delayed until the next meeting because some members of its board weren't in attendance.

During the meeting the planning board heard from new Sandown Fire Chief Michael Devine, who went to the board seeking clarification in regards to why there is a lack of fire protection at the Meghan Drive subdivision.

"I'm looking to understand why and to possibly

catch this from happening again," Devine explained to the board.

It was explained by Sandown Town Engineer Steve Keach that the last thing that was done there, which was in 2020, wasn't a subdivision and instead was considered a consolidation, significantly reducing the number of lots in the Hillside Estates.

Keach explained that anytime there is a major subdivision application, the application is distributed to each department to comment or make recommendations for accommodations. Because it actually led to less lots than more there were no requirements in the regulations to send

the application to the different departments.

"The reality is given the definition of a minor subdivision, and a major subdivision it really wasn't a requirement that it be submitted," Keach explained.

He explained that even though it technically wasn't required under the regulations they generally do so.

"With that said the practice of this board in the past has been to distribute it anyways," Keach said.

Keach also explained that one of the reasons why he thinks that the application didn't make its way to the fire department is because their longtime

administrative assistant had retired and by the time she was able to be trained she had left.

He said that he thinks that if an application had reached the desk of the new administrative assistant Colleen Olsen, then the fire department would receive it.

"I'm quite confident that you would receive a copy," Keach said.

It was explained during the meeting that when the development was first proposed there were no accommodations recommended by the fire department.

It wasn't until later on when five parcels of land were subdivided which led to the recommendation and creation of a fire pond.

That was the case until the NH Department of Environmental Services

had it removed, because they didn't approve it, which has left them without fire protection since.

Since the final phases of the development aren't going to be completed, the board decided that they would talk to their attorney to find out if there are any remedies that can take place in order to get fire protection there in the future.

Devine said that he didn't expect that they would make a decision during the meeting and instead wanted to start a dialogue regarding the issue.

"I don't expect anyone here to make a decision tonight. I just wanted to bring it to the board's attention that I would like to focus on this and fix this problem if we can please and help to prevent it from happening in the future."

Additionally Devine spoke to the board about adding a box on the checklist of things required for an application for the subdivision of lands. The check box would be to give a copy of the application to the fire department for review.

"If we could add that to the subdivision application of lands that way it is fresh in everyone's minds so when they look through it they can check it off."

Olsen also agreed that she views it as being a beneficial thing.

"I just think that it will be beneficial," Olsen said.

The board also agreed that it was a good idea.

"I think that's a good idea," said Sandown Planning Board Chairman Ernie Brown.

The next Sandown Planning Board meeting is slated for April 6, at 7 p.m.

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Water Resource Committee Looks to Complete Water Survey

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HAMPSTEAD - The Water Resource Committee is continuing work on preparing an online town survey on water protection and conservation expected to be available in April.

The objective is to enable responses from residents, businesses, schools, the general public, officials, staff, boards, and commit-

tees. Regional coordination is also sought with shared water entities, including the Environmental Protection Agency.

The surveys going to schools would be for principals and administrators to complete.

The survey which is being funded by grant money will ask respondents about their sources of drinking water, whether a private shallow or bedrock

well, community water system, or commercial drinking water supply, and how these interact.

The biggest difference in results could come from someone not understanding which source they have, said committee member Stephanie Spyvee during a workshop on the survey Mar. 23. The sources of water supply for the town will be listed though.

No personal information would be collected as part of the survey and all responses will be anonymous to maintain confidentiality, Julie LaBranche, senior planner with the Rockingham Planning Commission, who is working with the committee on designing the survey, noted during the workshop.

"When the survey is collected there are no IPO addresses or anything like that," she said. "There's no locational signature to your responses."

The committee is still looking at the best tool for respondents who want more information or for the committee to contact them. That may be entering an email or phone number but this information would not be included in their survey answers.

Another possible option could be to click on the HWRC address and send questions or an information request through filling out a separate form.

In such a case the RPC would not be fielding questions and would pass along any inquiries as an intermediary to the committee, LaBranche said.

The survey's fact sheets on water pollution and land use impact will cover illegal dumping into waterways and illegal dumping on private or other lands. They also address implications of

those actions and the regulatory process for responding to such violations.

The water pollution fact sheet will address arsenic and radon in addition to PFAS. The emphasis will be on the need for water testing and naturally occurring problems in the local area that can affect health.

A number of the Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements for Hampstead relate to illicit discharge detection and elimination programs, staff training, outreach, and education to the general public, LaBranche said.

There is overlap between municipal functions and the MS4 permit. The committee intends to share related information with other parts of the town government such as the new storm water committee as it is staffed and gets underway and the Planning Board.

Hampstead is developing a website on MS4 permitting and the town controlling water pollution through regulation of land use and pollution prevention activities.

The town passed a groundwater protection ordinance 2 years ago. There is no ordinance as yet on MS4 though the selectmen adopted a regulation on MS4 to obtain EPA funding.

The Illicit Discharge,

Detection, and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance to regulate non-storm water discharges is required under the second year of the permit, which is now at the end of year 3.

The HWRC won't be including much information on MS4 in the facts sheets as the town is behind on MS4 compliance, said committee member Carl Cote. The new storm water committee will likely be focusing on that topic instead.

The fact sheets will also cover the town groundwater protection ordinance, the ordinances on well drilling, and surrounding blasting regulations and zoning ordinances.

The next HWRC workshop will be Apr. 13 to review the survey in final form before its launch, go over the fact sheet first drafts, and examine details of the outreach plan. The sheet facts should be ready by May.

Once out the survey is expected to run until later in May. It can be filled out online through a QR code link and on the HWRC Facebook page.

The committee will publicize the survey at local businesses, on social media, and on Cable Channel 17 with paper copies available at the Library and Town Hall and if allowed at some businesses.

Six Charged With Virtual Currency Exchange Crimes

Six Granite State residents were recently indicted by a federal grand jury in NH and charged with participating in a conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business and other offenses.

Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced that those charged in the indictment are: Ian Freeman, formerly Ian Bernard, 40, of Keene; Colleen Fordham, 60, of Alstead; Renee Spinella, 23, of Derry; Andrew Spinella, 35, of Derry; Nobody, formerly Richard Paul, 52, of Keene; and Aria DiMezzo (formerly James Baker), 34, of Keene.

Freeman, Fordham, Renee Spinella, Andrew Spinella, and Nobody also are charged with wire fraud and participating in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Freeman is charged with money laundering and operating a continuing financial crimes enterprise. Freeman and DiMezzo

also are charged with operating an unlicensed money transmitting business.

According to the indictment, the defendants have operated a business that enabled customers to exchange over ten million dollars in fiat currency for virtual currency, charging a fee for their service since 2016. They operated their virtual currency exchange business using websites, as well as operating virtual currency ATM machines in New Hampshire.

The indictment alleges that the defendants knowingly operated the virtual currency exchange business in violation of federal anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

The indictment alleges that some defendants opened bank accounts in the names of purported religious entities. According to the indictment, some defendants then engaged in substantial efforts to evade detection of their unlawful

virtual currency exchange scheme by avoiding answering financial institutions' questions about the nature of the business and misleading financial institutions into believing their unlawful virtual currency exchange business was instead a religious organization receiving charitable contributions.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service in coordination with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Georgiana L. MacDonald and Seth R. Aframe.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations. The defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Editorial

As Towns Grow Water is a Big Concern

Now that Londonderry has its first PFAs task force meeting, we believe it might be a good idea for towns to start thinking about having permanent water committees formed as our drinking water in both quality and quantity are paramount for future growth.

The main issue being groundwater and insuring that there is an ample supply of safe, clean drinking water for the residents of town for decades to come.

While drinking water quality is regulated and monitored. Access to good quality drinking water remains a critical issue.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets standards for drinking water quality and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

Millions of Americans receive high quality drinking water every day from their public water systems. However, the water that is being consumed by well owners should also be taken into consideration, since it may not be safe to drink, and some property owners will never be able to or want to hook into public water services.

Generally speaking, contaminated groundwater is very difficult and expensive to clean up. Solutions can be found after groundwater has been contaminated but this isn't easy. For the time being, we feel the best thing to do is adopt pollution prevention and conservation practices in order to protect important groundwater supplies from being contaminated or depleted in the first place.

Since groundwater is an important

and vital resource for all people, it is important to protect it. After all, in many that this paper has written about water can run out. Conserving the quantity of groundwater is essential. By simply reducing the amount of water that we use, our water supply will last longer.

Ways to Protect and Conserve Groundwater according to the Ground Water Foundation at Groundwaterfoundation.org

- Go Native; use native plants in your landscape.
- Reduce Chemical Use; Use fewer chemicals and make sure to dispose of them properly - don't dump them on the ground.
- Manage Waste; Properly dispose of potentially toxic substances.
- Shut off the water, don't let it run.
- Water lawns and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it.
- Reduce the amount of "stuff" you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.
- Natural Alternatives; Use all natural/nontoxic household cleaners when possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally friendly.

You can protect groundwater on a local level in your community. By getting involved and be someone who cares about the future of our natural resource, groundwater get involved in water education it is our future.

Sandown Selectmen Approve Funding for Herbicide Work

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Selectmen have approved the signing by Chair Eric Olsen of a contract and grant agreement for treatment work at Phillips Pond.

At its Mar. 15 meeting the board authorized a first task payment of \$1690 for a state permit fee to enable Solitude Lake Management to begin herbicide work at the pond.

The selectmen previously had looked at whether they could authorize funds for the permit before the Mar. 9 town elections in case voters rejected a special warrant article to control exotic aquatic species there. But they learned they would not have authorization to approve those funds this year prior to the vote.

Town voters did pass Special Warrant Article 11 this month for \$46,820 for treatment to control species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond, offset by \$18,728 in grant funds.

Sandown must appropriate the full contract amount and will receive some money from the Phillips Pond Association, and the rest will come from taxation, Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell told the board during its meeting. Then there is an 80% reimbursement grant.

If diving isn't needed after the herbicide work, the town could potentially have extra funds, she said.

The grant agreement approved is with the state

Department of Environmental Services.

In other action, the board consented to a proposed Eagle Scout project at the Sandown Public Library. The request was made by Life Scout Spencer Bohnwagner of Troop 268.

He wants to create a 10 ft by 30 ft outdoor classroom with a handicapped accessible path behind the library. The structure will be an outside stage with patio blocks to be used for summer programs such as movies and puppet shows at the library and for other town gatherings.

Bohnwagner told the selectmen he will manage the project and do some of the work. He will start fundraising efforts following project approval by the Boy Scouts of America.

One idea he has is to sell engraved bricks for the path for \$60 and have names engraved on them. Selectman Vice Chair Jonathan Goldman suggested Bohnwagner only order the needed number of bricks so they will all weather the same.

He was also advised to speak to the Garden Club about floral work around the path. Blaisdell recommended running the project by the building inspector because this is a municipal building.

In addition, the board agreed to a request for a key to Town Hall by the Historical Society to use the facility for meetings without needing someone present to open the building for the group.

It also approved the Heritage Commission's

use of the lower Town Hall for a fundraiser yard sale on Apr. 24 from 9:00 - 12:00 with limitations followed due to covid, and accepted a \$40 donation for the Senior Affairs Transportation Fund.

The board discussed another request to use the Town Hall as a performing arts venue by the Louis T. Festo Scholarship Fund for an open mike fundraiser on a date to be determined.

The selectmen stipulated that participants would have to follow guidelines on proper use of face covering, use of alcohol based sanitizer, screening staff and attendees for covid symptoms, and disinfecting any shared equipment after use.

The Sandown Lions Club appeared before the board to publicize its partnership with the Kingston Lions Club to collect food donations for pantries in Kingston, Newton, Fremont, and Sandown. The clubs also are collecting clothing - socks and underwear - for Waypoint in Manchester and men's clothing for Ruth's House in Haverhill.

Donations may be brought to the Austin 17 House parking lot in Brentwood on Mar. 20.

The Sandown Lions also are holding a drive through, pick up and go breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Mar. 27 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall parking lot. Pancakes are \$5.00, pancakes with sausage \$6.00, and egg sandwich with or without sausage and cheese are \$5.00.

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Sandown Fire Department Holds Annual Rabies Clinic



Members of the Sandown Fire Department held the annual Rabies Clinic at the Fire House on Main Street in Sandown on Saturday morning, March 27 and dozens of pet owners lined up for rabies shots being administered by members of the Windham Animal Hospital. Deputy Fire Chief Bill Tapley met folks as they stood in line and offered seasonal burning permits to those who have campfires throughout the year. The clinic was not held last year due to COVID-19, and attendance was limited inside the firehouse during the event.

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Chester Zoning Board Approves Variance for AirBNB

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CHESTER - The Zoning Board of Adjustments decided to grant a variance to allow an in-law apartment to be used as a short term rental during its March meeting.

The case was explained by the applicant, Yvonne Vissing, who bought the property in 2006. She described the property at the time as being badly in need of repair both for the interior and the exterior.

Despite the condition that it was in at the time she bought it, Vissing explained that she thought the house could be beautiful.

"I thought if the house was well cared for it could

be beautiful," Vissing said.

From there she began to fix up the house and did remodels and repairs to it including the garage and the barn.

"I worked hard to make the house an asset for the history of the town," Vissing said.

She explained that as she is 68 years old, single, on a fixed income and financially takes care of her adult son who is disabled, she faced difficulties with her taxes being raised. Ultimately had to refinance her house in order to pay her mortgage.

Because she was renting out her in-law apartment she explained that she was able to survive.

"The money earned from renting the little in-law apartment to guests helps me to survive and helps me keep the house care for my son and maintain the property that's historic in good repair," Vissing explained to the board.

Vissing explained that before she started renting out the apartment she went to the Town Hall in the summer of 2017, and talked to multiple people in different offices to try to find out what paperwork she needed to do in order to have an AirBNB in town.

She was told that there were no procedures for it in place and that they wished her success. Because of this she thought that she

was okay to have an AirBNB once she met the company's requirements.

"I figured I was good. I came and tried to do the right thing and it was at this point that I fixed up the in-law apartment and I worked with the AirBNB to comply with their requirements," Vissing explained.

With that said she explained that after having her AirBNB in place for the last five years she was informed in November by the town that she wasn't in compliance with the town ordinance.

"I truly tried to do the right thing," Vissing said. "I thought I was in compliance."

Once she was informed

she began the paperwork process with the town in order to become in compliance which led her to the ZBA meeting.

One of the questions that was asked by the board was whether or not there was an existing in-law apartment when she bought the house.

She said that there was and that was one of the reasons she bought the house.

"It was one of the reasons why I bought the house," she said.

Another question that was asked came from Bill Gregsak who asked how often the apartment is usually rented out.

Vissing said that she usually rents it out about

60-90 days per year.

One of her neighbors Laura Thompson said that the AirBNB hasn't had any impact on her property or the neighborhood.

"There's absolutely no impact on my property, my neighborhood," Thompson said.

Before the board voted on the application, Vissing made a final plea for them to vote in favor of it.

"I beg that you allow me to do this because it makes a huge difference in my ability to take care of my disabled son and to take care of the property," Vissing said.

With a vote of 4-0 the variance was approved by the board.

Chester Planning Board Discusses Subdivision Guideline Changes

KAITLIN BEDELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Planning Board met on March 24 and discussed the runoff issues the town has faced with subdivision drainage.

The board discussed the possibility of rewording their subdivision and site plan guidelines to include a zero-water runoff mandate for future subdivision plans in the town.

Members of the board expressed their concern about the affect new developments have on surrounding areas and spoke about how they can protect their town in the future.

Every subdivision goes through the Board for an approval process, the members discussed adding a layer of protection to this process by being more precise in researching how a new development will

affect the drainage of surrounding areas.

Board Member Michael Weider pointed out that the developer may need to spend a little extra money on their project in order for the engineers to give the board more information about the affect runoff will have on their development prior to its approval.

As the board relies on sending experts out to the location to verify the water

drainage will not be an issue, the cost of this process will need to be incorporated in the developer's plan.

Member Liz Richter also noted that if developers take shortcuts and the grating of the land isn't right then "this whole thing falls apart" which is why it is so crucial for the board to double check the plan prior to its finalization.

Weider then suggested that the board sends their own expert out to take their own grate shots and take measurements in order to ensure that the proposed plan is what will actually be built.

"I totally agree Liz... I think it comes down to say-

ing, 'Yep sorry, some of you developers have burned the town in the past and the cost now is associated with the subdivision'," Weider said.

The board has concern that the developers don't always stick to the plans that have been approved and think they should be more careful in checking the sites that have been approved.

"At the end of the day we have to be assured that what we approve as a subdivision is what is built. It's our credibility as a board and it's the legacy we're gonna pass down after we're all off this board," Weider said.

In addition to how they

will monitor approved projects, the board also talked about how they can prevent any inconsistencies during the approval process.

One change they'd like to make is the zero-runoff rule that would affect the town's drainage systems. While this would have a costly impact on the future projects in town, it would be help to preserve the land of the developing town.

The board will continue to keep these concerns in mind as they work with developers. No changes to their subdivision and site plan guidelines have been made, however this is a conversation that will continue to be ongoing.

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Chester

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and ultimately abstained when the vote was taken.

"I'm sort of neutral on it," D'Angelo said. "I'm going to let the town make its own decision," he added.

The article was ultimately approved with a 3-1 vote.

Another warrant article that was discussed during the meeting revolved around the Stevens Hall renovations.

Currently the Board of

Selectmen is working with a contractor to determine the cost of the different renovations that they are exploring. While they don't have a final number the expectation is that the project's final price tag will be between \$900,000 and 1.1 million dollars.

With that, D'Angelo made the suggestion that they go with a warrant article of \$800,000 so they can pay for the majority of the project cost this year. He also noted that if they find out the cost is lower by the time of the Chester Town

Meeting they could lower it at the meeting.

He explained that he didn't want to put a large tax burden on the taxpayers so he proposed that they would move money from different warrant articles regarding capital improvement in order to raise the money for the hall.

It was explained by Selectmen Stephen Landau that while he agrees that the final cost will be

around \$900,000 to 1.1 million dollars, it is likely to take three to four years in order to complete the entire renovations.

With that said, in order to get the renovations that need to be done for the Chester 300th Anniversary, it will cost about \$400,000. This will allow for the projects needed to be done for the proclamation that will take place there in May of 2022 and the parade in

September of that year.

It was ultimately decided that they would reduce \$250,000 from the highway capital improvement fund warrant article, and put \$400,000 into the historic building capital reserve fund warrant article from the unreserved fund balance to give

Stevens Hall a total of \$650,000 if the warrant articles are approved.

The warrant articles will now head to the budget committee for its recommendations before it goes to the Town Meeting on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. at the Chester Academy Parking Lot.

OBITUARY

Robert W. Bonnar



Robert W. Bonnar, 72, of Merrimack, NH, died Wednesday March 24, 2021 in his home. He was born in Brookline, Mass. on Nov. 11, 1948, a son of Eldon and Bella (Collins) Bonnar. He had been a resident of Merrimack for five years, formerly living in Londonderry. He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 1968, and had attended UNH and Keene State College. Over the years, he had been employed for Manning Electric, the Londonderry Fire Dept., Digital Equipment, and Velcro USA. He was a member of the Londonderry Fish and Game Club, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, camping, playing 45's, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Diana (Finnegan) Bonnar of Merrimack; three daughters, Beth Bonnar and her partner Dave Farrar of Boulder City, NV; Amy Chouinard and her husband Jon of Goffstown, NH; Sara Bonnar and her husband John Della Vedova of Kingston, WA; five grandchildren, Matthew and Rebecca Bonnar; Carter, Aidan and Grady Chouinard; two brothers, Thomas Bonnar, and Richard Bonnar; two sisters, Jean Milne, and Lois Garland (deceased); as well as several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Tuesday, March 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. Private memorial services will be held for the family, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The National Wildlife Foundation.

OBITUARY

James R. Pare'



James R. Pare', 74, of Derry, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua. He was born September 29, 1946 in Lawrence, Mass., a son of the late Andrew J. and Eva (LaShonde) Pare'. James was raised in the Methuen, MA. He was a 1965 graduate of Tenney High School in Methuen, Mass.

Mr. Pare' owned and operated his own residential construction company for 42 years. After retirement he worked at Market Basket in Londonderry for several years. James was a volunteer firefighter in Ayer's Village for 28 years and a dedicated volunteer for the Brain Injury Association of NH, for many years.

Members of the family include his son, Michael A. Pare', his granddaughter, Alexandria Pare', a sister Patricia Mann as well as many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his best friend Ron and family, Butch and Carol Russell of FL. James was predeceased by his beloved wife of 48 years, Cheryl J. (Waring) Pare' in 2015.

Following cremation, private memorial services will be held by the family and invited guests. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, 172 Kinsley Street, Nashua, NH 03061 or the Brain Injury Association of NH, 52 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Shawn Patrick Sarel



Beloved son, brother, nephew and friend, Shawn Patrick Sarel passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 23. A lover of good live music, and history he could be found rocking at any music festival or getting lost for hours at a museum. An avid fisherman and lover of the outdoors, a fishing pole and time at one of his "honey holes" was all he needed. Shawn lived a life full of love, adventure, and excitement. Shawn was a 2016 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry. Shawn also was a member of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corp. Here he achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer and was awarded both the Daughters of the American Revolution medal and Sea Cadet of the Year. His humor and smile remain in the hearts of everyone who loved him, and his charismatic, kind, and adventurous spirit will live on in those he touched forever.

Shawn is survived by his mother Amy Stokes and his step-father, Gary Stokes, both of Dracut, Mass., his sister Samantha Sarel of Derry and his father Thomas Sarel of Derry.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing, and limited interaction with the family will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2021 from 1 - 4 pm in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Mental Health Center of Greater New Hampshire, Attn: Community Relations Office, 2 Wall Street, 2nd floor, Manchester, NH 03101 or at <https://www.mhcgmn.org/donate/>

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Sandown Lions Club Holds Drive Thru Easter Breakfast



Members of the Sandown Lions Club held a Drive Thru Easter Breakfast fundraising event on Saturday morning, March 27 where they were able to serve up eggs sausage and pancakes to anyone driving down Main Street near Town Hall. The annual event is usually hosted by the North School PTA, but this year, due to COVID-19, the group chose not to and the Lions took the opportunity to serve folks from the Town Hall parking lot.

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Chester Anniversary Committee Discuss Time Capsule

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – Chester's 300th Anniversary Committee met for their biweekly meeting on Mar. 23 via WebEx.

After approving the minutes for the meeting, the committee moved onto some old business starting with the time capsule. Board of Selectmen member Stephen Landau asked the committee about it.

"I found [some time capsules online] that were stainless steel and if it's ok with the committee, there

was one that was fairly large," said Landau. "Since it would be buried in Steven's Hall, on the front lawn, [it can then become] part of the infrastructure of the town."

Landau said the funding was available for a large time capsule to be made for Chester, but the decision lies on the 300th Anniversary Committee. The time capsule would cost somewhere between 2,200 and 2,900 dollars.

Committee Treasurer Rhonda Lamphere brought up the point that there are too many unknowns to

decide on that right now. She said, "We need to get a rough idea of what we are going to put inside of [the time capsule] because I do not know what the size is for whatever [Landau is] looking at for 2,200 bucks, but that has got to be pretty big."

Landau said that the capsule was very large, but the committee may only have some trinkets from the town put in there making whatever Landau was looking at too much.

The committee also had to decide on what materials they should use

for the time capsule. "I think plastic pipe would be more than sufficient. They bury that for longer for water usage underground," said committee member Chris Hadik. "I like the idea of the glue on caps because those are sealed."

Since the capsule is supposed to be opened in 50 years, using a plastic material instead of stainless steel would be okay. It is also believed that the glue caps are better because they secure the top of the capsule more easily. It may prevent water and other materials from get-

ting inside the capsule which would ruin the trinkets within it.

The committee decided to discuss the time capsule at a later date, but they did agree that they must decide on what to put in the capsule before they determine the appropriate size. They will also be sending a letter to the governor, asking him to donate something for the time capsule.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing other events for the 300th anniversary of the town of Chester. The proclamation will cover the history of

the town and several key members of the community will make speeches.

Cannons will be shown after the proclamation and an expert behind the history of them will provide a demonstration and background. He will also be training someone to continue the tradition and upkeep of the cannons.

There are still a lot of things that the committee needs to sort out like the number of chairs they can have available at these events and what other events they can offer during the celebration.

Derry

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motion for the nomination of that position. Voted unanimously as the new Derry School Board Secretary was Jessica Ring.

Before the votes took place, Anderson said that he is thankful for the effort that the board put in for the past year.

"I would like to thank the board for this past year. The amazing effort that you all put in. Of course I include Nick and Michelle who are no longer on the board," Anderson said.

He explained that throughout the last year they faced many challenges including having extra meetings and emergency meetings due to COVID-19 but everyone

on the board stepped up.

"You all did an amazing job and made my job a lot easier so I just wanted to thank you for that," Anderson said.

Cohen said that she is looking forward to a great year as a school board.

"I welcome the new set of officers and thank you all for what I hope to be a great year," Cohen said.

Also during the meeting, it was announced that travel guidelines have changed for the school district after changes were made at the state level.

It was explained by Susan Linehan, a school nurse with the school district, that one of the biggest differences in the new travel guidelines is that students don't have to be quarantined if they travel

to another state within the United States or to the U.S. Territories.

She noted that after February vacation 109 students in the school district were in quarantine due to traveling to states within the U.S. but none of them ended up having any symptoms and none of them tested positive for COVID-19.

Linehan did also note that international travel

guidelines will remain the same meaning that students traveling outside the U.S. will have to quarantine following their return to New Hampshire.

When it comes to quarantining due to having symptoms, Linehan said that none of those guidelines have changed at all.

"It does not change if anyone gets symptoms," Linehan said during the meeting.

Because Derry School District Superintendent Mary Ann Connors-Krikorian wasn't able to attend the meeting due to recovering from having surgery following breaking her wrist, Assistant Superintendent Christopher Kellan read her report.


In the report it was announced that teachers and staff would be receiving their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on

Sunday, April 11.

Because of the potential side effects of the vaccine, she said that the school district has been discussing possibly going with remote learning on April 12 and April 13. They are expected to make a final decision this week about what to do.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated for April 13 at 7 p.m.

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GREENWorks: Something to Think About Before Clicking on 'Submit Order'

It's become a bit cliché at this point – praising the wide variety of online shopping options during this time of caution while also lamenting the ever-growing stack of boxes and excess packaging that comes with it. Having the access to so many new options for online ordering, curbside pickup and delivery has been a blessing for the past year, but it also raises questions about how to balance online retail with sustainable choices that will reduce any negative environmental impact.

There are several steps you can take before and

after online shopping to work toward striking that balance.

You can take your first action before you click "Submit Order." First, practice a classic rule of source reduction and ask yourself: 1. Do I really need this stuff? 2. Is there something I already have that can be reused? As simple as it may sound, taking a few moments to answer those questions could save you the cost of what you were about to order and prevent the inevitable packaging disposal that would come later.

If the answer to the

above questions is "no," and it is time to rev up the search engine, start with local stores. Many stores – big and small – have adapted recently to offer more online ordering, pick-up and delivery options, and to keep it local also helps our communities. If you're able to leave the house and pick up your orders, you would not only save the extra emissions from delivery services, but often save on the extra packaging in which the items would be delivered. Make an even greater impact by scheduling all of your pick-ups for

the same day. Another couple of things to bear in mind while doing your shopping: Are the retailers or brands you are shopping from making sustainable choices? Can you find what you need at secondhand online retailers or through any of the community online yard sales?

When placing online orders, you can also save on packaging and emissions by making sure to buy in bulk when you can (to reduce the number of times you need it delivered to you) or to wait until you have a sizable list of items to purchase from one outlet. Make sure you choose to consolidate shipments if the option is available. The goal is to keep the number of boxes delivered down to the least possible.

Now, for the packages that are delivered, the question of how to dispose of the packaging arises. If you find the cardboard boxes are pil-

ing up, there are a number of things you can do with them. First, there could be places locally that will take them off of your hands, such as food banks. You can also often find people online who will take the boxes off your hands, such as on Craigslist, Facebook or any online community group. If neither of these options work out, you can break them down and recycle them at your transfer station.

Probably the most confusing for people is what to do with the packing materials. Is this type of plastic recyclable? Can it go to the transfer station? And what do we do with all of these foam packing peanuts? Well, first, consider saving them for reuse. If you ship packages often, or even expect to do so around the holidays, having a stash of bubble wrap and peanuts stowed away would be

handy. If you don't want to hold onto it though, there are disposal options for you that do not include the landfill. For plastic bubble wrap, you can take it to any plastic grocery bag recycling receptacle, usually found in front of grocery stores – make sure to pop the bubbles beforehand. Most office supply stores will take your foam packing peanuts for reuse. Lastly, if you receive a delivery and think the packaging is excessive or especially wasteful, you can write to the company and express your wish for them to either use less packaging or more sustainable packing material, like crumpled paper instead of plastic bubble wrap.

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State Seeks to Expand Access to Career and Technical Programs

CONCORD - The New Hampshire Department of Education has completed a comprehensive review of its Career and Technical Education programs with the goal of making these programs more accessible to students. The report titled "Increasing Equitable Access to Career and Technical Education" provides in-depth research on the Department's efforts to identify barriers regarding access to career and technical education (CTE), and to determine potential strategies to

address these barriers.

Career and technical education programs gives students an unconventional hands-on learning experience in high demand employment fields. These courses can also be used to earn college credit. The research and resulting report were prepared for the Department by RMC Research, an independent research organization based in New Hampshire.

"CTE Programming provides incredible educational and career pathway

oriented opportunities to New Hampshire Students," said Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education. "This report confirms much of what we were seeing, but goes beyond that and provides concrete steps that the state and CTE programs can take to ensure students have access to these valuable programs."

Currently, 71% of students enrolled in programs have a CTE center co-located in their high school. This compares to 29% of students that are enrolled in

programs that do not have a co-located CTE center and must be provided transportation to participate in the programs. Some of the ideas to help overcome this accessibility concern include, among others, better coordination of scheduling and transportation, as well as calendars, between districts.

"This research confirmed many of the important issues CTE leaders and other educators have been aware of for many years," added Eric Frauwirth, Director of the Bureau of Career Development. "Now we have a set of strategies to explore, and will continue to engage with stakeholders and local communities to determine the best options for the students and families they serve."

The research report is available for download on the Department's Bureau of Career Development page. www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-career-development.

This is only the beginning of the Department's study of this subject. Additional feedback is being sought from high school students who did not participate in CTE programs. Those students in 11th or 12th grade, or recent graduates, who did not participate in a CTE program, are encouraged to contact Eric Frauwirth.

For more information, contact Eric Frauwirth, Director, Bureau of Career Development at (603) 271-3867 or eric.c.frauwrith@doe.nh.gov.

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members, Beaudoin said. The chief asked the board to allow him to do billing at \$79 per detail hour from the current amount of \$70 to keep the fund revolving which now has approximately \$41,000. The town takes in approximately \$10 now per detail hour.

Some police officers are in the retirement system due to longevity and others aren't, Beaudoin reported. At present \$45 goes to an officer and in some cases the department must pay almost 20% to the state retirement system for approximately four officers. For six, no payment is made to the retirement system.

If the amount stayed

at \$70 per hour, the town detail fund would receive no money and would lose money at the same time with the town portion required for officers who must pay into the retirement system, the chief said.

The board also approved an amount not to exceed \$11,000 from the detail fund to build a new police firing range by the Hampstead landfill.

In addition, the selectmen voted to back the Comcast contract lease renewal for Hampstead's cable television franchise, HCTV, for continued free local cable access.

The operations are supported by the cable contract with Comcast, noted Station Manager Bianca Nicolosi who pointed out HCTV carries

news, town meetings, concerts, a rotating bulletin of community events, and town historical information.

The last contract started in 2013 and expires in 2023. The station also has implemented video on demand for watching a replay of events and now has its first fully functioning studio to film specialty shows.

It has established partnerships with the school district, which now has a school specific station on Channel 6 and provided

the library with equipment for filming programming, Nicolosi said.

In a separate update to selectmen, they were told use of the town's Memorial Gym is still being limited to Hampstead residents with walkers going in the morning and basketball played there.

At present a cleaning person is in twice a day going in before the walkers start and then afterwards for the facility to be clean for evening activities. Another option

would be having groups clean up after themselves and for the next group coming in.

One idea is to have smaller groups of eight or fewer self-cleaning the facility on their own after use with cleaning material supplied, rather than having town personnel come to clean it. Some

groups don't use the downstairs area with cleaning not needed there.

The town would like to try to schedule use of the gym when a cleaning will take place and then have a record kept of when that cleaning does occur.



TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Budget Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. In accordance with NH RSA 32:5, reviewing the proposed FY 2021-2022 Town Operating Budget and any Warrant Articles containing an appropriation.

All Chester residents are urged to attend.

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TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Chester Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, this meeting will take place electronically and will be recorded. In order to participate, go to at <https://zoom.us/j/94724026269> +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Meeting ID: 947 2402 6269 for the review of Purchase and Sale Agreements on the following property:

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Boats Against the Current

On April 7 at 6:30 p.m. the Derry Public will hold an Online event, Boats Against the Current: The Honeymoon of Scott and Zelda, and the Origins of the Great Gatsby. Historian Richard Webb comes to Derry to talk about the F. Scott Fitzgerald's honeymoon in Westport and the neighbor that may have inspired The Great Gatsby. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

The History of Exploitation Films

Resident movie expert Liz will be giving a full-length program on exploitation films, looking at what makes the style and how it was evolved through cinema history on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. online. Patron discretion is advised for this program. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Boston Burn

Burn Boston Burn: The Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country Author Wayne Miller will give a talk about the 9 arsonists who burned over 250 buildings in Boston over the

course of two years, and the ATF agents who carried out the investigations on April 14 at 7 p.m., online. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session 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 Open

Taylor Library is now open to the public by appointment. Call Library at 432-7186 to schedule a time. Library is still doing curbside pickups.

Story Hour with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story hour with a craft for ages 2 and up on Facebook Live. Call the Library to register and then come and pick up your bag of craft supplies

which will go with each week. Story hour will end on April 2. Call the library to register or for more information.

Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour on Monday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 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

Easter Bunny Drive-Through

Grab the kids and drive to the Chester library on Saturday, April 3 between 11 a.m., and noon to see the Easter Bunny! The bunny will be outside handing out Easter eggs for the kids and will happily take selfies if you'd like! For safety: everyone will stay in their vehicle. We will form a line of cars on the one-way road behind the library. The Easter Bunny will hand out filled eggs and, if you'd like, will take a selfie of the group

while standing outside the vehicle. When finished, we ask that you pull your car forward to allow for the next vehicle's turn. This will ensure smooth traffic flow.

Friends of the Library Meeting

On Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m., the Friends of Chester Library will be holding a monthly meeting. Join the Friends and help with fundraising to benefit the library. Interested in joining? Call 887-3404 for more information.

Paper Flower and Vase Craft

On Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m., make a paper tulip and decorate a vase for Mother's Day with the Chester Library. Registration Is Required this event is for adults call 603-887-3404 for more information.

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. This program will be offered both in-person and virtually by the Chester Library on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. Registration Is Required.

Book Group

Chester Library's monthly Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 1 p.m. Meeting in the library. Discussing The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at

the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library's Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. The Library Board of Trustees are elected officials responsible for the government of library services and finances. This meeting is open to the public. *Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, the meetings will take place electronically. Email at chesterlibrary@gmail.com for the link to join.

Country Music Virtual Trivia

The Chester Library will host a Country Music Trivia night on Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. How much do you know about country music? This event will be virtual on WebEx. Registration Is Required. Sign up at <https://rb.gy/6tmmls> Email assistedirectorepl@gmail.com for more information.

Ring in the Spring - Soup To Go

Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a "Ring in the Spring - Soup To Go" event on Saturday April 17 from 10 a.m.- noon in the Vestry. The menu will include a soup: Beef Barley Soup, Chicken Vegetable Soup or Vegan Vegetable Soup, an herb roll and a brownie for \$10. Soup is available to purchase individually for \$6. Curbside pick-up is available if you

contact the church office in advance at 887-4799 or email at chesterchurchoffice@gsi-net.net. The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester St., Chester.

Container Gardening Lecture with Willa Coroka

This exciting FREE virtual lecture by local gardening expert Willa Coroka hosted by the Chester Library, will cover the basics of botany before diving into various garden designs that break the boundaries of limited space and time restraints on Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m. Examples to include terraced, vertical, and hydroponic gardens as well as miniature water, up-cycled container, counter-top, and no-yard gardens. No space? No problem. As long as we remember to think outside the box. Virtual on Zoom. Registration is required at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3qNRjP> or call 887-3404

Escape Room

A Mandalorian themed Escape Room will be open Mondays in April 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.

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss **continued on page 13**

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HAMPSTEAD

Meditation Class

Meditate into Spring with the Hampstead Public Library! Weekly Zoom Meditation Classes with librarian and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump, have been extended into April. Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up anytime via the Events Calendar on the Library website, and you'll receive class reminders with the Zoom link. A patron who has attended the classes said, "There are always reasons to be busy and miss class, but I go anyway. And I'm always glad I did. The classes are time well spent doing something good for myself!"

Finance Workshop

Get Your Financial House in Order, on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Register in advance for this live Zoom workshop presented by Society for Financial Awareness member Mark

Skandier, Esq., Owner & Managing Attorney of Private Wealth Counsel. He'll cover topics like what is "debt roll down" and how it works for the average consumer buried in debt, different financial tactics to pay down or pay off your home mortgage early, and how to use your tax refund to possibly eliminate debt. Register via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411. Hampstead residency is not required to attend.

Hampstead & Hemingway

In April, the Hampstead Public Library joins other libraries and learning institutions around the country to discover more about Ernest Hemingway. This literary pathway is inspired by the PBS broadcast of HEMINGWAY a film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novik which premieres on New Hampshire PBS April 5 - 7 at 8 p.m. On Thursday, April 1 at 6 p.m., NH PBS, in partnership with NH Humanities and NH Writers' Project, presents an online screening and a discussion of the Hemingway film. To register visit www.nhhumanities.org/program/hemingway-screening-amp-discussion.

On Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m., there is a nationwide online Hemingway Book Club Conversation. Read any Ernest Hemingway book, watch the HEMINGWAY documentary, and join the virtual book club conversation with the filmmakers. Discuss the documentary with them, as well as the work and life of the renowned author. PBS Books hosts a Q&A-style virtual discussion. Register in advance and get more information at www.pbsbooks.org/hemingway. The Hampstead Public Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading Hemingway's To Have and Have Not. The book is available to borrow. The club discussion is on April 15 at 1 p.m., via Zoom or outside (TBD.) All readers are welcome to attend. The Hampstead Public Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading Hemingway's A Moveable Feast, a memoir about Hemingway's life. Call the Library, 603-329-6411, to reserve a copy of the book. The discussion is on Tuesday, May 4 at 1 p.m. If you have questions about the Library book clubs, please email jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org.

Browsing Appointments

Monday through Saturday, for Hampstead Library cardholders we will be offering Browsing Appointments. Schedule a 30-minute appointment online via www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411. Cardholders can come alone or bring members of their family or 'pod.' Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times. Browse for books, movies, and other cool things to borrow. Librarians are here to help. Curbside Pickup services continue Monday through Saturday. Staff can also help with remote and curbside print/scan/fax requests.

Easter Services

There will be two outdoor services on Easter Sunday, April 4 held by the Hampstead Congregational Church. Join us for a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at Camp Tel-Noar, 167 Main St., Hampstead. We will worship together as we watch the sunrise over the lake on this holiest of days! At 10 a.m., we will offer an outdoor service in front of the church at 61 Main St., Hampstead. Feel free to bring a folding chair if

you would like to sit.

Easter Bunny Drive Through

Social distancing will not stop the Easter Bunny from seeing you! Come and say hello to the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 3, between 10 a.m. - noon at Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead. Pull into the circular driveway in front of the church and the Easter Bunny will greet your family in your car and give you all a little treat.

Easter Weekend Services

Island Pond Baptist Church will hold a Good Friday service on April 2, at 6 p.m. No childcare is available, but kids are welcome in this family friendly service. Easter Sunday morning services are at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. An evening service is at 6 p.m. Kids' ministry is available for ages 0-9 at our 10:30 a.m. service, and for ages 0-4 at 6 p.m. You can also join us online by going to our main Facebook page or Youtube channel. Look for the "live" post. We also invite you to attend any of the church's weekly services and activities. Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH. You can visit the website, www.islandpondbc.com, email info@islandpondbc.com, or call us at 603-329-5959 for more information.

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.

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

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SANDOWN

Pysanky Egg Decorating

Originating in Eastern Europe, the ancient egg art known as pysanky is also known as "Ukrainian Eggs". Since early times, pysanky eggs have been decorated to welcome spring. In this class, on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Ruth will share her skills and teach us how to use hot beeswax applied with a kistky funnel to draw on the egg then with succession of colorful dyes, create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind egg. There is a materials fee paid on the day of the event to the presenter. \$15 for your first egg, \$20 if you would like to create two. Due to the use of candles and hot wax, the Sandown Library does not recommend this class for children under 6. Children aged 6 - 9 may participate with an adult working as a team. Please note this program will be held downstairs at the Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main St., and has limited spaces. Registration will close at 9 p.m., on April 1. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Lions Scholarship

The Sandown Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will once again be sponsoring a scholarship award for the 2020-2021 school year. This scholarship, honoring the memory and legacy of Lion Eleanor Bassett, will be awarded to a graduating high school senior residing in the town of Sandown per the criteria: The Lions are an organization whose members volunteer to serve their local community and beyond in

many ways. In keeping with this spirit, scholarship applicants should be involved in some form of community service. This service can be, but is not limited to, one's church, local community, and/or school. Applications and further information can be obtained in the guidance office of Timberlane Regional High School or you may request an application from the Lions Club directly by emailing mixic13@gmail.com or calling 603-765-9303. This scholarship does require a brief essay entitled "Why I volunteer". The deadline for application consideration is April 9, 2021 (post-mark date).

Huge Yard Sale

Mark your calendars on April 24, there will be a huge Yard Sale in Sandown Town Hall (lower level only) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds to support Sandown Heritage Commission projects. Face masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Household items and collectibles will be in abundance but there will also be toys, games, records, DVD's, tools and more.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 infor-

mation to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youthservices@sandownlibrary.us.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.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

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The Derry Parks & Recreation Department is hiring seasonal employees to support the department in continuing to offer modified services for the general public. It is expected that due to COVID-19 the department will need to hire and train more staff than usual, to ensure the ability to provide services according to local, state, and federal guidelines. For assistance, please contact the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

What jobs are currently available?

• Parks Seasonal Labors: Responsible for semiskilled and unskilled work in the care and upkeep of all Town parks and recreational areas. Must be at least 18 years old. A valid driver's license and previous experience is

preferred. Pay range based on experience: \$12.51- \$18.17 per hour - Spring 2021

• Waterfront Lifeguards: Responsible for maintaining safe and precautionary procedures at waterfront facilities as well as supporting the enforcement of all safety procedures. A valid lifeguard certification is required. Applicants who don't yet have certifications or only have pool certifications are encouraged to apply. Must be at least 16 years old. Pay range based on experience: \$11.42- \$15.13 per hour - Summer 2021

• Park Attendants/Concession: Responsible for administering quality customer services at a specified park location. Good communication skills are required. At least 15 years old. Pay range based on experience: \$9.05- \$11.86

per hour - Summer 2021

• Volunteers/Community Leaders in Training: Volunteers will be critical in supporting the department as we support the community. Volunteers should be no younger than 13 and must be mature and responsible. Volunteers over the age of 18 are also encouraged to apply.

• Fitness Instructors: Responsible for teaching fitness classes to either youth or adults inside a gymnasium or at an open field. Previous experience and certifications required. If you are an instructor looking to expand your teaching to the community, reach out to us today. - Needed now and for Summer 2021

What should I expect after I apply?

All applicants are encouraged to contact the office at (603) 432-6136 to ensure we received your completed application. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and based on the number of positions still available. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will not be contacted. Interviews will be done virtually or by phone unless an in-person interview is necessary. All hiring documents will be emailed to the applicant if they are selected for the position and an appointment will be made for the applicant to drop off the documents prior to the first training/work day. Masks are required to be worn by all applicants for in-person appointments.



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