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Over 100 Volunteer hours

At the Annual Meeting of the Hillsborough Historical Society, President Michael Reopel presents Mark Gage an award for logging over 100 volunteer hours at both the Homestead and Museum this year. The Coralie Hansen-Jim Marvin Award went to Ennio Gerini for his thousands of volunteer hours he gave to the Manahan-Phelps-McCulloch Photographic Collection. Unfortunately, Ennio passed away before the meeting.

Turkey killer identified

Police have issued two violations to Ian Gamble, 21, of Francestown for taking a turkey from a motor vehicle and hunting without a license after his car was identified on an online video, speeding through a flock of turkeys on Francestown Road last week. Although several birds were hit, only one died.



Governor John Lynch (c) joined General Foreman Ryan Shackett (l) and Senior VP/GM NAFTA Alan Barlow (r) for the ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new production line at the OSRAM SYLVANIA facility in Hillsboro. The multi-million dollar investment replaces 20-year-old lines and manufactures low- and high-beam lights and fog lamps.

Quiet please

Sunapee discusses updated noise ordinance

About 20 residents attended the hearing on Sunapee's new noise ordinance and they were not quiet in their criticism of it. Board Chair Fred Gallup opened the hearing by saying the ordinance was an attempt to update a 1981 ordinance by being more specific but not more restrictive. Resident Doug Sartwell was critical of allowing construction to begin as early as 6:30 a.m. on weekdays. Charlie Smith pointed out the inconsistency which prohibited some types of noise creating activity before

7:00 a.m. in Section II but others before 6:30 a.m. in Section III. Peter Delay thought 11 p.m. was too late to allow unreasonable noises in residential neighborhoods. Others criticized the ordinance as too complicated and suggested that Section I, which generally outlaws unreasonable noises in public places or private places which can be heard in public places.

The Board thanked the residents of and promised to take their suggestions under advisement.

Andover's two Fire Departments merging Jan. 1st

After operating independently since the 1930s, the Andover Fire Department and the East Andover Fire Department plan to merge their operations as of January 1st. Although the town will still have two precincts, there will be only one fire department, with one chief, and two captains,

in order to provide better faster service to residents. Initially, there will still be two budgets and two sets of fire commissioners, but those functions should also be combined in coming years. The two fire departments have been training together for the past two years in preparation for the change.



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New London's 1941 Building Committee gets down to work

The New London Selectmen recently met with the newly appointed 1941 Building Committee Meeting Chair Peter Bianchi who thanked the members for agreeing to serve on the committee. He gave them nine days to carry out their charge, which is to create a proposal for the former New London Central School that can be presented to the School Board in response to the request for proposal. Hardy Hasenfuss asked if they should consider only a non-commercial use, which was affirmed.

Bianchi said the RFP specifies only the 1941 building but the school board is open to any suggestions, including the cafeteria. The property includes land from Pressey Court to Sawyer Lane. Tina Helm reminded the committee that they have just eight days and they should focus on a general presentation to give to the school board. Later, they can go on to the next stage which would go into more details. Hasenfuss asked if the people who had been willing to provide money during a previous community center fundraising effort would still be willing to donate now, and Casey Biuso thought that there were still interested people who will be willing to donate, although she was not sure the donations would be as high as they had been before. Hasenfuss asked if those people might be willing to help the Town come

Tony Bergeron improving

Sunapee Road Agent Tony Bergeron suffered a major heart attack last Saturday. He was initially taken to New London Hospital but later transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where he remains in critical condition.

up with the \$50,000 for the first year of maintenance. Biuso thought that these people would feel better if the Town was involved in this part of the fundraising. Selectman Janet Kidder said they have all thought that the Town would be an integral part of the community center happening. Now it seems that the Town will be involved in a public/private

partnership. There are some private organizations that he thought would be willing to give some money, however, the committee should not try and count on the individual people who were originally involved to donate. They should think about a lease of the building for the time being and maybe a lease/purchase agreement down the road.



Plans to spend \$8 million on Newport Health Center

Bruce King, CEO of New London Hospital recently announced the Hospital's ambitious \$8 million plan to purchase the building occupied by the Newport Health Center and the abandoned bowling alley in the Newport Shopping Plaza.

The purchase, scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, would also include the land where the

former Sunoco service station was located and 17 acres of land on the north side of Elm Street. Plans are for the bowling alley to be torn down with a new medical office building constructed. The current Newport Health Center building is to be gutted and renovated. When completed, the project will double the space of Newport Health Center.

36TH Annual Hillsboro Lions Club
Senior Citizen Dinner
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

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Please RSVP to Bob Fraser at 495-3087 by Nov. 1

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A diet lacking in omega-3 fatty acids, nutrients commonly found in fish, may cause your brain to age faster and lose some of its memory and thinking abilities, according to a study published in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Omega-3 fatty acids include the nutrients called docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA).

Neither aspirin nor warfarin is superior for preventing a combined risk of death, stroke, and cerebral hemorrhage in heart failure patients with normal heart rhythm, according to a landmark clinical trial published in *New England Journal of Medicine*. Previous studies established warfarin to be superior to aspirin for preventing stroke in heart failure patients with atrial fibrillation.

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Henniker Rotary Club President Joyce Bosse thanks Stephen Norton, Executive Director of the NH Center for Public Policy for his presentation to the club.

New London shooting issue is unresolved

New London Selectman Janet Kidder asked about the shooting range issue discussed at a prior meeting and Administrator Kim Hallquist noted that Chief Seastrand was on vacation. Kidder questioned whether moving the current shooting range was an option so that no shooting takes place in the Shepherd Pit area at all. Ms. Johnson suggested using the Elkins Fish & Game range. Tina Helm recalled that Chief Seastrand had said that they only shoot twice per year at the range so it would not increase the activity at the Elkins Fish & Game range greatly, and Hallquist noted she did not believe that the Police Department would be in favor of moving their range as they see a benefit to having their own range on town property. She pointed out that as part of the fee for dispatching services, other town's police departments can come shoot at the New London range, provided that New London Police department personnel are present. Helm said that she hoped the problem would be solved after the signage goes up. The Chief will update the Board at its next meeting.

Hopkinton Middle School/HYSA signups

Basketball evaluations for grades 7-8 will be conducted next week October 30-November 2. Anyone interested in playing for either the Middle School or HYSA should plan on attending. Following three days of evaluations, players will be split into teams; a Middle School team and HYSA teams.

The evaluation schedule is as follows. All evaluations will occur in the high school gym.

Tuesday, October 30th - Girls 3-5, Boys 5-7

Thursday, November 1st - Girls 3-5, Boys 5-7

Friday, November 2nd Boys 3-5, Girls 5-7

The coaches for the Middle School Teams will be Vince Judd for the boys and Patty Connolly for the girls. HYSA coaches will be announced once teams have been selected and we have a firm grasp of how many players and teams we will have. Teams will be announced via the HYSA and school websites over the weekend. If you have any questions about the evaluation process, please contact either Dan Meserve, Middle School Athletic Director or Shane Clark, HYSA basketball commissioner.

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Henniker 4th graders explore New England College's Biology Lab

You could hear the oohs and aahs as Henniker's fourth graders recently toured a college biology lab complete with live specimens—sea slugs! And then, using microscopes, viewed slides of a sea slug's brain (that's where the slug's eyes are located). After viewing the live creatures and slides, Mrs. Morono's 4th graders then moved onto another lab for a mini-lecture on the anatomy of a cell, all thanks to New England College Associate Professor of Biology James Newcomb and the dad of a Henniker 4th grader.

"We've been studying life science in the 4th grade, but it was during a parent/teacher conference that I learned that one of my student's parents was a biology professor at NEC," said Henniker Teacher Caroline Morono. "Once that connection was made, plans were formed and the result was this fabulous day for our 4th graders to go inside a real lab and do real lab work... all within walking distance of

our school," continued Morono.

Professor Newcomb's lecture on the anatomy of a cell included having the students swab the inside of their cheek with a toothpick and prepare the slide. They then compared the difference between a plant and animal cell. The students also documented their observations and recorded them just as a regular biology lab would be conducted.

"New England College offers great opportunities for us here at the Henniker Community School," said School Principal Katherine McBride. "This fun-filled day of learning and discovery at a college

is not something most 4th graders get to experience," she continued. "The day was a total joy," said Newcomb of the experience. "I especially loved all the excitement, interest, and fun questions. Exposing kids to science has never been more fun," continued Newcomb.

And, interestingly, perhaps never more important. Research recently conducted by Professor Samantha Gizerian of Washington State University shows that exposing kids to science at an early age—perhaps in as little as 10 hours a year—can also lead to improved test scores in math and language arts.

Wiley-Perra Program begins

Newport's Wiley-Perra Christmas Program is now accepting applications from families of the Newport School District who are in need of assistance this Christmas season. Applications are available at Petal Patch, Newport Chamber of Commerce and the Newport Senior Center. All applications are due back no later than Nov. 1st. Any person interested in donating to this worthy cause may contact these locations as well.



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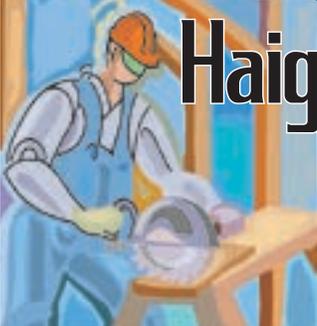


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United Way needs more winter coats

After another successful Free Coat Friday on the Newport Common, The United Way of Sullivan County has an urgent need for warm winter clothing, especially COATS for children, women and men. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations: Lake Sunapee Bank – all locations; Sugar River Bank – all locations; Connecticut River Bank – Charlestown & Claremont; Claremont Savings Bank – all locations; Valley Regional Hospital – main lobby; Sullivan County Nursing Home; Southwestern Community Services; Newport Montessori School; Sullivan County United Way Office – 23 Main St., Newport.

Wilmot Scarecrow winners announced

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will announce the winners in its third annual Scarecrow Festival at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Red Barn, 64 Village Road, Wilmot Flat. Prizes in the Scarecrow Festival will be awarded in six categories – most original, prettiest, best group ensemble, scariest and best use of natural material. In addition to announcing the award winners, hot and cold beverages and apple and pumpkin snacks will be served and the young at heart will enjoy face painting and crafts. Wilmot Police Chief David White will offer guidelines for trick or treating, and silver reflector trick or treat bags and flashing safety pins will be available courtesy of John Gutman.

Special meeting set for Highway Garage

The Town of Hopkinton has received permission from the Superior Court to hold a special town meeting in order to raise funds for a new highway garage although negotiations between the town and the Local Government Center, over the amount of the insurance settlement, are ongoing.

The special meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school, although the board is waiting on a guaranteed maximum price from the contractor before printing the warrant. Town officials have disputed LGC's \$650,000 valuation on the former garage as it had charged the town insurance premiums based on a value of \$1 million for years.

Mistrial in Hillsboro man's homicide trial

A mistrial has been declared in the case of Eric Mays, 25, of Hillsborough who was charged with negligent homicide. Mays was accused of driving drunk in a Stoddard crash that killed his friend, Brandon Farrow, 24, of Hancock. Another passenger, Lesley Mouradian, 25, of Milford, was also injured. During the five-day trial, in Cheshire County Superior Court, the jury heard conflicting accounts of who was behind the wheel during the crash. Authorities have not said what caused the mistrial or if they will seek to retry Mays.

Henniker School & John Stark students raise \$5,896 for CHaD

A team of teachers and administrators from the Henniker Community School (HCS) and John Stark Regional High School formed the AVERY ALL-STARS and participated in the 7th Annual CHaD Hero Half Marathon on October 21, 2012 in Hanover, NH. All proceeds benefit ser-

vices and programs at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). Organized by John Stark's Tammy Zielinski, the AVERY ALL-STARS raised \$5,896 and ran

or walked in support of HCS student Avery Forrestall, a fifth-grader who is currently in treatment at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth.

New Hillsborough employees

At Tuesday's Selectman's meeting the Board finalized the hiring of three new town employees. Laura Buono was officially hired as Town Administrator. She will begin work about December 1st so as to give Warner time to find a replacement.

Robyn Payson was officially hired as the town's new part-time Planner to begin work shortly. William Banister was also hired as a Dispatcher. All hirings are contingent upon background checks and signing of employment contracts.

The selectmen expressed their appreciation to Iris Campbell, Kelley Dearborn-Luce and Lauralee LoMonoco for their extraordinary work in the absence of a Town Administrator and Planner these past months. Each was given a \$250 bonus.

Halloween plans in Wilmot

Wilmot Community Association will provide goodies for trick or treaters from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the WCA Red Barn, decorated with Halloween decor. The Wilmot Public Library will have its Children's Halloween Party that evening, and after the library's party, parents are encouraged to include the WCA on their list of stops when they take their children trick or treating.



The Avery Allstars.

United Methodist Church says "Sock It To Me"

Veteran Laugh-In viewers will remember this famous refrain, but to the men of Hillsborough's United Methodist Church it has a more profound meaning. For the fifth consecutive year, members the church's Mens Ministry will spend three days and two nights camping out Nov. 2, 3 and 4, sleeping in cardboard boxes to highlight the plight of the homeless. Food, clothing, quilts and blankets will be collected. This year, the goal is to collect 500 pair of warm winter socks. Food will be distributed to local food pantries and the other items taken to Rise Again Ministry in Concord. **Publisher's Comment:** Most of us are sympathetic

and compassionate to those less fortunate than ourselves but our contribution to our fellow man comes in the form of a check or a donation of non perishable food or gently used clothing. Those donations are not to be diminished or ignored as they are tremendously beneficial to those who receive and rewarding to those of us who gave. However, our contributions pale compared to those who sacrifice their personal comfort and well being to remind us that our neighbors need help. By actually living the life of the homeless, if only for a few days, those true Christians set a high standard the rest of us emulate but often fail to meet.

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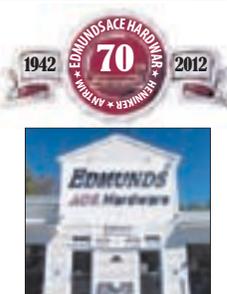


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EPA gives Newport two month extension

The Town of Newport has been under orders from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to come in compliance with phosphorus removal limits at its new, \$2.6 million Phosphorus Removal Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility's original deadline was October 31st to complete the upgrade. However, because of construction delays, the EPA has granted Newport the two-month extension to Dec. 31. The EPA granted the extension because the pre-engineered building had not been fabricated and delivered on schedule.

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Trick or Treating hours set in Deering

The Deering Police Department announces that Halloween Trick-Or-Treating hours will be on Halloween, Wednesday October 31, 2010, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 pm. The Police Department will have extra patrols throughout this evening, and Explorer's from the Hillcat Cadet Post 612 will also assist with traffic control and site security in the heavily traveled areas of Deering. The Police Department further reminds and asks parents to ensure that their children have reflective clothing or straps, carry flashlights or safety beacons, carry cell phones for emergencies, and that younger children be accompanied by an adult or older responsible sibling. If you find any questionable candy or food items (torn or altered packaging), or otherwise come upon any suspicious or dangerous activity, please call Police Dispatch immediately at 464-3600, so the nearest officer can be dispatched to assist.

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Wilmot Holiday Craft Fair December 1

The Wilmot Community Association is seeking vendors for its annual Holiday Craft Fair set from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at the New London Outing Club's Indoor Center, 114 Cougar Court, New London. Friends of the Wilmot Public Library will wrap gifts at a special station. Donations to the library in exchange for this service will be welcome. For members of the WCA, booth space costs \$30 for a space that is eight feet wide by eight feet deep (limit two per vendor). Booth space for nonmembers of the WCA costs \$35 per space, also limited to two per vendor. Electricity will be available for an additional cost. Vendors must provide their own tables. Items sold by crafters must be handmade, custom products. New resale items are subject to approval by the WCA. Garage sale and flea market items will not be permitted. Coffee, food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the event.



The Kearsarge Girls put up a valiant fight against the powerful Bow Falcons. DM Grant Photo.

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Sale 2: ABSOLUTE • 3-Bedroom Manufactured Home on 2.4± Acres - 78 Benning Depot Road, Deering, NH • 1977 manufactured home with additions located on a 2.4± acre lot in a Rural neighborhood • Home has 1,444± SF GLA, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, deck, enclosed porch, FHA/oil heat, and multiple detached sheds • Private well and septic system • Tax Map 232, Lot 17. Assessed value: \$103,800. 2011 taxes: \$2,668.

Sale 3: MINIMUM BID: \$12,500 • Vacant 5± Acre Lot - Tax Map 242, Lot 20, Second NH Turnpike, Deering, NH • Heavily wooded 5± acre lot located on a dirt road close to the Airport in West Deering • Lot has 450.8± feet of frontage and is rolling in topography • Residential Zoning District • Private well and septic system required • Assessed value: \$61,700. 2011 taxes: \$1,614.

Sale 4: MINIMUM BID: \$12,500 • Vacant 3± Acre Lot - Tax Map 217, Lot 26, Dickey Hill Road, Deering, NH • Heavily wooded 3± acre lot located just off Route 149 close to the center of town • Lot slopes up from it's 200± feet of frontage and is generally rolling in topography • Residential Zoning District • Well and septic system required • Assessed value: \$56,600. 2011 taxes: \$1,481.

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These people hiked all of the New London Conservation Commission Trails. (L to R) George Green, Ruth White, Wendy Johnson, Anita Geleius, Michael Geleius, Terry Dancy, (missing) Bob Crane, Emma Crane, Garry Crane. Courtesy Photo.



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Nine people hike all New London trails

Nine folks received patches that the New London Conservation Commission awarded Oct 17th to people who had hiked all of the NLCC trails. This is a continuing activity and the next award day will be in May. The trails vary in length and difficulty and if you do them during hunting season be sure and wear orange! You can get the list at the Town Hall or on the Conservation web site....NL-NHCC.com. This gives you a chance to finish hiking this fall.....or do all 26 miles in the winter.

Hancock & Peterborough Republicans

On October 28, 2012 Hancock Republican Town Committee Hosts NH Executive Council District 2 Candidate Michael Tierney and Special Discussion Speakers: Hope Taylor – “Fed Up” – Reservations about the Federal Reserve; John Lord – “An Appeal to Independents”; Bill Gnade – “5 & 1/2 Reasons Why I Became a Republican” at the Hancock Republican Town Committee (HRTC) meeting on Sunday, October 28, at 4:00 p.m. in the Daniels Room at the Hancock Library. This is a collaborative effort with the Peterborough Republican Town Committee and is an open meeting for all.

Free Sullivan County Veteran's Dinners

Sullivan County Nutrition Services will be honoring veterans with a donation-free meal on Friday, November 9th. Any veteran wishing to participate may do so at any of the following locations: Town Office Complex, Charlestown (826- 5139), Earl Bourdon Centre, Claremont (543-3072) and the Newport Senior Center, Newport (863-3177). Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. The menu will consist of pot roast, baked potato, spinach and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Call the number for the location best for you to register.

Peterborough Lions host spaghetti dinner

The annual Peterborough Lions Club spaghetti supper will be Saturday at the Union Congregational Church. Diners and club members alike are invited to dress in Halloween costumes, if they wish. A prize from Ava Marie's will be awarded to the costume chosen as the best by the judges. The dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets, available at the door or from any Lion, are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for children.

Congressman Bass awards medals to combat veteran

At a ceremony at his Newport Office last Thursday, Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) presented several service medals to Vietnam War veteran Gene Patnaude. Joining Patnaude for the medal presentation was his 12-year-old grandson, Kellin Cushing. Patnaude served as a scout sniper in the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in Vietnam during the Vietnam War with K Company, 3rd Battalion, in the 7th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marines Division. During his service, Patnaude was severely wounded, having been blown 12 feet into the air. After spending eight months in military hospitals, Patnaude was able to return home to recover from his life-threatening wounds.

Bass said, "I am truly honored to present Gene Patnaude with these medals for his dedication and service to our great nation. They are a small token of our nation's deep appreciation for the sacrifices he made to protect our freedoms and way of life."

Bass was able to help Patnaude obtain his medals, several of which he presented to Patnaude: the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and

the Vietnamese Service Medal with three bronze campaign stars.

Patnaude is also receiving the Combat Action Ribbon (Vietnam), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Republic of

Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with palm), the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Color with palm), the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Parachutist Insignia, and the Rifle Expert Badge.



Congressman Charlie Bass (R-NH) presents long overdue medals to Vietnam combat veteran Gene Patnaude as his grandson Kellin Cushing looks on.

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Controversy erupts in Henniker over weddings

Henniker Zoning Board Show

Well, I don't know what anyone else got out of the 10/17/12 ZBA Appeal Hearing that lasted 4 hours, but as the Appeller the only questions on the table needing to be answered was am I following zoning regulations, and was the ZBA in error to order me to cease and desist my farm activities? That's it! Although Attorney Rob Miller succinctly proved that the order needed to be withdrawn, and that I was well within my rights to continue my operation as an agritourism business, the ZBA "tabled" the appeal so they could contact our town attorney to see if they could add a stipulation to the RSA I was defending to control my activities of operation.

What I got out of 4 hours of purposeful confusion by introducing 4-5 other statutes is they finally accepted the term "Agritourism" and what I do, but they could not accept the lack of dictatorial control over my business and property. To observe Chairperson Connor shuffling around and digging through all her law books, desperately looking for an excuse to give the ZBA to table my appeal was upsetting, felt personal, and seemed like this was their plan from the onset. This board wasn't even given current zoning regulations to review by our \$55.00 an hour Planning Consultant, as one board member pointed out, nor did they think to have a town counsel on hand. And I'm still trying to ascertain how an hourly planning consultant has the authority to send me a cease and desist letter with added threat of additional proceeding, including up to \$550 fine a day, and attorney fees and costs, if I did not stop my activities on my farm.

Only one ethical board member argued and held firm to the appeal before him, and voted in my favor. Farmers, landowners and taxpayers need to know what's going on here. We must stop being enslaved by these arrogant people who plant themselves...forever... on crucial town boards to serve not us but their own agenda. This is a small battle in the war for property rights. Please, stay engaged and stay informed in your communities.

My Appeal is now rescheduled to continue on 11/15/12 at 7:00 p.m. in the town offices.

My attorney and I are defending a state law that makes sense to property owners,

farmers and taxpayers of this state, and it is costly to me. Please come to show your support if you can. Thanks to everyone that came on the 17th from all over NH. My special thanks to Rob Miller for presenting a simple cut and dry case on my/our behalf that we all could understand and way we were there. Thanks for all those that spoke out and supported me in this time of need. I never thought that I had so many concerned and good friends.

Steve Forster, Forster's Christmas Tree Farm, Henniker

Has the Town Planner of Henniker gone too far? You decide.

In an economy where business people are struggling to stay in business and towns are in need of revenue from businesses the Town Planner in Henniker issued a Cease and Desist Letter to Mr. Steve Forster the owner of a well-known and well-run business, Forster's Christmas Tree Farm and Gift Shoppe in Henniker. The Town Planner said that Mr. Forster was in violation of the Town Zoning Ordinance. "Holding weddings/events and other like functions on the premise that are not allowed uses in the RR zone per the Henniker Zoning Ordinance. Now, here is where the fun begins, The Town of Henniker's Zoning Regulations were adopted on June 9, 1987 (25 years ago). Mr. Forster has a Justice of the Peace license to perform weddings at the farm dating back to September 1979. Forster's Christmas Tree Farm predates the Henniker Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in June 1987 and was being used to host weddings and wedding receptions since the 1970's and therefore that use, is grandfathered. According to the Application of Appeal that I have read. "To the extent that the ZBA takes the position that Mr. Forster's pre-existing use of the farm for weddings and wedding ceremonies is insufficient to establish a grandfathered use, the use of a farm for weddings/events and other like functions is, nevertheless, a common accessory use on farms and other properties with agricultural uses in New Hampshire. We have an RSA in NH 21:34-a VI that defines the term "agritourism" to be "attracting visitors to a working farm for such things as overnight stays (an Inn to learn about farming) or active involvement in farms, which apparently the

Henniker ZBA has decided to ignore. Mr. Forster is attempting to host the occasional wedding ceremony, wedding reception, or corporate function on his Christmas Tree Farm that is comprised of more than 96 acres. In so doing it is his attempt to attract visitors not only to his farm but also to the Town of Henniker.

Many small businesses throughout our State need help not hindrances from their local Government. The interesting thing to me is that we have a State RSA protecting his rights and a Town Planner and ZBA that want to make it harder for him. I am not a lawyer nor ever played one on TV but my common sense tells me that Mr. Forster has done no wrong and is not breaking any zoning ordinances; he has been doing this before any ordinance was in place. Now, I ask you why are they just getting to it now? He pays his taxes and I am sure that they are not insignificant to the town and he has a business that draws people not only from the State but also from nearby States during Christmas. It appears to me that it is just another attempt to prohibit growth of a business in Henniker. I live in a Town with only one Business and we have very little revenue, if there were a way to move his property to my town I am sure we would work with him. The Town of Henniker has an opportunity to work with a resident who is trying to make a living, why turn your back on him? On October 17th there was a ZBA meeting and over 100 people from not only the town of Henniker but from all over the State attended the meeting in support of a small business owner who seems to be getting no cooperation from a town that he has paid tax in and supported with his business since the mid-70's. There should be a way to solve this without wasting taxpayers' money trying to defend an inevitable Law Suit.

JP Marzullo, Deering

You Can Follow the Law... If the Henniker Zoning Board Allows You To Do So

Strange, but apparently true, is the above statement, especially considering the actions, or lack thereof, displayed by the Henniker Zoning Board on Wednesday evening, October 17th. Confronted with the clear need to vacate an administrative action by the Town Planner, in the face of

a state RSA (law), specifically several sections of RSA 21:34 and a carefully crafted appeal by attorney Rob Miller, the Henniker Zoning Board was apparently unable to grasp the intent or scope of the law. To the astonishment of the overflowing audience present, the Board chose to table action pending review. The nature of this action is insidiously relevant to anyone holding the sanctity of property rights dear and essential to a free society. At issue, is the right of accessory use of a farm, a commonly accepted practice, for weddings, events and other like functions. An accessory use of property is one that is not expressly permitted by ordinance itself, but is occasioned by and subordinate to the permitted primary use and customarily or habitually associated with it. Indeed, in *Town of Windham v. Alford*, 129N.H. 24,28-29 (1986), Justice Souter affirmed that notion thusly: “[w]hile the strength or degree of the customary or habitual association does not lend itself to definition by formula, and while the combination need not occur in a majority of instances of the principal use, the uses must be associated with a frequency that is substantial enough to rise above rarity.”

Equally relevant to the issue extant, is the element of agritourism. We note that definition is also clearly delineated in N.H. RSA 21:34-a VI as “attracting visitors to a working farm for the purpose of eating a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education on farm operations, or active involvement in the activity of the farm which is ancillary to the farm operation”. Clearly, while the term agritourism is relatively new in the lexicon, operationally, it has afforded farms a means to mitigate the seasonal nature of the business, thus serving to preserve their existence.

At issue in Henniker, is an administrative action, essentially deeming the aforementioned in violation of Henniker zoning regulations. This has resulted in a cease and desist order with associated fines for failure to comply. And so, Mr, Steve Forster, owner of Forster’s Christmas Tree Farm, faces the loss of his long standing (read grandfathered) business, due to a clear misinterpretation of existing law. More insidiously, while Mr. Forster has attempted to follow a law that clearly does not permit the local Zoning Board to control his business, on Wednesday evening, the board wrestled with novel interpretations that would sustain the action.

One can only hope that tabling the action until the November 15 board meeting will enable it to reconsider attorney Miller’s written appeal and vacate the order, in the presence of council capable of clarifying the ramifications. Those ramifications are clear. If sustained at board level, the issue must be resolved in court. All residents of this state should be incensed if that were to occur. The unnecessary community expense involved in such litigation, despite the statutory clarity, is mind boggling. Should local zoning or planning boards be permitted to vitiate state laws, we will surely suffer the consequences of lost businesses, pristine and increasingly rare farmland and the opportunity to build and grow community. That is not the New Hampshire way. That is not the American way.

Rick Kloepfel, Elkins

I Don’t Understand

I attended the 10/17/12 Zoning Board meeting in Henniker NH. The Question before the board was “Is Forster’s tree farm following state and local zoning regulations when having weddings and events on the farm.” State and local zoning laws allow farms to engage in Agritourism. The term is defined as “attracting visitors to a working farm for the purpose of eating a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education on farm operations or active involvement in the activity of the farm which is ancillary to the farm operation.”

Attorney Miller produced a letter from the Commissioner of NH Dept of Agriculture stating that weddings and events fall within the definition of Agritourism and that there are numerous examples of NH farms of all types hosting weddings. The concept of Forster’s Tree farm holding weddings is neither new nor unique to the farming community. The owner of Diamond Hill Farm in Concord talked about their years of experience holding weddings and events and the benefits to the farm and community. The NY Times published an article in 2009 stating the increase in popularity of farm weddings across the nation. Ruralbounty.com is a national database of farms, orchards,etc. open to the public; there are 17 pages of farms that hold weddings.

So honestly, I really don’t understand why the Henniker zoning board is so opposed to a farm in town doing what farms

across the country are doing to remain viable. Is a farm that holds outdoor weddings under a tent from June through October for a maximum of 150 guests on over 100 acres of private property such a bad thing for our town that the zoning board is looking to ignore zoning laws?

Jill Morrow, Henniker

War On ‘Agritourism’ In Henniker

Henniker citizens should be concerned about an apparent vendetta being carried out with the help of the Planning and Zoning Board against Steve Forster, owner of The Christmas Tree Farm & Gift Shop.

Since 1975, Mr. Forster has developed his farm in peace with zero complaints on file with any town officials or police. It is disturbing that in a 3 day period (May 21-24, 2012), a resident enters town office expressing a concern to Land Use Coordinator; LUC emails Planning Board Chair and Planning Consultant that “It has been suggested that somebody needs to be made an example of (for disregarding the zoning ordinance)”; PC writes a cease and desist letter of all “commercial weddings, functions and like activities” or “additional proceedings will be brought forth”; and on July 3, a Notice of Violation with the threat of a \$550 a day violation fee, and award of attorney fees and costs issued.

Mr. Forster, forced to hire an attorney, filed an appeal to defend his property rights to operate and expand his farm under “agritourism,” as defined by local zoning and state laws. On Oct. 17, the appeal before the ZBA was to 1) vacate the cease and desist letter and 2) find the usage of Mr. Forster’s farm as an agritourism business was permitted. Farmers from across NH, and others, gave testimony on behalf of agritourism. We then listened to 4 hours of deliberation, and ended with the matter tabled so the ZBA could get attorney opinion to attach restrictions to the appeal, and define what Mr. Forster can do on his property.

In the end, Mr. Forster will win but has lost his summer/fall profits+ and his freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness until this resolves - like it should at the rescheduled hearing Nov. 15 at 7:00 p.m. The taxpayers have lost by supporting financially the follies and foils of appointed and elected officials, who have no rational or legal basis for any of this to have occurred.

Kathleen LaBonte, Henniker



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Candidates Corner

Be Sure To Vote November 6th

ROBERT A. FREDETTE

State Representative, Hillsborough/Antrim



Retired
US Army (26 years, Vietnam Veteran) and Retired Small Business Owner (14 years) State Representative 2011-2012, Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs

Committee, Task Force on Work & Family, Special Committee to investigate Liquor Commission, Governors Council on Aging, Hillsboro Lions Club (Past President), American Legion (26 years, Past Commander), Loyal Order of Moose (Past Administrator), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW, Life Member), Non-Commissioned Officer Association (NCOA), Airborne Association, Committee member Hillsboro Balloon Festival, Volunteer, Hillsboro Schnitzfest

Political Philosophy: Take good care of our Senior Citizens and Physically/Mentally Challenged Citizens, All others need to work for a living (No Free Rides) Government should stay out of citizens personal business.....especially social and religious Let local governments decide Education requirements Support the right for all citizens to bear arms (Second Amendment) Vote for the individual candidate, Not the political Party Find a better method of paying the bills than property taxes. We have reached our limit and can't pay any more. Our seniors are being taxed out of their homes.

DANIEL MCCORMICK

State Representative, Bradford/Heniker

My name is Dan McCormick and I have lived in Bradford for the past 24 years. My wife and I have been married nearly 30 years, have had 2 children and a granddaughter.

I am a retired Respiratory Care Practitioner for the state of New Hampshire for 18 years. Before that I worked 15 years as a UPS driver before back problems forced me to reconsider my career choice and I returned to college and earned my degree in

Respiratory Science.

During my time in Bradford I have volunteered my days off in the past helping out at the Bradford Elementary School. I was also a baseball coach for the Bradford Newbury Youth Sports. I am actively involved in my local church, the First Baptist Church in Bradford.



In November 2010 the New Hampshire House of Representatives received a mandate from the voters of New Hampshire to promote economic development and create jobs; to cut state spending; to reduce taxes and fees; to return fiscal sanity to the state; to provide our children with an education bases on excellence; and to protect the personal rights and freedoms of its citizens. They've done a good job so far and I am running for state representative because we need to continue the momentum of fiscal responsibility.

While I promote a conservative stance I also consider myself an independent thinker who always holds the New Hampshire and United States Constitution at the forefront of my decisions.

NEAL KURK

State Representative, Weare/Deering



Neal Kurk is a long-term resident of Weare. He is a state representative finishing his 13th term in the House. He has served on both the tax and the budget committees and chaired the budget committee for four terms. In Weare, he is currently a member of the Planning

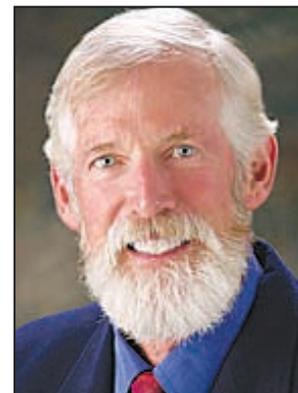
Board and served for twenty-one years as town moderator. He is a member and former president of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy and a founder and director of the Weare Historical Society.

Neal is a fiscal conservative who believes in personal responsibility and small government. He opposes a state income tax and a general sales tax. He believes that each state budget should balance the need for state services and citizens' willingness to pay for them. A strong advocate for securing our personal liberties and protecting our privacy from government intrusion, he has worked to preserve open space and our environment.

Neal respects and works well with legislative colleagues of both parties to advance issues of importance to his constituents. He conscientiously listens to and works with all constituents on town and state issues. He can be reached at 529-7253 or rep03281@aol.com

RICHARD MCNAMARA

State Representative Antrim/Bennington/ Fracestown/Greenfield/Hancock/Hillsboro/ Windsor



High School Chemistry Teacher for 18 years; Small Business Owner for 26 years; Board of Directors of Several Non-Profit Agencies. Two years ago, New

Hampshire voters sought positive change. They were promised jobs, a better state economy and fiscal responsibility. Exactly the opposite has taken place. Jobs have declined; the current legislature has cut obvious revenue sources, such as the cigarette tax, and has behaved in an irresponsible manner, focusing on benefiting a few special interest groups with ties to the House leadership, rather than focusing on the needs of the people of NH. As a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives I will be available to all voters in my districts and will work together with other members of the House, regard-

less of party affiliation, to bring about meaningful change. Change for 2013 – 2014 must benefit the majority of New Hampshire citizens, not just a few special interest groups

The State of New Hampshire must honor its commitment to fund adequate public education, so all our children have bright futures. A state ranking of 50th in the nation in support of public and higher education is not a point of pride. As someone who has worked in education and owned a business, I know that New Hampshire cannot attract employers offering good paying jobs if we cannot provide a well educated work force.

Even one representative can make a difference. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can make a positive difference in the future of New Hampshire.

MARK WARDEN

State Representative Deering/Weare/Goffstown



Mark Warden is running for State Representative in the new flatorial district of Deering, Weare and Goffstown. As a Republican elected to the House in 2010, he serves on

the Criminal Justice and Public Safety committee. His first year in office, Mark co-founded the bi-partisan Natural Rights Council and was awarded "Legislator of the Year" by N.H. Liberty Alliance. Warden currently serves on the Goffstown Planning Board. He is a REALTOR by profession, working in the residential real estate business, predominantly in Hillsborough County. Visit www.MarkWarden.com for more details.

DAN DONOVAN

State Representative Weare/Deering

I am seeking Re-election to the House of Representative seat to truly represent the Conservative Values of our great State. We must continue to balance the budget and keep spending within our means, make our State Government more efficient and accountable and create jobs for our residents. Long-time resident of Deering, married with four grown children
Currently on the House Health & Human Services Committee
Represented the Town of Deering as a Selectman for 6 years
A fiscal conservative who believes in less government intrusion



Fought to repeal the LLC tax by testifying and attending public meetings starting in 2009, even before running for representative.

Our Senior Citizens are just as important for our future as our children are. We need to provide them with more cost effective Health Care.

I am a small business owner operating two community based rehabilitation and long term brain and spinal cord injury facilities in New Boston. We employed over 60 people and we need to have incentives to grow more jobs not barrier's from the State to slow growth done. We need to create jobs now!

I am asking you for your VOTE on NOVEMBER 6th. I will represent the average resident of New Hampshire and listen to what their needs are; I have no personal Agenda only the desire to serve you. This is your seat! Dan can be reached at 464-5805 or daniel.donovan@leg.state.nh.us

GIL SHATTUCK

State Representative Hillsborough/Antrim



I don't take money from PAC's and strangers. It is my friends and neighbors that make it possible to send you mailings, my signs, and my ads. I am running to return to the

New Hampshire House of Representatives because I believe in the change that is desperately needed in that body. A change back to civility, common sense and good government. I have served three terms in the House, two of them on the Ways and Means Committee. This is the kind of experience that is needed to create a budget that will support basic and critical needs for all the residents of our state.

Support those who need our help in these difficult times.

Provide a good education for all our children from kindergarten to our state universities.

Protect the environment in our beautiful state.
Protect the health and safety of all our citizens.
Create jobs at decent wages with good working conditions.

Maintain our highways and bridges for safe travel.

We live in a wonderful state. Let's work together to make it even better.

DESMOND FORD

State Representative Bennington/Greenfield/Hancock



Sales Executive and International Consultant to the Pulp & Paper Industry (semi-retired). Other professional or personal qualifications: US Marine Corps Veteran,

V.P. of the Sales Association of the Pulp & Paper Industry, Former Selectmen's Representative to ConVal Budget Committee, Former 2-term member of Hancock Budget Committee, US Ski Association Technical Delegate for Alpine Youth Racing (20+ years volunteering), Race Official at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Issue 1: Preserving and enhancing the New Hampshire Advantage: As your legislator, I will work tirelessly to preserve the New Hampshire Advantage as our legacy to our children and grandchildren.

Issue 2: Jobs: How does a state create jobs? It doesn't – people do. We must promote a business-friendly environment that will support our existing businesses, attract outside companies to New Hampshire, and offer our young people an incentive to remain in state and raise their families here, so they too can enjoy the New Hampshire Advantage!

FRANK EDELBLUT

State Representative Antrim/Bennington/Francestown/Greenfield/Hancock/Hillsborough/Windsor

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, the voters of New Hampshire. I am excited to be running for State Representative of District 38 and hope to work hard to ensure that your interests are well represented in our legislature. My background is in business. I started as a CPA with a large international accounting firm many years ago. I did a brief stint as a CFO for a public company. In 1990 with the economy in the tank, I had two kids and one on