

Hampstead Selectmen Approve Level II Watering Restrictions

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Aug. 8 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposed ordinance for watering restrictions in town.

Selectmen, Laurie Warnock, said the water resources committee worked with the town council to get the policy proposal in place and they were looking for the Board of Selectmen to approve it.

"I recognize that this isn't a popular policy," said Warnock.

Warnock added that with the problems in town with drought conditions she felt they needed to put an ordinance in place.

"It would be negligent of us not to address this," said Warnock.

Warnock stated many towns have requirements in place like every other day watering and not just suggestions like they have.

Stephanie Spyvee, the Chair of the Water Resources Committee, said the outlook for more rain isn't good and that they are already significantly behind where they usually are for rain.

"We're six to nine inches below the norm for this time of the year," said Spyvee.

It was pointed out that those who are on Hampstead Area Water are already suggested to only water every other day.

Spyvee said they are going to try to ease into it with level 1 and level 2

being enforced by public behavior. If they were to get to level 3 she said "that's when we really need to get serious with people."

Spyvee stated people generally do the right thing when it comes to conserving water.

For a first violation someone can face a warning and on a second violation face a \$250 fine. For a third violation they are subject to a \$500 fine.

Spyvee explained it is equivalent to what other towns are doing that have ordinances in place, however, they were told by their town attorney that they could charge up to as much as \$1,000 for a fine. They decided that would be excessive.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously

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Resident Proposes a Town-Wide Trash Day to Chester Selectmen

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - At the Aug. 18 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposed town-wide trash day.

Ann Podlipny, a community member who made the request, was in attendance to make her pitch for the town event.

Podlipny explained she wants to be allowed to, along with other organizations like the Boy Scouts, and Lions Club, participate in a town wide clean up of

trash particularly on the roadside.

Podlipny told the Board of Selectmen she has never organized something like it and wanted to get guidance from the Board of Selectmen on how to do it.

"I would like advice and permission if possible from this group," said Podlipny.

One of the things Podlipny stated was that she wants to focus on being able to inform and educate the town about how to reduce waste.

"You can't do it all at

once, it's a slow process," said Podlipny.

Podlipny added she has also been working with the school and they may be starting some sort of eco club at the school. She said that she is also going to be speaking to the PTAS.

"There are many, many ways to look at this problem," said Podlipny.

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Chuck Myette, said they have had those types of events in the past.

"It's an acceptable thing," said Myette.

Myette suggested that

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READY FOR S'MORE Families were invited to a Marshmallow Roast at the Taylor Library last week and participants enjoyed s'mores by the campfire. This was the sixth time the event was held and was a combined effort the two public libraries in Derry. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Enrollment Numbers Creep Up in Derry School District

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Aug. 9 Derry School Board meeting, members were given an enrollment update for the school district.

Superintendent, Austin Garofalo, explained they have several classes approaching the maximum class sizes the school district has in place.

Garofalo added they have more concern with the lower grades compared to the upper grades. He said for the upper grades there is more flexibility with having a student or two over for the classes.

For example, first grade has a recommended capacity of 20 students per class. At the time of the meeting all the classes at East Derry were at least at capacity with one class having 21 students in it.

Grade 3 at the school all had 21 students in it

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Spring Hill Committee Prepares for Sept. 10 Fall Fest

PAUL CONYER
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The goal of cleaner parks and the upcoming Fall Fest were on the agenda at The Spring Hill Advisory Committee August 15 meeting.

Local resident, Anne Podlipni, expressed her interest in becoming more involved in town issues, channeling her love for guardians to improve Spring Hill Park and all of Chester.

“What I’d like to do to start the town in getting a

little more involved is a trash pickup day,” Podlipni said. Expanding on the idea, she proposed “starting some kind of an eco-club” at local schools. Involving the club in a sign-making project is one possible activity. “It’s been reported if they write their own signs around town saying ‘Please Don’t Litter or ‘Help Keep Chester Clean,’ it does reduce roadside litter.”

Podlipni focused on single-use plastics as one of the most common and problematic types of litter.

COVID popularized plastic utensils in local cafeterias, a habit that persisted beyond the end of pandemic restrictions. She favors reusable utensils in the school cafeteria. Another proposal involves a partnership with the Chester Public Library to raise awareness of the problems of plastic.

“Once I start, I don’t quit.” She promised. “All it takes is willpower and perseverance, you can do this.” Committee members approved Podlipni’s proposal to raise public

awareness of litter and plastic in Chester.

No date has yet been set for the trash pickup or related events. October is a possible starting option to avoid the summer heat. Podlipni will have a booth at the Fall Festival with more information.

The Spring Hill Farm Fall Fest is to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, and this meeting was the last for the Committee before the event. Committee member, Kim Rairdon, secured more events for younger members and noted a few booths remain available for local vendors.

According to Rairdon

“It’s a great chance for small vendors to try out hosting a booth.” The rental fee is fifteen dollars and the town is looking to attract “looking for those with a special talent or skill they would love to share.”

The Committee still hopes to have On The Wing New Hampshire at the event, although cost and insurance issues remain uncertain. On The Wing serves as a rehabilitation center for predatory birds like falcons and has agreed to put on a one-hour educational raptor show at the Fall Fest. Members hope to work out the final details for the show over the next few days.

A new event will be the chocolate hike. It will include a two-mile hike on Spring Hill trails with chocolate at stations along the way and information on the history of the farm. Committee Members are fully prepared for the hike. Cub scouts will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for the Farm Fest. Several food trucks will also be in attendance.

The Spring Hill Advisory Committee has its next meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, September 19 in the Municipal Complex Meeting Room.



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Podlipny talks to the Technical Review Committee depending on how they want to go about the event.

“That’s a committee that has all the different departments represented,” said Myette.

Podlipny told the

Board of Selectmen that she was thinking about trying to have the clean up on Oct. 15.

Myette said that he thinks it would be a good event and that bringing awareness to recycling is important.

“We do try to encourage recycling,” said Myette.

Board of Selectmen,

Stephen D’Angelo, said that is an ongoing battle with people mixing trash and recycling together.

“I think in general a lot of people in town do recycle along those lines,” said D’Angelo.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Think First

It's very easy in this political season to speak or post before thinking.

In past years comments on some candidates have been so outrageous that they make it polarizing for people. This causes individuals to get all riled up, and it's can cause us to want to blurt out something as equally inappropriate.

The same holds true as we read and watch most news stories about the latest act of mass violence against police or gatherings of people. It's too easy to react with generalizations, rumors and actuations that in calmer times we would never utter a second thought, but add a polarized election and it can get really ugly.

Looking at the anger and outrage of an us vs. them mentality can make it even more important to recognize the power of what free speech carries. Free speech is a serious responsibility. We need to understand the potential result of demonizing religions, nationalities, or political parties.

It's not just the Presidential election that brings out the worst in people, it happens with all kinds of tragedies such as; mass shootings, attacks on individuals, or discriminations against each other, just about anything. People look to divide us more instead of making things better in a calm manner. People take matters to a violent manor using fear. We all need to learn how to listen to each other even though we may think differently or may not have the same perspective, we must learn to agree to disagree and find common ground in a civil manor.

Calling for violence against each

other is just wrong, whether it's in the heat of a political race or in reaction to a horrendous act, it does no one any good and is very hard to justify. The idea of thinking before speaking needs a huge boost right about now. Continual impulsive calls to violence can result in more death.

In this age of social media, the Internet, and what people write, individuals send and post without even a second reading or a thought as to what consequence their words may have. We're used to immediate gratification when we get all wound up about a cause, politician, or injustice and an almost immediate reaction. But we're dealing with real lives. If people hear something enough times about someone or something with no truth to it, just allegations, violence is definitely a possible response that no one really wants.

Think before you speak.

It is in human nature to care, and want to do something, as we should, but just leave out the nastiness and the violence to get your message across. Categorize things and label them as a shorthand way to talk about them. The labeling we do as individuals about other people needs to stop, we are all people. Labeling just divides us more than we already are and the more we draw attention to the differences the less we see what is how we are all the same.

In the great words of John Lennon "You may say I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one, I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be as one."

Letters

Running for State Rep

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that I have served on, worked on projects that save the town of Derry a million dollars a year in energy costs. Prior to serving Derry and the state of NH, I was a high school teacher for more than 30 years.

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Thomas Cardon
Derry

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Hampstead Neighborhood Rocked by House Explosion

HAMPSTEAD - New Hampshire State Fire Marshal, Sean P. Toomey, and the Hampstead Fire Chief, Michael Carrier, announced over the weekend that an explosion occurred on Friday, August 19, at a single family residence at 14 School Street in Hampstead. Adding, the fire department responded to the residence at approximately 7:05 a.m., and upon arrival, they found smoke and fire coming from the house and it was obvious that an explosion

had occurred, with debris found in the roadway. Homeowner Nathan Close and his son were assisted by the fire department to escape from the house with one of the residents sustaining minor injuries.

The fire went to a first alarm before being declared under control.

A number of area fire department personnel assisted with putting out the fire and providing station coverage. Salem, Derry, Atkinson, Londonderry, Sandown, Plaistow,

Danville and Trinity Ambulance all assisted after the explosion. Hampstead Police Department also assisted with traffic control.

The cause of the explosion is currently under investigation by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Hampstead Fire Department.

Anyone with information regarding this explosion may contact the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289.

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drought, which recommends twice a week watering with even houses being on Monday and Thursdays and odd houses being Tuesday and Fridays. The time period recommended to water is from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Selectmen ultimately unanimously

approved going with a level 2 drought. Hampstead Police Chief, Joseph A. Beaudoin, Jr, said they would enforce the ordinance if they were to get to a level 3 drought. Under the RSA enforcement is handled by the police department.

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Derry School Board Sets Meeting Schedule for New Year

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DERRY - The Derry School Board decided on dates for their various budget meetings during the Aug. 9 meeting.

It was explained by Derry Business Administrator, Jane Simard, the proposal was to have the first meeting be on Sept. 19, which would be an overview of the district.

The first financial budget presentation would be scheduled for Oct. 17 with a presentation by the Superintendent along with Simard.

The plan would be to have review sessions on Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 if needed.

On Jan. 10 a public hearing regarding the budget is expected to take place with the deliberative session taking place at West Running Brook a middle school on Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. Voting is slated to take place on March 14.

Simard explained they are going to be bringing in different presentators depending on what the department or topic they are discussing is.

"Each department is represented," said Simard.

School Board Chair, Erika Cohen, said she thinks it's good to have the budget hearings earlier in the year so people get an idea of what direction they are going in for the budget.

The School Board ultimately approved the budget hearings meeting dates.

Also during the meeting the School Board discussed the dates for the 2022-2023 school board meetings.

Derry Superintendent, Austin Garofalo, said the proposal was to have the meetings in September and October be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and the third and fifth Tuesdays in November, which would skip Thanksgiving week.

In December, the proposal was to have one meeting as usual and have meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in January.

February will also feature one meeting with the deliberative session scheduled for Feb. 4 with March featuring two meetings, one on the first Tuesday of the month and the other on the fourth Tuesday.

April is slated to have one meeting on April 11 with May meetings being slated for May 9 and 23. June would have meetings on June 6 and 20.

One of the concerns regarding the proposed schedule came from School Board member, Jessica Ring. She pointed out by having a meeting on Sept. 13 instead of Sept. 6 it would mean they would go five weeks without a meeting.

She also pointed out Sept. 13 is the State Primary, which could be difficult to have a meeting on. Her proposal was to cancel the Sept. 13 meeting and instead have a meeting on

Sept. 6.

School Board member, Brenda Willis, proposed they meet on Aug. 30 and have their facilities meeting on Aug. 23 instead.

Garofalo pointed out it was difficult to have a school board meeting on

the first day of school, which is why they were looking to avoid having a meeting on Aug. 30.

It was ultimately decided to have the school board meeting on Sept. 6 and Sept. 27 instead of having it on Sept. 13 and Sept. 27.

OBITUARY

Bernice E. Dicey



Bernice E. Dicey, 87 of Derry, NH died Friday Aug. 19, 2022 at High Point Hospice in Haverhill, MA. She was born in Enfield, NH on Nov. 3, 1934, a daughter of the late Arthur and Hazel (Wescott) Lombard. Bernice had been a resident of Derry since 1967, formerly living in Manchester, NH. She had been employed as a supervisor for Sanders Associates in Manchester. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many.

She is survived by her children, Danny Dicey and his wife Pamela of Manchester, NH, Floyd Dicey and his wife Debbie of Goffstown, NH, Glen Dicey of Derry, and Darlene Dicey of Derry, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one sister, Beverly Yazzetti of Manchester, one brother, Gerald Lombard of Boscawen, NH, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl C. Dicey in 2000, her son, Michael Dicey in 1954, her granddaughter, Tammy Jean Dicey in 1976, and also by her great-granddaughter, Bella Digianni who died 2019.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services were held on Wednesday Aug. 24, at the Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sandown Selectmen Reject Having Special Meeting To Ban Voting Machines

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SANDOWN - One of the public hearings during the Aug. 22 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a petition to have a special meeting to ban voting machines in the town of Sandown.

The item was continued from the July 11 meeting after the Board of Selectmen decided that they wanted to hear further

from the Town Moderator and Town legal counsel.

It was explained previously by Selectmen Chairman, Jonathan Goldman, that their legal counsel told them the recommendation was if they were to have it on the ballot it would be advisory only.

One resident, Linda Brown, during the previous meeting argued they should have a special town meeting since 51 taxpayers in town said they want it and

signed the petition.

Brown stated they have tried to get the special election before.

"This is the third time with this group trying to get a special election," said Brown.

An argument brought up during the meeting is the town could save money by making the switch to having paper hand counted ballots.

It was argued they wouldn't have to pay any

of the fees from having voting machines and that they could find volunteers to count them.

It was pointed out however by Town Moderator, Kevin Major, volunteers can't count ballots.

Goldman told petition organizers they should put in for a petition warrant article if the Selectmen don't approve a special meeting. He said if they do then the Board of Selectmen would have no choice,

but to move it to ballot next year.

In his view, he felt they shouldn't spend that amount of money on a special election.

"I'm not going to put the town on the hook," said Goldman.

Selectmen, Tom Tombarello, stated he also wasn't in favor of spending funds on the special election noting they have difficulties funding some necessities.

"The \$12,000 is where I have a problem," said Tombarello.

Selectmen, Darren Hudgins, said that he doesn't think it's right to do a special election for the vote on whether or not they should have voting machines.

"You're not capturing the whole town," said Hudgins.

Selectmen denied the request for a special meeting.

Chester Planning Board Approves Lot Line Adjustment

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - At the Aug. 10 Chester Planning Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a lot line adjustment application from Russell Quintal, the owner of 24 Carlin Street the Frances Bechtold Family

Trust located at 4 Donna Street.

The Planning Board reviewed the plans that were approved at the 2021 Town Meeting. As part of the proposal no zoning relief would be needed for the short frontage since the community voted for the plan as is.

It was explained that

the owners would be willing to discuss granting an easement, but not until the design is completed.

The Planning Board said they wanted language included if they were to approve the lot line adjustment that the plans are contingent on the granting of an easement.

Chester Town Planner, Andrew Hadik, explained that because of the circum-

stances revolving the approval at Town meeting it means the Planning Board can't set that as a condition.

Quintal said Bechtold and himself have discussed the easement issue and they are open to granting one as long as they see a plan that is approved by the Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection

Agency due to the wetlands that are on his property.

Hadik explained the EPA would not be involved in the project.

Bechtold stated she is in support of granting an easement for the property, but does not want anything to change, including the trees between the two pieces of property. She said she is concerned over her neighbor's house flooding and would like it to be resolved.

Hadik explained to the Board a survey and a hydraulic survey of the watershed would need to be done before any design could be completed.

The Planning Board

ultimately unanimously approved the lot line adjustment application.

Also during the meeting, the Planning Board got an update from Hadik regarding information he received from the Dubay Group regarding the Garabedian gravel pit. Hadik said he sent a list of issues that were raised by the Board to the Dubay group regarding the SWPPP permit and that the Dubay group had addressed them. He said they hope to have a public hearing in September at some point.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

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Chester School Board Expands Academy's Spanish Classes

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CHESTER - One of the discussion items during the Aug. 3 Chester School Board meeting was on the Spanish classes at Chester

Academy.

Chester Superintendent, Sharon Locke, explained the administration plans to focus more on the Spanish curriculum and hope to develop a comprehensive K-8 Spanish pro-

gram.

She stated the main focus on it will be to help students as much as possible for when they take classes at Pinkerton Academy when they get to high school.

Locke told the School Board that they developed a 2022-2023 Spanish Master schedule with K-5 having classes every other week for 45 minutes. For grades 6 and 7, the plan is to have the classes for 45 minutes every day for one trimester.

When student get to 8th grade it is an elective everyday all year.

One question raised by School Board member, Sabrina Harris, was if they needed to develop any kind of curriculum going into the school year and if so would it impact how effective the program is.

It was explained by Assistant Principal, Zack Champion, they have an existing middle school program that is in place they are going to continue to improve on and he noted that for K-5 they already

have the program being developed with existing materials.

Champion added they expect to have a good first year with the program and they hope to continue to improve it going forward.

Also during the school board meeting, Locke gave the School Board an update on the current projected enrollment numbers for the 2022-2023 school year.

One of the highlights of the report is that the school district is currently projecting they will have 14 students in the preschool school program, which is down three students from last year.

For kindergarten, they are projecting to have 49 students at the start of the school year, which is one more than last year. In first grade, they are projecting to have 54 students, which

is nine less than last year.

The biggest jump in students is the second grade, which has a projection of 68 students, which is up 24 compared to last year.

The eighth grade is seeing no increase.

It was pointed out by Locke they are continuing to get inquiries about students enrolling and they are carefully monitoring enrollment. At this time, she said they aren't recommending any more classrooms or staff.

In personnel news, it was announced the school district filled the vacant Spanish teacher position with Colleen Forsyth beginning on Aug. 23.

The remaining vacancies that the school district has for the 2022-2023 school year is for lunch monitor positions.

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with a max capacity recommended at 22 students. The fifth grade has a recommended cap at 25 students with one class with 25 students one with 24 and another with 26 students.

Garofalo explained sometimes they are at the schools that aren't flagged for having potentially too high of class sizes to try to free up some teachers.

However, at this point Garofalo said he doesn't think they will have to make any moves.

The Superintendent stated they have talked before that if classes get too high they may try to get an assistant in that particular classroom to help.

He explained, however, that it isn't an easy task.

School Board member, Brenda Willis, said that she doesn't like the number, however, she said that her bigger concern is the makeup of the classes.

She said she thinks that the principals should have conversations with the teachers to have a better understanding of the needs of the entire classroom.

At this point, she didn't think it was smart to move teachers from other grades. She said that she would rather see them hire another teacher if needed.

"That disrupts a lot of children," said Willis.

School Board Chair, Erika Cohen, added that for the younger grades she doesn't think they should be going above the numbers. She stated that she thinks they need to continue to keep an eye on the enrollment numbers.

"I think we should keep watching it," said Cohen.

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The Upper Room Hosts its Annual Ice Cream Social



The Upper Room in Derry hosted its annual Ice Cream Social recently.

The Upper Room of Derry held its annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, Aug. 10, with over 200 children, parents, and community members joining for the fun.

The tradition that has spanned nearly 20-years, and it offers good old fashioned summer fun.

"The event started as a way to offer children and families a simple, fun afternoon together" said Executive Director, Brenda Guggisberg, "Offering a

place to have a little fun, enjoy a summer tradition and meet other families, and possibly some providers is a great way to spend an afternoon"

The Upper Room hoped to bring children and families together for connections, and to share some of the amazing programs and services being offered at the center, and in the community.

This years event was sponsored by Moos, Ice Cream, Fun Bounce, the

Jason R. Flood Memorial Pizzastock kids, and included Trading faces for face painting, as well as visitors from WellSense health Care, Boys and Girls Club, New Futures, and Launch Manchester and Launch Derry. Ice Cream, Music, face painting, bounce house, yard games, activities and drawings, offered everyone attending something to do.

Guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, some were able to register for child-

care, get information on health care, sign up for parenting classes and workshops and even register for a pass to the Seacoast Science Center. All in all, a success.

The organization wishes to thank the many volunteers, donors, board members, invited agencies who created an opportunity to unwind, and a little magic

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Anyone wishing to learn more about The Upper Room programs can visit URteachers.org.

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Derry First Responders Top Londonderry in Softball Contest



Londonderry and Derry First Responder Softball teams met during Old Home Day week for the third time, and this year, the Derry squad was able to walk away with a comfortable 17-13 victory.

The teams met at Matthew Thornton Elementary School and despite the home team taking an early 6-3 lead, the Derry

contingent tallied a big seven-run fourth inning, and Londonderry was never able catch them.

This was the third year the cross-town teams have met and the series is now in favor of the visitors, winning two of three of the games.

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Hampstead Moves to Level II of Lawn Watering Ordinance

HAMPSTEAD – The Board of Selectmen adopted a Lawn Watering Ordinance to protect water supply during this historic drought. On August 8th, pursuant to RSA 41:11-d, the

Hampstead Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to adopt a Lawn Watering Management Ordinance in order to protect public health and safety by restricting the use of water from private wells or public water systems for outdoor lawn watering (including residential and commercial properties) during a state or federally declared drought.

On Aug 18th the Town posted the required three-day notice of Level II restrictions, limiting outdoor lawn watering to twice a week only. This came into effect on Monday, Aug. 22 and will apply to all water users in Hampstead.

Level II - Severe Drought

• Lawn watering at odd numbered addresses should

take place only on Mondays and Thursdays

• Lawn watering at even numbered addresses should take place only on Tuesdays and Fridays.

• Lawn watering should not occur between the hours of 8 AM and 7 PM.

The Hampstead Police Department has the authority to enforce these restric-

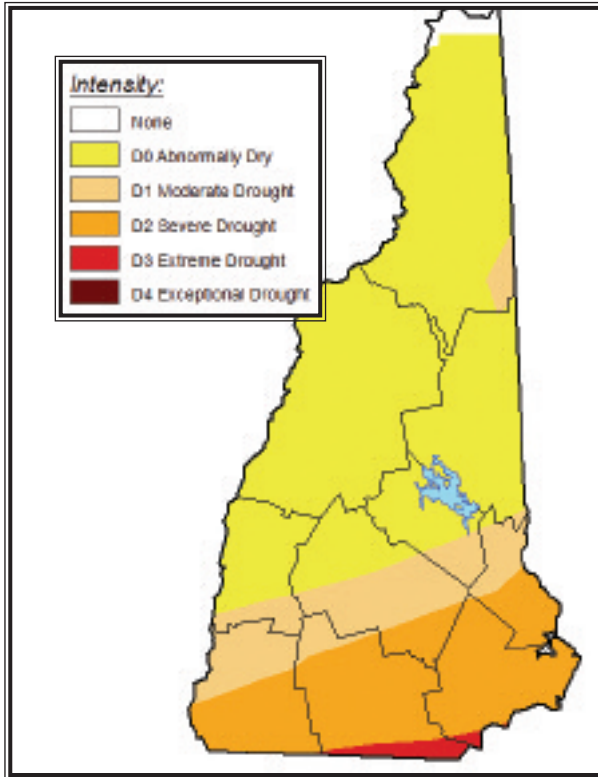
tions but we hope and expect residents will comply voluntarily in recognition of the significant threat that our water supply is currently experiencing.

The Select Board will continue to monitor the drought status in order to adjust restriction levels, up or down, accordingly

The link to the full text

of the ordinance is here <https://www.hampsteadnh.us/ordinances/pages/lawn-watering-ordinance>

Anyone with questions should contact Select Board member Laurie Warnock at lwarnock@hampsteadnh.us or the Hampstead Water Resources Committee at hwrc.all@gmail.com



The map released by the U.S. Drought Monitor on Thursday, Aug. 18 shows southern New Hampshire in a severe drought.

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CHESTER

Mahjong Club

Love Mahjong? Come and play with this Chester Library's group at the library every Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. Want to learn? We can teach you. Sign up at the front desk or by calling 603-887-3404.

Protecting Pollinators

From beetles and ants to moths and butterflies, discover the many insects playing essential roles in both our natural and homegrown habitats. Let's dive into the interconnectedness of Nature as we discuss a multitude of simple ways we can help support these endearing invertebrates by planting for pollinators in the yard and garden. At the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. This

relaxed gathering will consist of a short presentation followed by plenty of time for Q&A and discussion. Registration required.

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.

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for some-

thing new and fun to try? Join Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

DERRY

Spartans Youth Basketball

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Fall AAU tryouts at the Derry Sports Center. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd - High School. The first tryout date is Saturday Aug. 20. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 10 - 11 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon and High School boys and girls from noon - 1 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at

CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

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, facebook.com/derryhomegrown 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 Gerrish Community Center, 39 West

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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.

HAMPSTEAD

Labor Day

The Hampstead Public Library is closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day, however, it is open on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Be sure to pick up your books, movies, games, and museum passes before closing time on Saturday. All online services are available 24/7 including online newspapers, downloadable books, and more.

Teen Game Night

There are a variety of games available including board games, cards, role-playing games, and Wii, on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. Participants are also welcome to bring their own

games from home. All students entering grades 5 and up are welcome to attend.

Color Purple

Third Thursday Book Club is reading *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker at the Hampstead Library. This title was chosen in recognition of Banned & Challenged Books Week, which is in September. Copies of the book are available to borrow, and all readers are welcome to the discussion on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.

Story Time

For preschoolers and Mother Goose on the Loose are on hiatus at the Hampstead Library. They will return in September after Labor Day. More details are coming soon.

Book & Bake Sale

From Friday, Aug. 26, through Tuesday, Aug. 30, during regular Hampstead Library hours. Many gently used books and DVDs for adults and children will fill the second-floor meeting room. As a fundraiser special, **continued on page 13**



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Thrift Shop Sale

The Elaine David Thrift Shop is having an End of Summer Sale to coincide with Hampstead Library Book Sale days. Come shop on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Tuesday, Aug. 30 to get extra special prices. The Shop carries new and gently used clothing and accessories for men, women and children. They also have jewelry and some household goods. Normal Shop hours are on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Raffle Basket

A Friends of the Hampstead Public Library raffle basket is on display at the front counter in the Library. The theme is all

things British. The woven basket contains a London LEGO® set, scone mix and tray, Downton Abbey word search book, Yardley soap, an umbrella, elderflower cordial, tea, biscuits, and much more. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The drawing is on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, just before the Friends' sponsored event at the Library.

Servant Life

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library host the NH Humanities event Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction and Film on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. While servant narratives have been popular for centuries, there is a resurging interest in these stories in recent decades with films like The Remains of the Day and Gosford Park, plus PBS dramas like Downton Abbey. The presenter is Ann McClellan, a professor of English and Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs at Plymouth State University. She explores the history behind British servants and why Americans are fascinated by their stories. This event is funded by the New Hampshire

Humanities. It is free and open to the public.

Tea Time

Wildlife Tea on Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. Lindsay Webb, a Wildlife Educator with NH Fish and Game, discusses the diversity of wildlife in the state at the Hampstead Library. The tea being served is Harney & Sons Serengetea, which has an earthy and fruity flavor. Although it is not required, we greatly appreciate participant contributions of a small dessert, fruit, etc.

Club Discusses Mr. Rogers

Books are now available to borrow for the Hampstead Public Library Nonfiction Book Club's September meeting. The group discusses The Good Neighbor, the Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. All readers of the book are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. The Good Neighbor, the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, tells the story of this unique and enduring American icon. Drawing on original interviews, oral histories, and archival documents, King traces Rogers's

personal, professional, and artistic life through decades of work.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, NH will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 26, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Book Sale Cometh

The Big Annual Book Sale returns to the Hampstead Public Library on Friday, Aug. 26 through Tuesday, Aug. 30 during regular Library hours. Many gently used books and DVDs for adults and children will fill the second floor meeting room. Proceeds help fund Library items and projects not covered by the regular town budget.

Donations

The Hampstead Public Library currently accepts

book and media donations, specifically, adult fiction, children's books, and DVDs for all ages. Donations should be fairly recent publication, and free of damage. Please, do not contribute items that have stains, water damage, mold, mildew, dust, yellowing pages, musty smell, etc. The staff appreciates donations of no more than two boxes or bags at a time. Please bring things inside during Library business hours, do not leave any donations outside. All donations are greatly appreciated, and many will be used in the big Annual Book Sale in August.

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 <https://hampsteadcivicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

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

Mahjong

On Thursday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. - noon come join the Sandown Library's game day. Our Mahjong group meets every Thursday morning. Come play this beautiful, fun and ever challenging game played with tiles. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. New players always welcome.

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a.m. - 12:30 p.m., as Ann Hamilton, a UNH Extension Food Safety Specialist shares her knowledge on what we can do with our bountiful garden harvest. This introductory food preservation class will cover the latest research-based methods and recipes, answer questions, and share experiences about a variety of topics. This program will be held outdoors and will be rescheduled in the event of rain.

Summer Saturdays - Movie Magic

Enjoy evening movies at the recreation building on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This month's movie will be Spider-Man No Way Home. This event will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough.

Tales for Tots

On Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Sandown Library. Ocean based stories, songs, and activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under.

Crafting Crew

On Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library an Ocean themed crafting fun for the summer. This program is recommended for children 3 years and above. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m. the evening prior to the program.

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.

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 materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 coordi-

nation, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations.

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.

REGIONAL

Burbine Tourney

Come join the fun and excitement and compete in

the 4th Annual Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament the weekend of Sept. 9 - 11. The tournament raises money, through entry fees, raffles and donations, and awards 2 scholarships to graduating high school. Players can register for one or more categories of play, Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. The entry fee is \$35 per player/per category. To register or make donations Venmo @peruffburbine or pay by cash/check on the day of the tournament. Email first and last name, t-shirt size and phone number to SkipBurbineFoundation@gmail.com Choice of t-shirt size to those who register by 8/18.

OBITUARY

Verna Evelyn Elwell



Verna Evelyn Elwell, 89, of Derry, NH, passed away on Aug. 5, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. Born to Forrest and Idella (Crowley) Welch on Nov. 9, 1932, Verna was a cherished daughter and sister from a loving family. Verna helped to keep the peace between her siblings & care for her youngest brother. It was during her childhood in Lynn, MA, that Verna learned to sew & continued to develop her skills, later, working as a skillful seamstress, even fashioning clothes for her children.

While juggling the demands of working outside of the home, Verna raised 4 wonderful children, first in Tewksbury, MA, before relocating to Derry, NH. She was their constant cheerleader in sports & school &, later, supporting them as they built families and pursued careers.

Verna was a devoted wife. She married the love of her life, Gerald "Jed" Elwell, in 1983 & moved to Pompano Beach, FL. For 2 decades, Jed & Verna spent most of the year cruising around in their boat, the VeeGee. Their cat, Holly, was their constant companion. Verna loved to dance. She & Jed spent many nights at the local VFW showing off their moves.

As a doting grandmother, Verna could be found cheering on the sidelines at sporting events or beaming in the stands at high school, college & military graduations. She frequently expressed her pride for her grandchildren & cheekily added that they got their smarts or athletic abilities from her. Verna took a great deal of joy from watching her great grandchildren play & being called "Grammie Ma" as her grandmother had been called.

From early Spring to late Fall, Verna's evenings were spent cheering on the Red Sox. She attended a game from time to time and, once her "Sweet Caroline" dancing landed her on the big screen.

Verna was a friend to everyone she met. It was not unusual to hear her exclaim, "I'm a hugger!" upon meeting someone new. An active member of First Parish Church, often volunteering to welcome people to morning services & spaghetti suppers & manning the punch bowl at receptions. She never missed a Keep In Touch gathering if she could avoid it. In her many years living at Nutfield Heights, Verna went on countless outings with fellow residents & friends, & she was a regular at events, such as potlucks, movie, & game nights.

Verna will be dearly missed by all those that knew & loved her. She is survived by her 4 children & their spouses: Gail & Carl Hepworth of Derry, NH, Richard & Diane Little of Derry, NH, Frank & Darcy Little of Concord, NH, & David & Melissa Little of Canterbury, CT; her brother & his spouse, Stephen & Carol Welch of Gilford, NH, nieces & nephews, as well as 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, & many more that affectionately called her Grammie V. Verna was predeceased by her husband of 23 years, Gerald Elwell, & 2 brothers, Robert & Melvin Welch.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Aug. 26, from 6 - 8 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Verna's life will be celebrated on Saturday Aug. 27 at 10 a.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., E. Derry. Mask usage at the funeral home & the Church is at the discretion of the attendee. The burial will be in NH State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Verna's memory to the NH Down Syndrome Association or the First Parish Congregational Church Building Rehabilitation Fund.



TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-b, III (a) on Thursday, September 15th, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Chester Municipal Offices, 84 Chester Street, Chester, New Hampshire, in the Meeting Room (Room No. 4) for the purpose of accepting unanticipated revenue from the State of New Hampshire for maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways in the amount of \$125,620.30.

By, Charles F. Myette, Chairman
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