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## Bow officer promoted

Adam P. Cheney of Bow was promoted to Sergeant and is the new Assistant Chief in Fish and Game's District 5 in south-central New Hampshire. Cheney has served 16 years as a Fish and Game Conservation Officer. He has been honored with a Congressional "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" Award and a NH Fish and Game Life Saving Award, as well as being selected as the Shikar Safari International Wildlife Officer of the Year in 2009.



## HCS student qualifies

Sixth grade Henniker Community School student Owen Jones is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 New Hampshire National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Keene State College on Friday, April 1, 2016. Owen is the son of Erik and Amy Jones. He is among the 100 top-scoring students on this second test, which qualifies him to compete in the state bee.



## Blue Lives Matter

We send their thoughts to the family, loved ones, and the Prince William County Police Department on the loss of Officer Ashley Guindon who was killed in the line of duty this weekend. She was a graduate of Merrimack NH High School and her family resides in NH.



Edmunds Ace Hardware's Henniker Huskies Squirt team won the NH Amateur Hockey Association's Tier 5 Tournament defeating the NHE Eagles 6-2 for the State Championship. See story on page 29.

## 5 year tax abatement

### *Hillsborough Selectmen grant Weatherstone's request*

Hillsborough Town Administrator Laura Buono brought a request from Saxon Partners, LLC for a phased in tax structure once the first two buildings are built as part of Weatherstone Crossing. Per Town Counsel, under RSA 76:16 the Selectmen may abate any tax assessed for the good cause.

With a \$10 million site cost, Saxon Partners are having a hard time making the building affordable to the store who wishes to come to Hillsborough.

With a structure in place which will allow them to pay taxes on a portion of the assessment over a five year period, the project will be able to move forward with this entity.

They are requesting to be billed for 10% of the assessed value in the first year; 25% in the second year; 40% in the third year; 65% in the fourth year; and 100% from year five forward. The Selectmen are in favor of the structure in order to allow the project to move forward.

Buono said that other businesses may ask for agreements but when and if that comes up, the Selectmen will have to weigh the options. Being the first major development, it's important to work with them so that other developers will come forward in the future. Buono will have Saxon Partners forward the agreement to be signed.

## Goffstown will dispatch for Town of New Boston

Having been given short notice that Bow would no longer be able to provide dispatch service, New Boston officials wasted no time in securing a substitute.

The Goffstown Dispatch Center is now providing those service to New Boston. The two towns have signed a 3-year lease ending

December 31, 2018.

The total cost to New Boston will be \$23,000 in 2016, \$29,000 in 2017 and \$30,000 in 2018. The New Boston Administrator was happy to report that separation from Bow was cordial and that service was not interrupted.



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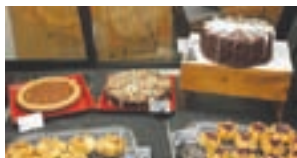
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**March 25th: Perfecta**

**Wine Company**

**April 1st: Pine State Beverage**



**Yesteryear** Local history as reported in The Messenger

### March 6, 2015

New Boston Police undermanned - needs two officers

Bow man sentenced to 15 years for sex trafficking

Greenfield man has three felony indictments

Newport holding firm on ambulance curtailment

### March 7, 2014

New Boston child care worker arrested

Goffstown boy receives new bone marrow

Edward Jones Investments fined \$750,000

Bow citizens present alternative to selectmen's plan

### March 8, 2013

Hillsboro-Deering High School removed from "Watch List"

Kevin Johnson hired as Kearsarge Principal

New London Selectmen and Bandstand Committee talk \$\$\$

New security measures at Henniker school

### March 9, 2012

Robert Hassett selected as Superintendent of Schools

New London Selectman Mark Kaplan retires

Weare fire destroys BC Auto Repair

Haitian man guilty of Henniker murder

### March 11, 2011

Hillsborough voters support police & dispatch

Hopkinton Selectmen support pay-by-bag

John Stark rejects teacher & staff raises

Newport family rescued from flood waters

### March 5, 2010

Antrim fire probe leads to criminal charges

Bennington Selectman candidate draws fire

Henniker School Budget remains flat

New Boston Police Chief feted and fried

### March 6, 2009

OZRAM Robotics Team headed to Orlando

Search called off for missing Contoocook man

Will Bradford voters preserve Battles Farm?

Monadnock Hospital institutes pay cut

### March 7, 2008

Deering Police seek volunteer speed detectors

Mount Royal expands preschool and kindergarten

Superior Court upholds Henniker Zoning Board

Henniker approves new teachers contract

### March 9, 2007

Michael Turmelle promoted to principal at John Stark

Residents without water at Emerald Lake

Bio Energy suit pending in NH Supreme Court

Colby-Sawyer seeks additional tax abatement

### March 10, 2006

Windsor Moderator sued over filming denial

Weare bomb scare - Henniker accident

Warner ZBA's chair wants counterpart ousted

Hopkinton taxpayers oppose new teacher contract



## Goffstown's Annual Report dedicated to Rev. William Edward Exner

The Rev. William Edward Exner was born in Clifton Springs, New York on April 8, 1954. He grew up in upstate New York where his family was active at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairport, New York. St. Luke's became his sponsoring parish for ordination to the diaconate after earning his Masters of Divinity degree at The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1981.

Exner was priested in 1982 at Trinity Church Watertown New York where he served as Curate and as Vicar of Christ Church Sacketts Harbor. While there he and his wife Jane Bluhm Exner began raising a family of four children, Ellen, Joseph, Stephen, and Anna, before coming to New Hampshire in 1985. Exner began his ministry as Rector of St. Matthew's Church on September 1, 1985 where he served faithfully until June 12, 2016.

During that time the parish grew in numbers and spirit. In 1987 the altar window was discovered and restored. In 1989 the accessibility ramp was designed and built by local members and friends. In 2002 the Parish House was built to serve the needs of the church, food pantry and local service organizations. In 2010 St. Matthew's Community Clothing Center was established in the 9 North Mast Building which St. Matthew's purchased with diocesan Advance Fund loans and generous member support in 1999. The ministries of outreach, music, spiritual formation and fellowship were strengthened by Exner's leadership and through the witness of committed members throughout his tenure.

St. Matthew's emphasis on being an intentionally inclusive parish dedicated to worship and outreach sustained its steady growth and reputation. With the encouragement of parish leadership Exner served

the community by supporting public schools and local youth programs like Crispin's House on whose Board he served for two decades.

He also witnessed to social justice concerns statewide, nationally and internationally by chairing the Diocesan Outreach Commission, achieving Sr. Deputy status with the Diocesan Deputation to General Convention and by serving as Vice Chair of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and repre-

senting it on The Consultation.

He and his wife Jane enjoyed a 31 year long relationship with the people of St. Matthew's, each year creative and rewarding. Jane's generosity in offering her business experience, musical skills, friendship and commitment to children contributed greatly to the vitality and spirit of the parish along the way. He retired thankful to God and upheld by a long, grace filled experience as Rector of St. Matthew's Church.



The Goffstown Selectmen presented the first copy of the 2015 Report to Rev. Exner.

## State dismisses all charges against Weare man

A Weare man is free after the state dropped all charges against him stemming from an accident that killed his brother last summer who had been accused of drunk driving in a crash in Bedford. Nicholas Palangas, 50, was driving a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle September 5th when he hit a granite edge and the car flipped multiple times, killing his brother, Eric Palangas, 49, who was a passenger.

Palangas was charged with misde-

meanor vehicular assault and falsifying physical evidence in connection with the crash, and with two felonies, negligent homicide and aggravated driving while intoxicated. Judge Michael Ryan found no probable cause for the more serious charges and they were dismissed weeks after the crash. The remaining misdemeanor charges were nolle prossed just prior to trial, in early February according to court documents.



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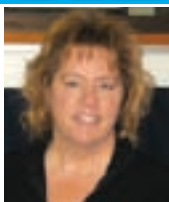
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## TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Generic medications used frequently in the management of heart disease patients also have the potential to bolster the immune systems of patients with Ebola virus and some other life-threatening illnesses, researchers report in *mBio*®, the online open-access journal of the American Society for Microbiology. Unlike other medications in development for Ebola, which attack the virus, statins and angiotensin receptor blockers typically used for heart disease work on the host response, or a person's biological reaction to the virus. Specifically, the drugs stabilize or restore the integrity of endothelial cells lining the blood vessels. Endothelial cell dysfunction has been a central feature of human Ebola virus disease, leading to severe fluid and mineral losses.

The Janus kinase inhibitor tofacitinib citrate medication, FDA-approved for treating rheumatoid arthritis, has restored skin color in a patient suffering from vitiligo, according to a report published in *JAMA Dermatology*. Vitiligo is a common, psychologically devastating condition that causes skin to lose its pigmentation or color. Current treatments, such as steroid creams and light therapy, are not reliably effective in reversing the disease. The (JAK) inhibitor has also proved effective in treating hair loss caused by alopecia areata.

The amphetamine-based drug Evekeo, given once or twice daily to children 6-12 years of age, is effective in treating attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms and improving performance in a laboratory classroom setting, according to the results of a new study published in the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology*.

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Mark Primeau, President & CEO of Bank of New Hampshire, is pleased to announce that the bank and its employees have raised over \$118,000 to donate to local United Ways. (L-R): Scoop Welch, Area Director of the Central Region for Granite United Way; Jared Price, AVP - Loan Operations Manager for Bank of New Hampshire; Candice Hada, Systems Support and Operations Analyst for Bank of New Hampshire; Jenn Watson, Assistant Loan Operations Supervisor for Bank of New Hampshire; Nikki Holgate, Deposit Operations Representative for Bank of New Hampshire; Mark Primeau, President & CEO for Bank of New Hampshire; Lindsey Giunta, Executive Administrative Assistant for Bank of New Hampshire.

## FREE Harlem Globetrotters' Tickets

Messenger owners Leigh & Joyce Bosse have announced that they have secured 30 tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters game at the Verizon Center on March 25th at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are free and are being distributed by Hillsborough Recreation Director Peter Brigham on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Peter to reserve your ticket.

## Hopkinton school budget down \$19,522

Hopkinton's proposed school operating budget is \$18.6 million, down \$19,522 from last year's budget. If approved, the tax rate would go up 26 cents, to \$23.96, based on projected revenue. Voters will also decide whether or not to spend \$7,000 to help pay for Hopkinton's portion of the joint Redhawks football team with Hillsboro-Deering. The school board supports the proposal, but the budget committee opposes the measure. Also up for approval are new collective bargaining agreements with teachers and staff, with a total estimated increase of \$86,633 for fiscal year 2016-17 for school support staff and teamsters. The town meeting will be held at 9 a.m. March 5. Ballot voting will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 8 at the elementary school.

## Hillsborough to modify solar agreement

Town Administrator Buono informed the Selectmen that the Solar Array has received all the approvals, however, the Eversource cost is much higher than expected. She has been contacted by NH Solar requesting the annual lease amount with the Town be changed from "at least \$13,000 with a 1% escalation each year" to "at least \$5,000 with a 1% escalation each year." The Selectmen felt that they still want the project to move forward and are willing to change the amount to read "at least \$7,500 with a 1% escalation each year." Buono will bring that to NH Solar and if they agree, will sign the updated documents.



## Hopkinton voters asked to support \$3.4 & \$2.2 million bonds

Hopkinton's proposed municipal operating budget is \$6.42 million, up 4.8% or \$293,708 from last year's figure of \$6.12 million.

The tax rate is projected to increase 2.68% to \$7.10 per \$1,000 of assessed property. Voters are also being asked to support two large bonds; a \$3.4 million bond for a track and turf field and other athletic facilities at George's Park, which is not recommended by the town's budget committee or selectmen, and a \$2.2 million

bond that would cover the cost of repairs to town roads, bridges and culverts, which is. According to Town Manager Neal Cass, because interest rates are low, the town can fix six culverts, two bridges and repave

Penacook Road with the bond. Ballot voting will take place from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 8 at Hopkinton Middle/High School. The town meeting will be held at 9 a.m. March 12 in the school gymnasium.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club held its annual Candidates Night last Tuesday. Shown here are those running for Budget Committee: Dick Horner, Janet Krzyzaniak, Mark Zankel and Debbie Norris; Cemetery Trustees: Pamela Demag and Debbie Augustine; Selectboard: Ken Traum; Tax Collector and Town Clerk: Chuck Gangel; School Board: Dave Luneau, and School Moderator: James Newsom. About 50 people attended and were able to listen to the candidates and ask them questions.



**Dunbarton Girl Scout says thanks**  
Katrina, a Girl Scout from Dunbarton stopped by the Dunbarton Police Department to thank the officers for "serving our community." Thank YOU Katrina, it's residents like you that make our job enjoyable every day!

## Deering voters asked to ban dogs at the town beach

Deering voters will decide whether dogs will be allowed on the town beach by voting on a warrant article which would ban dogs from the Deering Lake Public Beach Area from Memorial Day to Labor Day and fine dog owners who violate the rule. Be prepared for a long and heated debate.

The town's proposed operating budget is set at \$2.01 million, up 5.3% or \$101,642, from last year's budget of \$1.9 million. The ZBA has proposed a zoning amendment

for large wind energy systems in town, although there are no large wind projects pending.

The ordinance would require any proposed large wind project to be approved by the state Site Evaluation Committee and meet requirements consistent with the town's Master Plan. Ballot voting is scheduled between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 8 at the town hall. The town meeting will be held at 9 a.m. March 12 at the town hall.

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During Jr. Officer Day at the Sunapee Police Station, children learned about fingerprinting from Sgt. Tim Puchtler.

## Attempt #4 to renovate Bradford Town Hall

Bradford officials will try for the fourth time to secure voter approval to renovate the historic Town Hall. In addition to the \$1.3 million in tax dollars, the building committee is raising money through donations and grants to help complete the project cost. It already has \$105,000 from an LCHIP grant and \$70,000 in donations. They are also seeking as much volunteer work from local businesses as possible; for example, getting volunteer labor to install a new septic system.

## New Boston Lions Club needs members

New Boston -Mont Vernon Lions Club - NH is a branch club of the Goffstown Lions Club. We are in the Charter Formation stage of its growth. To complete our charter and become a free standing organization in the community, we need 20 members. We are reaching out to the communities of New Boston, New Hampshire and Mont Vernon, New Hampshire to see who would like to help us form this club. The club is being formed to bring new community service projects to New Boston and Mont Vernon communities. If you are interested in serving your community in any manner, join us and we will help you achieve your goals.

Regular schedule meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at Whipple Free Library

## Weare is seeking a new DPW Director

The hiring process for Tim Redmond's replacement was discussed at the last Weare Selectmen's meeting. There are possibly six Weare residents that applied. Town Administrator Bolton will do the first run through of the applications. The Board agreed that they would like Mr. Redmond present at the interview and they will all agree on how that role will be defined. Mr. Redmond would like any questions to be written or asked after the interview is completed. He requested interviews to all be done on one Saturday.



# Franklin solar projects stalled pending net metering cap increase

Franklin's plans to construct what would become New Hampshire's largest solar installation, across seven separate parcels throughout the city has been put on hold until the state increases the cap on net metering, the solar power incentives needed for further commercial development. If completed, the 8.5-megawatt project would help cut the city's electric bill in half.

Franklin's is one of those large commercial projects facing uncertainty as state lawmakers debate the fate of net metering, which allows customers to sell excess solar power back into the grid.

After a recent surge in development, two utilities have reached the state-set cap that limits how many customers can net meter. State lawmakers are considering a bill that would double the cap's size, to 100 megawatts, and require the Public Utilities Commission review current net metering rates.

However, most of the new cap allowance would go to residential customers,

with just 10 additional megawatts for commercial projects. Franklin's pro-

posal alone would consume most of that capacity.



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## Bradford residents organizing to oppose para-military facility

A group of about 30 residents attended Bradford's ZBA meeting Wednesday night ready to oppose efforts of the Corvus Training Group to build a training center for police, firefighters, EMTs and volunteers that would include shooting ranges. Unfortunately, board members informed them that they could not discuss the proposal as no application had yet been submitted.

The Corvus Group, a para-military orga-

nization comprised of former military and government officials, intends to construct the multidimensional training facility for police, firefighters, EMTs, volunteers and Boy Scouts, on 1,400 acres off Craig Road and County Road in Bradford and Hillsborough.

A group of residents has retained BCM Environmental & Land Law of Concord to oppose the development.

Residents were assured that once a formal application was filed, public hearings would be held.

## Minor injuries reported

The driver of a Toyota Corolla suffered minor injuries after colliding with a tree on Route 11 Monday afternoon. Police said a car traveling west on Route 11 Monday afternoon struck an oncoming vehicle after the driver reportedly had fallen asleep at the wheel. The driver, who remained unidentified, suffered minor injuries and sought treatment at an area hospital, police said. The accident was reported at 4:30 p.m. near the Newport Chevrolet dealership on Route 11, police said. Police said the sleeping driver awoke just as her silver Toyota Corolla was veering into the westbound shoulder of the highway.



Resident Bob Hodges asked the Bradford ZBA about the status of the Corvus Group's plans.

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## Peterborough Church hosts forum on "Ask A Muslim Anything"

Arab American Muslim Robert Azzi answered questions for close to two hours at an event dubbed "Ask a Muslim Anything" in Peterborough on Sunday afternoon. About 100 people attended the forum held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Reynolds Hall, on Concord Street. Azzi is a photojournalist and columnist based in Exeter. He has spent several decades working in and writing about the Middle East.

A few years ago, Azzi began writing and speaking about Islam to dispel misconceptions about his faith and to create understanding. A longtime friend of his, the Rev. Jamie Hamilton from All Saints' Episcopal Church, moderated the discussion and scheduled it to dovetail with a Saturday night talk Azzi gave at the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough.

Azzi was asked why U.S. Muslim leaders don't speak out against terrorism. "Why are they so quiet and why don't they want to help heal the wounds that have been created in our country through various attacks in the name of Islam? And obviously it's not everybody's Islam, but I've driven through what I consider to be a lily-white community outside

Boston and I've seen 'Black Lives Matter.'"

Azzi replied that there are regular and daily condemnations of violence. "There is a narrative in this country — and this is where I mourn the loss of Al Jazeera — because you would see this is a narrative unique to America that denies the voice to a lot of these communities," he said. Along with the media blackout, many Muslims are afraid to

identify themselves in the face of a terrorist act, saying there are only 2,000 Muslims in New Hampshire. Azzi also fielded questions about ISIS, saying that former captives of the group say ISIS members don't read the Quran or prayer, ever. And he said the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a political issue not religious, though some have tried to make it religious.



About 100 people attended to "Ask A Muslim Anything."

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### Bullying does not require school transfer

A New Hampshire Department of Education hearing officer said that a sixth grader at Towle Elementary School does not qualify to be sent to another school district under a learning hardship simply because she is being bullied. The hearing officer is recommending that the New Hampshire Board of Education (BOE) uphold the Newport School Board's decision to deny the guardian's request for school reassignment.





Candidates for town office in Weare gathered at a Candidates Night on Tuesday.

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## Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

### Hillsboro-Deering teachers deserve a raise

After working without a contract for several years, the Hillsboro-Deering School Board and the teachers' union have agreed to a new 3-year contract, providing the pay raises required to keep H-D competitive with neighboring districts. Taxpayers know all too well the high cost of public education, but with that knowledge comes the ability to distinguish between good expenses and bad.

A key requirement for a good education is a great classroom teacher and Hillsboro-Deering is blessed with several of them. Text books, supplies, buildings and class size are all important, but irrelevant if the teacher in the classroom is not effective.

Yes, I remain concerned over low test scores by our students, and I will address that next week. Nonetheless, great things are happening in our schools and they result from the talent and dedication of those teachers who truly care and go over and above for our kids.

Even with these raises, H-D salaries remain lower than neighboring districts, but the gap is closed and we are at least competitive.

Beyond that, much of the cost of the raises is offset because the teachers have agreed to switch health care plan and have increased their co-pay requirements.

Please vote YES on Article 6.

### Act NOW - think it through LATER

At a recent work session, Hillsborough Selectman Alan Urquart repeated his attacks on the Sewer & Water Commissioner and said there "should be an independent study of the concerns he has brought forward."

Chairman Brien-Baker suggested that there will need to be a review as to what needs to be done moving forward.

I can't agree more. The problem is that the selectmen have already proposed that the Sewer & Water Commission be abolished and the power given to them.

Great, let's abolish the Commission and then have an independent study to see if we did the right thing. I hope voters have more common sense than the selectmen. Please vote NO on that article.

### Joe Walker vindicated

Although we are still attempting to get the full story on the "resignation" of former H-D teacher and advisor Joe Walker, we have been informed by several of Joe's colleagues familiar with the situation that there were absolutely no allegations of sexual impropriety.

In hindsight, I regret mentioning those unfounded rumors and apologize to Joe and his daughter.

I again urge all parties to release all the facts so we may know why this popular and talented teacher is no longer a member of the H-D family.



## Letters to the Editor

### To Editor & Citizens of HD School District:

Some information to ponder before you vote on March 8, 2016, at the Middle School Cafeteria

The teachers are asking for 10.9% raise over 3 years.

The average class size @HD is 10.9 students.

The current average and top rate teacher salary for area schools:

Hillsboro-Deering	\$52,432	\$64,204
Henniker	\$53,930	\$63,561

John Stark	\$54,623	\$62,433
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ConVal	\$51,300	\$66,177
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The school ratings for 2014-2015 are:

Hillsboro-Deering	121 out of 125 districts
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Henniker	21 out of 125 districts
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John Stark	29 out of 125 districts
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ConVal	85 out of 125 districts
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Test results for H-D grade 11 were poor.

Of the 87 students tested in reading, 35 were proficient or better, 52 less than proficient.

Of the 88 students tested in math, 16 were proficient or better, 72 were less than





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proficient.

In 2006-07 we had 1445 students enrolled and 108.5 teachers.

In 2014-15 we had 1218 students enrolled but still 108 teachers. We have too many teachers.

The cost of fuel oil has come down by more than half, but the fuel budget does not reflect this reduction. The amount spent last year was \$224,738.89 and the proposed budget is \$212,400, a reduction of just \$12,333. We have a contract to be signed in April for ten months. Since the costs are not predicted to increase, the amount should have been reduced by half, especially since the middle school now has a propane boiler.

I suggest that the school board is not doing their job which is to represent the community and the students. It is time to elect people who will strive to achieve quality education for our children.

*Mary L Lannon*

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### Dear Editor:

With funds from the town of Wilmot, in 2015 the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) expanded the depth and breadth of free programs and activities it offered to the community. These included movies for children, a performance at Timothy Patten Park, a Scarecrow Contest, a Halloween party and a concert series. Unless they are fund-raising events, WCA-sponsored activities are free and open to the public.

After Wilmot voters enthusiastically approved the WCA's request in 2015 for \$4,500, the organization opened Timothy Patten Park to all residents of Wilmot. This year the WCA is again requesting \$4,500 from the town. This translates to \$4.50 in taxes for the owner of a home assessed at \$150,000.

Founded in 1963, the WCA exists to benefit Wilmot's residents. It makes a unique contribution to the town by providing facilities for educational, social and recreational activities. Now more than ever, the WCA is a hub of activity. In 2015 nearly 7,000 people attended programs sponsored by the WCA or by other organizations at the Red Barn or Timothy Patten Park.

The Red Barn, a modern facility that opened in 2005, is available to the public 365 days a year. The organization also owns and maintains Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground.

The WCA's board raises money in several

ways including a membership drive, an annual fund and facility rentals.

I hope you will support the WCA's request for \$4,500 at town meeting on March 10.

*Ann Davis, Wilmot*

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### To The Editor:

We are voters: It's time again to decide on how much of your income you wish to commit for taxes to the town and schools. Articles that may be desirable can or will become funded in the future budgets. While Article 15, per diem/EMT is presented with the amount of \$67,500 for 9 months. Neither the selectman nor the finance committee in any explanation made note of the cost for the full 12 months. The current amount is now at \$90,000. It would be appropriate to this writer to tell the whole story, not just the part that would better solicit a yes vote. As noted by the selectman, the per diem pay is funded through ambulance billing revenue. That's the way it was originally presented to the voters in 2010. What is known now about that method of payment was also known then and explained. The proposal now is to fund those positions through the budget (taxes) not through revenue. There are two sides to the issue. The fact is the selectman don't like the way the game is played and want to change the rules. Please read the voter guide mailer. On March 8, any commitment of money you choose to vote for will not appear until your December 2016 tax bill. Economically you may have weathered or recovered from the last several years. Will your income sustain your spending obligations?

*Frank A. Campana, Weare*

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### To the Editor:

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board emphasizes the importance of voting on Tuesday, March 8. In addition to the election of two members of the board (one at-large and one from Deering) there are several warrant articles on the ballot.

Highlighting Article 3, the school budget, the board encourages a yes vote on a budget of \$20,560,677, which is significantly lower (\$524,284) than the default budget. This budget reflects a decrease of four teachers as well as decreases in supplies, technology, oil, and technology expenses. The board is confident that the educational program will not be compromised and that the budget will

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**Peterborough:** Shaws, Toadstool Bookstore, Mr Mike's, Hospital, Dunkin' Donuts, Brady's, Roy's, Nonnies  
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support ongoing work on curriculum and assessment as well as a commitment to professional development for our teachers. While expenses for special needs students are hard to predict several months in advance, the district has always met those needs well, whether in school, at the alternative school, or through out-of-district placements, and that will continue. Supported by Articles 8 and 9, which address responsible planning and budgeting for roofs and paving, we are also confident that we can meet the short- and long-term maintenance needs of our campus.

An important achievement this year is an agreement between the board and the teachers on a three-year contract. Article 6 outlines the financial obligations of a fair and constructive contract that reinforces the commitment of our teaching staff with salaries that are competitive with neighboring districts. Simultaneously, we address the high cost of health insurance as teachers have agreed to increase their share of that major expense. The board feels that its ability to recruit, reinforce, and retain outstanding teachers is an essential ingredient as we work toward providing an outstanding education for our students. The additional cost of the new contract is projected to be \$163,286 in 2016-17, and given other savings in the budget, the board is confident that support of this article is in the best interest not only of teachers and students, but of all citizens. The board recommends this article and appreciates your support. Please be sure to vote!

**Rich Pelletier, Chair, H-D School  
Board, Steve Hahn, Vice-chair,  
Nancy Egner Denu,  
Ginks Leiby, Paul Plater**

### Dear Editor:

Deering Residents please pay attention to the following two Articles.

Article 7: Hiring a Part-Time Fire Chief  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) to fund the position of a part-time Fire Chef from July through December 2016 as recommended by the Deering Fire and Rescue Squad Study. Future costs of the position will be in the operating budget. THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE.

It's hard for me to understand why we

need a part-time fire chief. It was recommended by the consultant we paid about \$20,000 for recommendations for the fire stations. I did read part of the report submitted although it was a while ago and it seemed that the consultant indicated that there was a lot of paperwork that a Fire Chief needed to submit to keep the department current. Well first of all even if we had 2 fire's a month or calls for an EMT a month one would think that a volunteer would have time to do it. By the way Hillsborough Fire and Rescue take many of the calls. My point is, we are a town of 1,900 people or so and it seems to me a waste of money to pay a part-time Fire Chief. He or She would be bored within a month or two with nothing to do. How about paying them by the hour when they actually are working. Also does that mean they will get retirement benefits and insurance? Heck, maybe I will apply for it; I know how to do paperwork.

### Article 8: Recruitment Part Time Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) to fund recruitment of a part-time Fire Chief and to be funded from the fund balance as of December 31, 2015. This appropriation shall not raise any new taxes and have no effect on the tax rate. THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE.

How about we do what we have always done, put ads in the two major State newspapers and both of our local papers? Or was this also recommended by the Fire and Rescue Squad Study? This entire Fire Department Study and the results are starting to look a lot like cronyism. So we spent about \$20,000 on the study now we are being asked to approve another \$20,000 for a part-time fire chief that in my opinion we don't need. We could use the \$6,000 for something else. The BOS should be looking after our best interest and not finding ways to spend money but finding ways to reduce our budget. Next thing you know they will be asking for a Town Car to be used by the employees.

**JP Marzullo, Deering**

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### Dear Editor:

The Town; through the Board of Selectmen, Economic Development Committee and Planning Board is working extremely hard to promote business and development





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in Hillsborough. In order to achieve that goal, it is the Selectmen's plan to bring the Water and Sewer department under the same management umbrella as the other town departments by dissolving the Water and Sewer Commission and bring the reporting structure under the Selectmen and Town Administrator.

The Water and Sewer department is already a town department. However; in 1984 the management of the department was placed under a board of 3 elected Commissioners. To bring the supervision of the Water and Sewer department back in line with all other town departments, an affirmative vote on Article 26 at Town Meeting on March 8th is necessary. This will enable better communication between all Town departments and foster cooperation for future projects and growth management.

A long range management and expansion plan with appropriate funding needs to be developed and will be easier to accomplish utilizing the town's diverse staff and committees. For example, the Planning Department has access to various resources and contacts which may be useful as a future expansion plan is developed. The Town Administrator has vast knowledge in municipal operations which will benefit plans as they move forward. Coordination between the Highway Department and the Water and Sewer Department will allow for sewer/water line repairs at the same time roadwork is planned. The Town is currently faced with a sewer capacity issue. In order to be able to provide capacity for future development it must be viewed as a town issue versus a user issue. A strong economy in Hillsborough is a benefit to all residents and not just the users of the water and sewer system. If we don't find a solution for the capacity issue, future commercial growth may not be possible. We must be proactive in the face of this challenge and find out what it will take to continue moving forward and be an inviting community for development.

This proposed change should not be seen as a hostile take-over of the Water and Sewer Commission. This is a reorganization that will enable a proactive relationship between all town departments to work together toward a prosperous future for our town. Please vote yes on Article 26 at Town Meeting, March 8th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Hillsborough Board of Selectmen**

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### To The Editor:

I am writing as a member of, but not representing the water and sewer commission. I am most concerned about our selectmen bringing politics into operation of the town's water and sewer departments.

The town elected three businessmen to manage its operation, which we have done in a non political manner, to bring clean, safe drinking water to users, while disposing of wastewater through an inexpensive, DES approved, legal process.

We have done this as we would manage our own businesses, keeping operating costs under control, yet planning for costly future needs by maintaining Capital Reserve funds to deal with such huge expenses as replacement of the entire sand supply in the water treatment plant.

Our selectboard has placed an article in this years warrant dissolving the commission, thus taking control of management of this highly technical operation themselves.

They are certainly not qualified, and I doubt, with their primary task of managing town affairs, that they will attend classes to achieve the technical know how, plus obtain a Water Operators license, as we have.

I ask that you vote no on article 26, and keep politics out of your water and sewer operations.

**Herm Wiegelman, Hillsborough**

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### Dear Editor:

The Greater Hillsborough Senior Services is a non-profit organization staffed by a large group of volunteers interested in providing support, services, opportunities to socialize and advocacy for the senior citizens in our area. Seniors make up over 35% of our population with an increase of 14% participation in 2015 in GHSS activities. Most of our Town dollars goes to supporting the schools, town services i.e. police, fire and rescue, maintenance, youth programs for the parks/recreation with little if any for seniors.

Hillsborough has been unable to address a number of senior issues currently being offered by Greater Hillsborough Senior Services. There are limitations as to what the Town can fully offer because of constraints on the Town government, lack of facilities to host events, lack of public transportation, lack of man power and more. GHSS has stepped in, thus providing a host of opportunities which previously were not available.

List of specific examples we do that the

Town does not provide are:

Monthly Luncheons, Cultural/sporting/Shopping excursions, Crafting, Weekly games/cards, group exercise opportunities, information sessions/meetings, a monthly newsletter, support groups and most importantly the Volunteer Driver Program which is staffed by GHSS members.

With the advent of GHSS purchasing a bus, we have expanded our offerings to our community at large: taking Maple Leaf residents shopping, saving \$2400 using senior volunteers as drivers, working with the Chamber of Commerce to provide transportation for the Living History event, loaning the bus to the Girl Scouts, the United Methodist church, Farmstead, and other town organizations for various trips. If the Town owned such a bus, many of the aforementioned trips could not be provided due to legal and financial constraints.

We have begun to address some of the needs of our seniors in our area, but we still have a long way to go. For these reasons, we request that the voters of Hillsborough approved Warrant Article 27 so that we can continue to offer and provide many needed senior activities and services.

**Pat Mathison, Hillsborough**

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### Dear Editor

It was with some dismay that I read in a recent edition of the paper that The Board of Selectmen of Hillsborough is proposing another take over of a well managed group.

From my past experience as a member of this Board I am dismayed that the current board is proposing to bring the Water and Sewer Commission under the umbrella of the Select Board. Is this the correct step to be taking(?) Perhaps but not without a goodly amount of discussion with the Sewer and Water Commission so as to be able to understand the reasons of why certain steps, the selectman disagree with, have been taken particularly in reference to the rates. Rate increases and connection fees come about due to direct and anticipated costs to operate the system. It's a case of increasing income via hook ups or much larger increases in rates to cover the costs.

In reference to Mr Blacks development, I do believe the Commission has stepped up and made concessions in order to ensure the plans continue to move forward. Here again, the possible work of another Select Board, which made side agreements with



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the owner/developer without including the Water and Sewer Commission in the discussion, has compounded the situation. A prior board disagreed with the folks who ran the parks dept. Rather than set with the hard working volunteers, the board abruptly took the reins and caused a lot of hard feelings which could have been avoided with just a little communication.

I urge the Town Meeting to turn down articles effecting any change to the make up of the Water and Sewer Commission. Further I urge the Board of Selectman to open up a line of communication with the commissioners. If there is a problem with not knowing what one or the other board is doing, why not appoint a selectman to be an ex officio member of the Commission just as it has done with most all groups in the community. To members of the community, attend the meetings and pay attention to hearing notices so as to be better informed and not surprised when events happen that you disagree with.

Michael Jones, Hillsborough

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### Dear Editor:

In a Feb. 19 article in the Villager Town Administrator Laura Buono claimed that "the town had never formally adopted" the Water & Sewer Commission, "but that voting for commissioners had given the commission authority."

The Water & Sewer Commission was created by vote of the 1984 town meeting, a fact the selectmen now acknowledge in a March 1 letter to residents. They continue to insist, however, that prior to 1984 the water and sewer systems were under control of

the selectmen, and passage of Article 26 will return things to the way they used to be.

Long-time resident who served two consecutive terms as selectman prior to the 1984 merger, the sewer system was operated and maintained solely by the water commission, not the board of selectmen. I received a similar answer after contacting a former water commissioner, later water & sewer commissioner, who served eleven consecutive terms.

The Selectmen say that if a solution is not found to create more sewer capacity, "future commercial growth may not be possible." Since 2007 the commission has spent nearly \$500,000 in repair and replacement of infrastructure, creating 38,000 gallons of sewer capacity. As Town Planner Robyn Payson discovered after speaking with EPA at my request, in the coming year we expect approval of an additional 100,000 gallons of capacity.

Two weeks ago Selectman Urquhart labeled the actions of the commission "arbitrary and capricious" and called for an independent audit of the commission and the immediate resignation of the commissioners. This week the Selectmen say their warrant article to dissolve the commission "should not be seen as a hostile take-over," but a "reorganization."

Eliminating a commission elected by the residents and replacing it with an advisory committee appointed by the selectmen and answerable to the selectmen is not a reorganization. It is a consolidation of authority under one board and one administrator.

A possible glimpse of what such a consolidation could bring was seen at a Feb. 16

selectmen's workshop held in Buono's office and attended by the selectmen, Payson and the Villager's Michael Pon. Buono presented the selectmen with Michael Black's tax abatement request for the Weatherstone Crossing development - 90% the first year a building is completed, 75% the second, 60% the third and so on until, after five years, the buildings will be taxed at the full rate.

Buono said Black would also likely be asking to have his current use penalty waived in view of the "considerable conservation easement" he is granting on the remainder of the property. The abatements and waiver are needed, Buono said, to allow Black "to make the numbers work." With no input from taxpayers, the board gave Buono the thumbs up on Black's plan. According to Bailey, it's now time to "bite the bullet." Listen for yourself. The recording is available at the town website under Meeting Minutes Archives and Recordings Board of Selectmen Audio Recordings Board of Selectmen Recordings BOS Recording 02/16/16.

In their March 1 letter the Selectmen say passage of Article 26 will "enable a proactive relationship between all town departments to work together toward a prosperous future for our town."

The other possibility is that after several years of selectmen granting abatements and waiving water and sewer fees "to make the numbers work," the town finds itself having to build a new \$20 million sewage treatment plant. And it won't just be the users biting the bullet on that one. All the taxpayers will have to pitch in to make those numbers work.

**Peter D. Mellen, Chairman Hillsborough Water & Sewer Commission**



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### Andover voters approve budget & contract

Andover voters approved a new two-year teachers' contract and \$4.86 million operating budget at their annual school district meeting Tuesday night. The budget was up \$122,000 from last year, with nearly all of the increase from projected special education needs. Officials stressed that budget writers had mitigated the increase by trimming more than \$20,000 from other line items. The teachers' contract will add just \$3,564 over the next school year, which increases to \$34,000 the next year, but proponents said the increase is offset by switching insurance coverage from an HMO to a high-deductible plan.

### Franklin Bank's Quickbooks Workshop

Are you a business owner who uses QuickBooks? Or would you like to learn more on how to use this powerful financial management software to keep track of your business finances? Franklin Savings Bank is sponsoring a QuickBooks 101 workshop presented by SCORE Lakes Region on Wednesday, March 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Learning Center located at 61 Laconia Road in Tilton (behind Tilt 'N Diner).

Participants will receive useful tips on how to set up QuickBooks, accounts receivables and accounts payables, what to include and how to process transactions, process for transferring files to a bookkeeper and/or accountant, and more. Charlene Smith, owner of QB Support Services, LLC, will facilitate the workshop and is an advanced certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor in versions 2010 – 2013, QuickBooks Point of Sale, QuickBooks Online, and Enterprise Solutions in version 2011.

There is a nominal fee of \$30 to attend. To register, call SCORE Lakes Region at 603.387.776 or sign up online at [www.lakesregion.score.org](http://www.lakesregion.score.org). Customers of Franklin Savings Bank can register for free.





## Candidates Corner

### ANTRIM SELECTMAN ROBERT EDWARDS

My decision to file for the position of Antrim Selectman was driven by two factors. First, I believe the position in today's world requires knowledge of municipal operations, a greater level of business and financial familiarity, a demonstrated willingness to listen to others with contrary opinions, welcome collective wisdom from others, and to be able to reach a decision that is in the best interest of our community as a whole. I believe that I have those skills. Secondly, as a retiree, I have more time to devote to this important leadership position.



In terms of my involvement in Antrim, I have lived in our community for 46 years and have served twice as Chair of our Planning Board. I have further served Antrim as a Trustee of Trust Funds for 28 years. I am presently a member of Antrim's Advisory Budget Committee and have attended many of the Select Board meetings as they prepared the town's 2016 budget. I am a long standing member of the Antrim-Bennington's Lions Club which is dedicated to serving others.

On a more regional basis, I presently serve as a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee at Conval High School which addresses topics that affect our children's total educational experience. I have served as Board Chair and continue to be a Trustee at Monadnock Community Hospital and currently serve on its Long Range Planning and Finance Committees. Lastly, in January 2016, I was elected to the NH Charitable Foundation's Monadnock Region Advisory Board which is dedicated to the promise of creating stronger NH communities.

I believe all these experiences have helped me to have

an improved understanding of business and community challenges and have allowed me to deal positively with issues facing our town and region as a whole.

Matters of key importance to our town that I will focus on: Prudent management of our town's needs and financial resources.

Address the challenges of our town's general physical infrastructure including an aging and fragile municipal water and waste water system.

Management of our current and future debt position including careful and proactive planning for future issues noted in our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Interaction and collaboration with other local and regional leaders and communities to analyze our energy opportunities, shared services potential, zoning considerations, and employment and economic expansion ideas that may enhance our town and region and encourage an expansion of our present resident and economic base.

Explore ideas with socially minded groups to improve our citizens' quality of life issues and address today's social concerns that affect us all.

I believe that with my experience and commitment to our town that I will make a positive contribution to Antrim and I welcome the opportunity to work in concert with our other two Select Board members and community leaders to initiate positive change and measurable progress with addressing the key issues facing our community.

If you agree, I welcome your vote on March 8, 2016.

### HENNIKER SELECTMAN LEO AUCOIN

I am running for a third term as Selectman for the Town of Henniker to help maintain balance to the community that has been my family's home for three generations. Balance is a necessary prerequisite in keeping Henniker the very special and unique place it is. Expanding our tax base is a critical part in meeting Henniker's future needs and we have to do that while considering the rural and natural beauty of our community. We need to find common ground in developing the town's natural and historic assets

I am a graduate of the Henniker school system, and have

operated a construction business for the past 30 years. I have worked with home owners and businesses in expanding their dreams and expansion needs. I believe I take a common sense approach to

meeting the needs of the community while at the same time approaching the spending and budgeting needs in a fiscally responsible way.

I am seeking re-election to continue serving "the Only Henniker on Earth" because it is truly a unique place to raise a family and operate a business. Thank You for your support.

### HENNIKER SELECTMAN BEN FORTNER

As your selectman, I will restore your voice in our town government, unite us as one Henniker, and lead an initiative to create a sustainable future for Henniker. I am a proven leader with experience in building diverse teams, developing vision into actionable strategy, and growing organizations through decreased spending.

I grew up all over the United States which provided me the opportunity to see a lot of different places and meet a lot of different people. As an adult, my travels continued and



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Article 9-Vote **NO**

Article 11-Vote **NO**

**Thank You • Mary Lou Lannon**



## Candidates Corner

my growth as a leader began in the US Army. Following my service, I led sales teams for ADT in both California and Florida before leading a new Quality Assurance initiative for the University System of Maryland. It was then that I realized more of my potential and began my career in software development, ultimately starting my own company headquartered here in Henniker.

When I met my wife, in 2007 she brought me to Henniker and I instantly fell in love with this town. This is the only place I have ever wanted to stay. . . permanently. In 2011, we decided to set our roots here, which led me to become more involved in our community and seek opportunities to be an impactful citizen. The first big opportunity was the Henniker PTA and this year, as president, we have rebuilt and rebranded that organization achieving record levels of membership and fundraising.

Over the past few years, I have heard many people talk of the challenges we face together as a community and have heard many different solutions to individual problems. What I haven't heard, is a long-term plan to overcome these challenges and ensure a sustainable future. 6 months ago I set out to develop that plan, which is outlined on <http://onehenniker.com>.

We, as a community, are more than capable of overcoming whatever differences we have and unite as one Henniker to tackle the challenges before us. I see this in our town, I have heard this message from residents and that is what drove me to run for selectman.

In addition to uniting the Henniker community I will focus on leveraging that unity to create a sustainable future for Henniker by increasing our town's revenue. It's clear to everyone that Henniker needs to work on both our short and long-term town plan. But, that plan cannot be built on simply reassessing property, it cannot be built on taking money from our public services, it cannot be built on the backs of residents and it certainly cannot be a plan that discourages new residents and businesses from living, working and participating in this community. No one wins with higher property taxes and discouraging participation. We need to encourage growth of our economy by engaging and empowering our community to act. This is the path to tax relief and infrastructure improvement.

Let's work together. I am asking for your vote on March 8th.

One Henniker. "The only one on earth."

### HILLSBOROUGH SELECTMAN LARRY BAKER

My name is Larry Baker and I am running for the Board of Selectmen. I have been actively engaged in Town Government since 2012 on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and as current Chairman of the Master Plan Update Committee. I believe Hillsborough is poised for growth, and believe we should do everything we can to encourage that growth to help reduce everyone's taxes.



I believe also that we can continue operating the town on a flat budget. We have many talented employees, and we should ensure that Hillsborough is where those talented employees want to keep working.

Some of the items I want to work on as your Selectmen;  
- Downtown parking.

We have all heard over and over how this is being looked at, how we have enough but it's not well marked, etc. It's time for us to actually make a change for the better. While there have been some attempts already made to improve things, we need to improve them a lot further.

- Encourage growth by making Hillsborough attractive to business.

Parking is only one of the issues that we need to correct in order to make Hillsborough more attractive. We also need to ensure that our town is easy to do business with and that our processes and procedures are easy to understand and make sense.

- Ensuring the town is as prepared as possible for the future with Capital Reserve Funds.

Capital reserve funds are a great way to keep the tax rate as close to level as possible by planning for large expenditures well in advance. The town in recent years has been doing this in many areas and the positive effects can already be felt. We should take a strong look at all of our expenses (current, and projected) to see where else capital reserve funds make sense.

- Parks and Recreation.

We need to ensure there are plenty of activities for our seniors, and our children. It has been said many times that our youth tend to get in trouble because they are not busy with other activities. There is some truth to this statement, and we need to make sure our community is doing everything it can to have our youth as involved as possible. Taking this one step further, we need to ensure all of our parks and programs are available to all that wish to enjoy them! Our Park Board and Recreation Department have gone through a lot of change this past year. Many strides have been made to make things better, we need to continue down this path.

- Work cohesively with all boards and committees.

In the past there have been struggles with the various boards and committees working together for the greater good. In 2015 the Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting for all the boards and committees, this was an excellent start to getting everyone on the same page. We need to continue working towards this goal and have an atmosphere where all work as one.

If you would like to learn more about me, or speak to me about our town and the issues we face, please visit <http://larrybaker.net/>

I ask for your vote on March 8th. Let's keep working towards a better Hillsborough!

### HILLSBOROUGH SELECTMAN DAVID FULLERTON

When I came home from college I played basketball, pitched softball, and there were other programs. When my son graduated from High School he had to go to Bow and Hookset to play soccer. We have a girls' soccer team playing in Henniker and boys' football playing in Henniker and Hopkinton. Some of our seniors are playing pickle ball in Antrim. I support

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