

Chester Board of Selectmen Approves New Detail Rates

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CHESTER - During the June 16 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting one of the items on the agenda was in regards to the detail rate for the Police Department.

Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube said that every year around this time they re-evaluate the detail rate to determine if they are comparable to other towns or not.

"I did the research to determine where we are," said Berube.

Berube said that the average for the area is around \$78 an hour. He said that because of that he asked that they increase their rates to \$75 per hour. He said that he called all the different towns in the area and got their numbers and then averaged it out.

"It came out to

\$78.80," said Berube.

It was explained by Berube that by going to \$75 they will be consistent with other towns including Londonderry. He said that by having the same rate as towns they would be able to work in other communities as well. He said that he wouldn't recommend going with \$78 an hour because it would eliminate them from being able to work in other communities.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette asked if they charge something different for different officers.

Berube said that isn't the case.

"It's a single flat fee," said Berube.

Berube said that the officers can choose to work the detail or not based on the rate. He explained that they had done it before based on a pay scale but it

became much more difficult to keep track of.

"It was a financial nightmare," said Berube.

Selectmen Steven Couture asked if there is a profit where the extra revenue goes.

"When there is a profit where does it go," said Couture.

It was explained by Berube that the funds would go into a revolving detail account, which allows them to buy equipment without having to use any taxpayer funds.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that he didn't want to make a decision until they had it in writing the different rates for the surrounding towns.

He said that it had nothing to do with not trusting Berube and instead he thought it was important that they had the documents

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School Board Approves Latest Central School Addition Design

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board got an update regarding the Hampstead Central School addition project during their June 14 school board meeting.

At the previous meeting Superintendent Robert Thompson presented a draft design concept for the school.

"This is sort of a 2.0 presentation," said Thompson.

Thompson explained that they took the feedback

they received from those in the community to make some minor modifications to the space. He said that they also had numbers for how much the project will cost.

"The priorities haven't changed," said Thompson.

Thompson said that one of the major changes is that instead of adding two classrooms they have a design to add four classrooms.

Thompson explained that as part of the project the nurse's office will be moved which will give them more space and will

allow them to possibly expand special education programs. He said that some programs require they have an extra bathroom, which they would have.

Thompson said that the proposed library media center would be about 3,100 square feet.

"We pick up approximately three times the space," said Thompson.

CFO Geoffrey Dowd said that the base cost is based on two classrooms or four classrooms.

He explained that for two classrooms the estimate

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RELAY RALLY The American Cancer Society held its annual Relay for Life on Saturday afternoon at the Pinkerton Academy Track to help raise money for cancer research. The event begins each year with local cancer survivors making the first lap around the track. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Ed Garone Shares Memories of Role as 50-Year Police Chief

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - As of June 1, Chief Edward Garone has been leading the Derry Police Department (DPD) for 50 years, and has been an officer of the law for even longer. Looking back, Garone wouldn't changed a thing.

Serving in the Marine Corps for three years out of high school, Garone felt the next logical course of action was to enter the world of law enforcement.

and started as an officer at Lebanon in 1966. Then, in 1972, at just 29 years old, Garone would be sworn in as Chief of Police in Derry.

"I think NH has an outstanding officer preparation training," said Garone. Adding that he would encourage officers-in-training undergo coaching in recognizing the signs of mental illness, and in how to act in a way that would best help the individual.

He further stated he found the mental health-

Garone's journey into police work got its start in the mid 1960's. He applied for the position of state trooper in Vermont, where he had been residing.

"One of the troopers I was familiar with located me at a drive in movie and told me he thought I should apply at the Lebanon Police Department," said Garone. "He felt NH had a better retirement system and the whole law enforcement process was more to his liking."

Garone took his advice

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School Board OKs Jennifer Maio as Chester's Director of Learning & Growth

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CHESTER - During the June 8 Chester School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the hiring of the next Chester Academy Director of Learning and Growth.

It was explained that the redesigned position will have a focus centered around curriculum, instruction, assessment, intervention processes, and professional learning required to ensure all students are doing well.

Once the position was redesigned there was a search process that was conducted by a committee made up of teachers, parents, administrators, and board members along with further screening by the

incoming school administration.

Chester School District Superintendent Karen Locke ultimately nominated Jennifer Maio.

Maio comes to the school district after working in Groton-Dunstable Massachusetts where she worked as an English language arts teacher for many years. She most recently served as the district's Middle School ELA Curriculum Coordinator and District Mentor and Induction Coordinator.

Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson said they are looking forward to having Maio start with the district.

"The Chester School Board is very pleased to welcome Dr. Maio to the Chester School District, and would like to extend our

appreciation to the members of the search committee for their work," said Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson.

Also during the meeting the School Board received a financial update from Business Administrator Sheryl Rich.

It was decided by the School Board that the district would move forward with two additional projects this year.

One project is to purchase and replace 30 of the third grade classroom tables for a cost of \$7,947, and to install HVAC Split units in four class rooms and a work space, at a cost of \$21,154.

The School Board also voted to approve, to prepay the 2022 - 2023 Discovery and Elevate curriculum licenses, at a cost

of \$15,453.

Rich also noted that they have a total of additional revenue of \$91,126 accumulated this year. As a result of these changes she reported that the District will have an estimated expense savings of \$446,974 thus far this year.

With the approved contribution to the Capital

Reserve Boiler Fund of \$20,000 at the March 16 District meeting, along with the projects approved at the May School Board meeting and the proposed end of the year expenditures it means that the school district will have an unreserved fund balance of \$376,574 at this time.

It was also noted by

Rich during the meeting that it is an increase in funds betting returned to lower property taxes of \$41,356 over the projected amount in the Annual School District Report which was presented to the legislative body in March.

The next Chester School Board meeting is slated for Aug. 3.

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mated cost is \$6.4 million and four classrooms is \$7.5 million. Dowd said that if they get Building Aid the estimated cost for two classrooms is \$4.48 million and four classrooms is \$5.25 million.

Dowd said that there is also an option to add sprinklers to the existing buildings. If they went with that option then the estimated cost would be 7.21 million for two classrooms and \$8.31 million for four classrooms.

When Building is factored the cost for the taxpayers would be \$5.047 million for two classrooms

and \$5.817 million for four classrooms.

It was pointed out by School Board Chairman David Smith that last year GHD projected interest rate from the bond was about a million dollars. He asked if they could expect that the interest over the course of the bond would be around \$500,000 for the new project if it were approved.

"I really have no idea where interest rates are going to fall in all of this," said Dowd.

Thompson said that there is only urgency now because they need to submit an application to the New Hampshire Department of Education for building aid.

It was explained by Thompson that the state would allow them to change their project from four classrooms to two but they wouldn't allow them to go from two classrooms to four after the fact.

Thompson's recommendation was to go with the four classrooms option and no sprinklers for now. He said that the sprinklers aren't required and that they may have some creative options to do it.

Smith that there is a lot to work out over the next few months.

The School Board unanimously approved moving forward with the four classrooms option and not doing the sprinklers for now.

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Mitch Edwards Named New West Running Brook Principal

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DERRY - During the June 7 Derry School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the hiring of the new West Running Brook Principal.

It was explained by Derry Superintendent Mary-Ann Connors-Krikorian that a search committee was formed following current principal Justin Krieger announcing that he would be resigning at the end of

the school year. The nine member search committee was led by Gilbert Hood Principal Kim Carpentino.

Connors-Krikorian said that they originally received a total of 11 applications for the position.

"After reviewing the applicant packets the decision to interview was based on the appropriate certification and experience," said Connors-Krikorian.

Connors-Krikorian said the search committee chose to close the first round of

interview with five candidates. One applicant withdrew their application.

From that group of applicants Connors-Krikorian said there were two applicants selected for a second round of interviews held the day before the school board meeting.

"Those two candidates were the interviewed by a team at the Superintendent of Schools office," said Connors-Krikorian.

Connors-Krikorian said they decided to recom-

mend Mitch Edwards the current Assistant Principal of West Running Brook.

"As our committee we recommended going forward with Mitch Edwards," said Connors-Krikorian.

Edwards said he was thankful for the opportunity. "I appreciate you guys giving me this opportunity," said Edwards.

Edwards explained he began his career in Derry 9 years ago at Grinnell Elementary as a teacher. He said that he taught there for a

couple of years before being named assistant principal of West Running Brook where he served the past 7 years.

Edwards said that he was thankful for working underneath Justin Krieger.

Edwards said that he is looking forward to leading the school as principal.

"I'm ready to lead this school and I appreciate everyone's support to get me to this spot," said Edwards.

In other personnel news the School Board accepted the resignations of Jennifer

Carrita a special education teacher at West Running Brook, Margret Gilbert a special education teacher at Grinnell Elementary School, Bianca Parsons a special education teacher at Derry Village, and Carrie Sindoni the Assistant Principal of East Derry.

"We wish all of the people resigning and going to other school districts the best of luck and thank you for your service in Derry," said School Board Chairman Erika Cohen.

Sandown Heritage Commission Discuss Sale of Town Owned Properties

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission met on June 2 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

During the meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to the possi-

ble auctioning of town owned property.

Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell explained that under RSA 4114, the Board of Selectmen need to receive input from the Sandown town's Planning Board and Conservation, and Heritage Commissions to survey the

properties in question.

The purpose of seeking the input is to determine if there are any reasons that the properties shouldn't be sold at the auction. It was pointed out by Blaisdell that some of the reasons why they shouldn't sell the property includes that the

properties are landlocked and inaccessible except through other private property, or that there are existing trails on the properties that are connecting Conservation plots, or sites of historical significance are determined to be there.

Blaisdell requested that

the Heritage Commission submit a report to the Board of Selectmen's Office soon after the July 2022 meeting with their determinations.

It was decided that Heritage Commission Chair Pamela Gaudreau would submit the feedback to the Selectmen's Office on the behalf of the Heritage Commission.

During the meeting the Commission received an update from Vice Chair Frances Rosenau regarding their recent "Treasure or Trash" event.

It was explained by Rosenau that they had a "surprisingly good turn out" and that people from the Heritage Commission were surprised how many people arrived early and stayed throughout the event instead of leaving after their items were appraised.

Ron Wackowski, the appraiser for the event said he is planning on retiring

but said he would be willing to return to Sandown to help with another similar event in the future.

Gaudreau said she will be coordinating with the Sandown Historical Society to conduct a Stone Structure's Walk to follow along with the proposed Trail through Time path between the Red Barn and the Town Depot or in the Fremont Road Town Forest if the Historical Society is not available to participate at the Depot on either June 18, 19, or 25.

It was also announced by Heidi Traeger, representing the Sandown Historical Society that she had shared the Trail through Time proposal with the members of the Historical Society and will coordinate on future stages of the proposed project between the Historical Society and the Heritage Commission.

Hampstead Independence Day Festival Set for June 25

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HAMPSTEAD - The annual Hampstead Independence Day Festival is taking place on June 25. The event is also part of the 75th anniversary of the Greater Hampstead Civic Club.

"A Hampstead tradition for over 40 years. The day is capped with one of the premier fireworks displays in the region," the organization's post read. "Bring your beach chairs, family and friends and join us on the town green for the Hampstead Independence

Day Festival."

Starting at 3 p.m. will be the frog jumping which is free for kids.

At 4 p.m. the children's games will start which is free for kids. At 5 p.m. the midway games are scheduled to open. The Hampstead's Got Musical Talent is also scheduled to take place at 5 p.m.

The Civic Club Scholarships Awards is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. the fireworks are scheduled to begin.

All the events are behind the Town Hall at 11 Main Street.

The organization is calling all past presidents of the Civic Club to join in the Fourth of July Festival. Those who are interested are asked to join the group behind the club at 7 p.m. to be recognized. Food and beverages are provided.

Some of the new events this year include a craft fair, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A motorcycle show from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with awards being handed out at 2 p.m.

Another new event taking place is the kid's wheel event from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with awards being given out at 2 p.m. Kids are

encouraged to bring what they are proud of including a bike, balance bike, dirt bike, or anything with wheels.

An amateur BBQ competition is also slated to take place this year.

After judging by the celebrity judges, cooked meats will be sold to those in attendance who will then vote for the People's Choice winner.

The registration for the BBQ competition is closed.

For more information visit the Hampstead Civic Club Facebook page.



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Editorial

Summertime And The Livin' Is Easy

Now that school's out, and summer has officially arrived. There are plenty of fun things to do like, camping, ballgames, swimming, fishing, hiking, or just fooling around in the neighborhood.

It's also the time of the year when our youths are most vulnerable to accidents, or worse. This is particularly true where water and streets are involved.

Water is an attractive plaything for children and too often a fatal one. Pools, streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes, regardless of the depths, all hold a special fascination for children. It seems ridiculously obvious to remind everyone, that no one should be in or near water alone. As drowning is the silent killer.

Like the water, our roads can be just as dangerous with kids walking, running, riding bikes, etc...on and near roads, parents can issue all the warnings, but that won't keep kids off the streets. Unlike the threats posed by water, motorists can play a big role in preventing serious accidents. When driving in residential areas, slow down and be attentive, day and night.

On a lighter note, town recreation programs offer plenty of safe fun in the company of other kids. Athletic camps are offered in many sports. Summer Reading Programs

at local libraries have a two-for-one benefit. First, they're free and second, they encourage reading.

Free concerts for all ages, are offered in several of our communities. Consider them a good excuse to get out of the house in the evening, away from the TV. Prepare a picnic or pick up some take-out, put the lawn chairs and a blanket in the car, and head out for a relaxed evening of entertainment.

Check out our calendar listings each week, and plan to enjoy some fun close to home. If that's not enough, we're headed right into festival season, with more music, food and games. Bandstands will be decked out, families gathered on lawn chairs or reclining on blankets. That's an iconic image of summer in this part of the country, as we complain about the heat and humidity at the same time.

So while the short but sweet summer is here, fire up the barbecue, head to the beach, lake, the backyard, or just sit on the screen porch and enjoy a firefly-filled evening listening to or watching the Red Sox.

Trite as it may sound, kids will be kids, and summertime is by far the happiest time to be kid. But let's all do our part to make it a safe summer, when the living is easy.

Relay for Life



The American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life was held on Saturday afternoon at Pinkerton Academy with participants helping to raise funds for cancer research. This year's event was consolidated down to six hours, where in the past the event lasted over for 12-hours and involved an overnight stay. After a brief opening ceremony, cancer survivors were invited to march the opening lap around the track and a number of themed laps followed every half-hour until the finishing Luminaria Lap. Hampstead native Maddy Hawkes kicked off the event with the National Anthem.

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GRAND RE-OPENING Over 100 people came to see the refurbished Children's Area at the Hampstead Public Library during the Grand Reopening Celebration on Saturday, June 11. The children enjoyed the new play kitchen, magnet board, and Lego table with their parents. Families also tried out the Tonies and Launchpads available to borrow. Fun was had by all. *Courtesy photo*

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care system in NH to be a bit lackluster.

As to why it's such an issue, Garone said that the state just doesn't have the resources necessary to provide the help that is needed. He said not enough people are able to get help during the early stages, and that the state was lacking in the ability to have "meaningful treatment for these individuals that are forsaken."

Garone added he felt there should be more action taken against repeat offenders of violent crime.

"After you give a person three or four breaks and then they continue to commit crimes on unsuspecting citizens, you'd think that they should be removed," said Garone.

He understood there are costs to sending people to prison, but advocated for the positive outcome:

"I don't think you could put a dollar amount on the impact these crimes have on individuals and families," said Garone.

When asked about the moments that stood out to him in his career, Garone's stories weren't the ones that would headline national news.

Though he had an integral part in some prolific cases, including the Pamela

Smart case in 1990, what he focused on were the things that truly made the job worth it in his eyes.

Garone has amassed a collection of sentimental objects, tokens of appreciation from members of the public.

Garone has a wooden sailor given to him by the family of an elderly man he would look out for, a 7-year-sober coin from a young man whose life was turned around thanks to him, and, perhaps his most impactful memento, a note.

"Probably eight or 10 months ago I got the saddest letter..." said Garone, his voice breaking.

Garone told the story of a young man who had been in the foster system, prone to violent outbursts that caused his foster family to lock themselves in a room. Garone said one of the only things that seemed to calm him was to come to the station and spend time with officers who would take time to talk about their vehicles and equipment with him.

Sadly, the family could no longer take care of the young man, which the letter Garone kept detailed. But, the letter thanked Garone for his "years of patience and thoughtfulness" that DPD showed her family.

"How many of those jobs do you get?" Garone asked, after taking a beat

for composure.

Over the years, there has been a rise in tension towards the police force. Garone weighed in on why it might be such a prominent issue.

"I just feel that the major news networks, they just harp on these things," said Garone. "And a lot of it's not true...but the public unfortunately see some segments of it, and are willing to believe anything bad about the police. It's very hard to get a negative thought out of someone's head," said Garone.

Though police brutality may be an issue in some places, Garone shed some light on the human behind his uniform.

He told the story of a man living out of his van whom he had encountered a few times before, in the wake of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Missouri. He said that one day, he came upon the man with his legs poking out from underneath his van. When the man had realized that Garone was there, he

"jumped up," placed his hands in the air and told Garone, "Don't shoot!"

"That was disheartening, frankly," said Garone.

Though it was made partly in jest, it still struck a chord with Garone.

"When he did that, it kind of hurt," said Garone.

There is no doubt that being a police officer is a dangerous and taxing line of work. When asked if he had ever considered leaving law enforcement, his answer was clear: "No."

Garone described his job as "tremendously rewarding," and as something that could make a positive impact on someone else's life.

In regards to the number of new recruits and prospective officers, Garone said "The pool is particularly narrower and shallower."

Though the occupation has more than its share of hazards, for those willing to rise to the challenge, Garone was encouraging:

"I say come on down," said Garone. "We're always

looking for good men and women. You can get so much more out of this job than what you put into it."

Despite many years on the force, Garone said he had no concrete plans for retirement.

Garone wanted to thank his colleagues at DPD for all of their hard work and dedication, and attributed

his career longevity to 3 families of support:

"You have to have the support of your immediate family, you have to have the support of the community, and you have to have the support of your police department family," said Garone. "And you have to have all families pulling in the same direction."

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Hampstead School Board Approves Fund Balance Retention Amount

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HAMPSTEAD - During the June 14 Hampstead School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the end of the school year financial report.

Chief Financial Officer Geoffrey Dowd explained that on the expense side they are expecting to save about \$300,000 on salaries that were budgeted for because they weren't able to fill all their positions.

He also noted that they

are expecting to save on outside tuition.

"I am looking at least \$600,000 in outside tuition," said Dowd.

On the revenue side of the ledger Dowd said that they are expecting to get over \$1.4 million in revenue over what was in their budget for this year.

Dowd said it comes from a number of different areas including tuition, adequacy aid, and a refund from the Health Trust among other things.

When all is said and done from the money they

will save on expenses and from additional revenue Dowd expects that they will have a budget surplus as of now.

"We're well into the 2, 2.5 million projected surplus territory from what I would estimate," said Dowd.

Dowd said that they are in a good position to provide some tax relief to people in town by returning part of the surplus to the town.

"We're in a good spot," said Dowd.

It was pointed out by

School Board Chairman David Smith that voters in March approved moving the first \$500,000 in surplus to the capital reserve meaning they are looking at a projected \$2.17 million being returned to the town depending on how much they retain for a fund balance.

Dowd also explained that the School Board had to decide how much they would retain in a fund balance for the next year.

He explained that the maximum amount they can keep is 2.5% of the town's

levy, which equates to around \$636,000. It was pointed out by Dowd that they would be returning the \$250,000 from the past year that wasn't used.

School Board Vice Chair Jason Giard said that he is concerned with the different "scars" they have had with things at the Central School and what would happen if something went with the roof or other parts of the building that needs emergency repairs.

"What if they do fail," said Giard.

Giard also noted that

because they are returning \$250,000 and then taking that money back they would be ultimately retaining \$380,000 this year even going with the maximum amount allowed.

"I would like to see us retain the max," said Giard.

Smith said because they are seeing unknowns with inflation he thought they should retain the maximum amount allowed for the fund balance.

The School Board ultimately voted unanimously to retain the maximum amount allowed.

Deadline for Residents to Register Dogs In Chester is July 1

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the June 16 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen heard from Town Clerk Elizabeth Lufkin about issuing the warrant for unregistered dogs.

"It's that time of year," said Lufkin.

Lufkin said that under the RSA the Board of Selectmen can choose to either have the Town Clerk or the Police Department issue the civil forfeitures.

Lufkin said that the civil forfeiture is \$25 with a \$7 fee.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo asked how many people are on the list that are elderly people who forget to do it or are handicap people who haven't been able to get in.

In the letters they sent out Lufkin said that it explains the fees associated with not registering by July 1.

"Do you have any idea," asked D'Angelo.

Lufkin said she didn't know.

Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette asked if the list was cross-referenced against people who no longer live in town.

Lufkin said that the

Deputy Clerk went through the list.

It was explained by Lufkin that they start sending out reminder emails in email and also put the info on all of their renewal notices. She said that they have sent out a number of reminder letters and emails since January.

"There's been plenty of words out there," said Lufkin.

It was asked by Selectmen Stephen Landau why they don't have the animal control officer help with it so he can see if the dogs are actually still there. He said that they could charge

a higher service fee in order to cover the cost.

"Why aren't we using the animal control officer," said Landau.

Lufkin explained that they are only allowed to charge up to \$7 for the service fee.

"This is all cut and dry through this RSA unfortunately," said Lufkin.

It was explained by Police Chief Aaron Berube that if they serve the paperwork then they automatically have to go to court over it.

If they pay within 15 days of getting the letter then it is handled internally.

It was pointed out by D'Angelo that if they were required to go to court then it would include court fees, which would make it more expensive.

"It's a lot cheaper if they just come in and register their dog before July 1," said Lufkin.

Lufkin said that it is \$7.50 for dogs that are neutered or sprayed and it is \$10 for those dogs that aren't.

"It's a lot more of an incentive if people just come in," said Lufkin.

Lufkin said that people can pay online or through mail. They can also bring it to Town Hall or put it in the drop box.

It was asked how many people were issued summons last year for not registering.

Lufkin said that they didn't have any.

"We got everyone to pay last year," said Lufkin.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved having the Town Clerk send out the notices via certified mail.

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tation for their file in case someone asks them to justify their decision.

"We need the additional details for what those costs actually are," said D'Angelo.

Originally the Board of Selectmen agreed to table

the decision until their next meeting.

Later in the meeting Chester Town Administrator Deb Doda was able to provide the Board of Selectmen with the numbers from the different towns.

The Chester Board of Selectmen ultimately approved setting the detail rate at \$75 per hour for the year.

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Derry Clubs Join to Plant Sunflowers in Support of Ukraine



Members of the Derry Garden Club, the Greater Derry Arts Council and the Public Arts Committee joined together on Thursday afternoon, June 16, to plant hundreds of sunflower seeds near the Abbott Court Parking Lot to show their support for the people of the Ukraine. Large portion of the field was tilled and seeds were planted by about two dozen residents.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Thibodeau Perseveres After Overcoming Severe Illness

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Hampstead resident and Pinkerton Academy alumni golfing standout Lauren Thibodeau just finished her senior year with the University of Louisville Cardinals and in doing so, battled back from severe debilitating illnesses.

Thibodeau was recently awarded the 2022 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) Division I Kim Moore Spirit Award and is currently one of three finalists for the Honda Inspiration Award.

The Kim Moore Spirit Award recognizes and honors a student-athlete or coach who exemplifies a great spirit toward the game of golf, a positive attitude on and off the golf course, a role model for her team and mental toughness in facing challenges.

The Honda Inspiration Award is a national award given to a female student-athlete in Division I, II or III

who has experienced extraordinary physical and/or emotional adversity, injury and/or illness, or experienced extraordinary personal sacrifice during her college enrollment as a student-athlete and yet returns to athletic success.

Earlier in her career, Thibodeau was a four-time women's New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association girls state champion while at Pinkerton Academy, and was the first girl to achieve the feat in the state's history.

She was an all-state first-team selection all four years of her high school career and won the New Hampshire Women's Golf Association Girls' Junior State Championship seven years in a row. She was also the youngest winner of the NHWGA girls' junior state championship at the age of 11-years-old and was named to the 2016-17 All-Future Collegians World Tour National Team.

Thibodeau has played in

three USGA national events: the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship; U.S.; the Girls Junior Championship; and the U.S. Women's State Team Championship.

After graduating Pinkerton, Thibodeau had a great freshman golf season and was able to card the lowest round ever for a freshman, but shortly after that, Lauren was diagnosed with Celiac Disease.

Thibodeau was able to manage the illness through her sophomore year and was able to appear in five events, managing to finish fourth on the team in stroke average.

Early in her junior year, she began experiencing severe stomach issues. Thinking it was related to her Celiac, she powered through the pain until she went home for Thanksgiving break in 2020. Lauren's parents, Kristen and David Thibodeau, decided to take her to the hospital, which turned into a

55-day stay at Boston Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with severe Ulcerative Colitis.

During her treatments, she was diagnosed with medical Catatonia and received Electric Convulsive Therapy treatments, which miraculously boosted her recovery efforts.

After a very long recovery, Lauren returned to golf competitions in June of 2021 and in August, she broke a course record to win the New Hampshire State Amateur Championship.

She also competed in all five events for Louisville in the fall 2021 season with her best fall scoring average of her college career. The highlight of her season came at the Illini Invitational, where she shot -6 (74, 68, 68) to tie for third place, her best career finish, and led her Cardinals team to a victory. During this time, Lauren was also able to maintain a 3.93 GPA as an Economics major.



Lauren Thibodeau holds the team trophy after their victory at the Illini Women's Invitational at Medinah in the fall of 2021.
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Next week, on Monday, the Honda Inspiration Award live from Los Angeles, California, during the CBS Sports Network will be broadcasting the winner of their annual awards show.

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Derry Police Welcomes Two New Officers to the Force



Derry Deputy Police Chief George Feole swears in Bryan Hanson



Derry Deputy Police Chief George Feole swears in Andrew Teague

Members of the Derry Police Department recently welcomed two new officers to their police family at the town’s Municipal Center. Deputy Police Chief George Feole welcomed family members and friends of Brian Hanson and

Andrew Teague in a brief swearing in ceremony. Officer Brian Hanson is a 2014 graduate of Winchester High School in Massachusetts and has always had a passion for helping people. Hanson served as a

United States Marine from 2015 to 2019 where he was a graduate of the Military Police School in Hawaii. Hanson also attended the 187th New Hampshire Full Time Police Academy graduating in April of 2022. He is currently finishing

up his 12-week field training in Derry. Officer Andrew Teague was born in Lowell, Mass. and was raised in Hudson New Hampshire. Teague graduated from Alvirne High School in 2015 and went on to attend

the New Hampshire Technical Institute where he earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He also attended Southern New Hampshire University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Studies and

Business Administration. Teague also worked in the security field after graduating college. After being sworn in, both of the new officers had their girlfriends pin their new badges on the uniforms.

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Sculpture Contest Winners



The National Garden Club of America's recyclable materials contest drew ten entrants all from Derry. Kathy Lane, a retired teacher, (absent from photo) was the guiding hand as the entrepreneurs built their creations for eight weeks. Sculptures had to be totally constructed of recyclable materials and the base of the sculpture could be no more than 8.5 x 11".

Grades 4 thru 7 were represented. Members of the Derry Garden Club chose one representative from each grade

level, and those were sent on to the Regional contest. Our students all placed First in N.E. Regional and sculptures all placed in National competition. Winning in their grade category were Michael McCormack with The Ferret, Grade 5, Third Place. Bryanna Kwasniak, The Duck, Grade 7, Third Place and Ash Whittaker, The Mushroom, Grade 6, Second Place. Co-Presidents Sylvia Roberts and Alison Kennery made the announcement at Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry. *Courtesy photo*



HAPPY MEMORIES The Derry Garden Club donated two gardening books to the Taylor Public Library in memory of Beverly Sundberg last week. Beverly was a long-time active member of the club who celebrated her 100th birthday just a few months before her passing. She is well-remembered for her kindness, generosity and beautifully-built gardens and bird habitats. Presenting Jen Thielker, Director of the Taylor Library, with the books "The Human Gardener" and "The Humongous Fungus" are Derry Garden Club Co-presidents, Alison Kennery and Sylvia Roberts along with Club Members, Christine Carr, Lolly Fleming, Edith Nunn, and Meredith Hatch. *Courtesy photo*

Special Upcoming Events!

6/15 at 6:30 pm: Mysteries of the Bridgewater Triangle
Paranormal Night

6/17 at 6:30 pm: Dream Circle

6/18, 10 am - 4 pm: Kirlian Aura Photo Sessions

6/18 at 6 pm: Molly's Open Mike Night

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DERRY

Spartans Summer League

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be hosting their Annual Summer League Session at the Derry Sports Center. Games will be played Tuesday through Thursday evenings from Mid-June to Mid-August. All practices are held on Friday nights. For more information visit www.nhspartans.com website, contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@Hotmail.com, or call 603-926-2276.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is

Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, [derryhomegrown.org](https://facebook.com/derryhomegrown.org), facebook.com/derryhomegrown.org or instagram.com/derryhomegrown

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda

for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Annual Kids Talent Show

Showcase your special talent for family and friends at the 2022 Chester Library Kids Talent Show on Wednesday, June 29 at 6 p.m. Sing, dance, tell jokes, or show off whatever it is that makes you, you! It will be held outside on

the lawn, weather permitting. Please sign up by sending a message or giving a call at (603) 887-3404

Nautical Wreath Making

Welcome in the relaxing days of summer when you make this DIY Summer Beach Wreath on Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. All materials will be provided by the library. Reservations required. Sign up at the front desk, give a call at (603) 887-3404 or send a message on our Facebook page.

Boy Scouts' Yard Sale

Annual Boy Scouts Troop 163, yard sale will be held on June 25 at 8 a.m. & June 26 at 1 p.m. Toys, tools, furniture, household items, sports equipment, antiques...just about everything.

Summer Reading Kick-off!

Come in to pick up your summer reading logs on Monday June 27! Their will be fun events and prizes available all summer long. This is

for all ages.

Library Foundation Meeting

The Chester Public Library Foundation will meet on Tuesday, June 28 at 4 p.m. New members welcome.

Nautical Wreath Making

Make a DIY Summer Beach Wreath on Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. All materials will be provided by the library. This is a craft for adults. Reservations required. Sign up at the front desk, call at (603) 887-3404 or send a message on the Library's Facebook page.

Prepare for Kindergarten

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is offering a girl-centered kindergarten readiness series, Make New Friends, to any girl entering kindergarten this fall in Chester and the surrounding area on the Thursdays of June 16 and 23 at the Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., Chester. No membership required. See

more about the series at <https://bit.ly/3wcvjhT>.

Bedtime Stories

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Library, put on your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and snuggle up for evening story time and a craft with Miss Grace. Please register.

Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Grace every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They will meet on the lawn behind the library (weather permitting) Please register.

Diamond Painting Club

Find your Zen every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Materials are provided for this drop in club. No Registration required.

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HAMPSTEAD

Flags Retirement Service

The town of Hampstead will hold its annual Ceremony for the Retirement of Unserviceable flags on Thursday June 23, at 6 p.m., at the Hampstead Fire department on little's Lane off Emerson Road. The Ceremony is open to the public and if you have any worn, torn, or tattered flags that you would like to dispose of, please bring them with you or drop them off ahead of time at the fire department. It is recommended you wear a mask. In the event of very heavy rain that evening, the event will be rescheduled to June 30. For further information, contact the chairman of the Patriotic Purposes Committee, Howie Steadman at 329-4288.

Summer Reading Program

Hampstead Summer Reading Program begins on June 24 and runs through early August. The theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities. Visitors will find fun sea-related decorations in the Library and many of the summer events will relate to the ocean. Children and adults are welcome to join the fun. Register for the Program starting Friday, June 24.

Seacoast Science Event

The first big family event at the Hampstead Library this summer is on Monday, June 27, at 10 a.m. In a program best for early learners, friends from the Seacoast Science Center (SSC) visit and bring unique ocean-themed hands-on activity stations to spark children's curiosity about the ocean and the world around them. Children engage in discovery through activities, play, stories, and crafts. Stations include: Live Animal Touch Bin (SSC Naturalist-facilitated, with lobster, sea stars, crabs, and more); Sea-

weed Sensory Bin; Marine Mammal Rescue Save-a-Seal Activity (veterinarian play); and a Craft/Activity Table.

Guided Walk

On Tuesday, June 28, at 2 p.m., all ages are welcome to meet for a Guided Walk of the West Road Conservation Area. David Treat, of the Hampstead Conservation Commission, leads us as we explore the trails. Meet in the West Road parking lot. We'll walk for approximately one hour. Wear comfy clothes and walking shoes. You may consider applying bug spray. This event is co-facilitated by the Hampstead Public Library.

Independence Day Celebration

75th Year Anniversary of the Greater Hampstead Civic Club. A Hampstead tradition for over 40 years. The day is capped with one of the premier fireworks displays in the region. Bring your beach chairs, family and friends and join us on the town green behind the town hall 11 Main St., Hampstead for an Independence Day Festival on June 25. Schedule: 3 p.m. - Frog jumping (free for kids, bring your own frog); 4 p.m. - Children's Games (free for kids); 5 p.m. - Midway games open, and Hampstead's Got Musical Talent; 7 p.m. - HCC Scholarship Awards, 9:30 p.m. - Fireworks; Craft Fair: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Motorcycle Show: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Kids Wheels Event: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Amateur BBQ competition: Food needs to be turned in between 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at Yzhanglai@comcast.net to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to [civicclub.org/chess-club for more information.](https://hampstead-</p>
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June Storywalk

The featured book in the Hampstead Public Library's Storywalk® for the month of June is It's a Firefly Night by Dianne Ochiltree. The Storywalk® is located on the Library's front lawn. The public is welcome to enjoy it at any time.

SANDOWN

Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them

Join the Sandown Library on Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them. Jeremy D'Entremont is the historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society president, historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation, and the founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. Jeremy tells the history of New England's historic and picturesque lighthouses and the colorful and dramatic stories of lighthouse keepers and their families. This program is sponsored by a grant from the NH Humanities.

Old Home Day

Sandown's Old home day will be held from Aug. 12 - 13. Starting on Friday Night at 6 - 11 p.m., with the Town Hall SHSM Kick-off. On Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., with the Downtown TLC, Library, Seeley Beach & More. Then on Saturday Night from 6 - 9 p.m.; Band & Fireworks at The Sandlot along with a Cornhole Competition - Registration due by July 1. Plus Performers, Fireworks, Food, Bounce House, Town Beach Events, Vendors, Games, and a Cornhole Competition.

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.

PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make

suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be

found at the front desk

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All

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Messy Monday

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for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

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

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At

the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youths@services@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m., to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take

place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages; 5+Registration is required.

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 chan-

nel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings 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.

Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

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Classic Car Show

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date is Saturday, July 23.) Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over New England. For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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