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More Lions Contributions

After last week's Messenger went to press we received more contributions to the Lions Christmas Basket project from Neil & Lynn Dini, Albert Robichaud, Jr. & Julie Hughes, and Linda & Thomas Marshal, bringing total funds raised to \$2,835. OVERWHELMING.



We all could use Elf Day

Zander Schofield, a first-grade student in Mrs. Rivers' class, came ready for Elf Day at Center Woods Elementary School.



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Community Carols

Peace On Earth - Good Will To All

A Tradition Is Born: Even a light but steady rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the 50+ people who gathered around the fountain at Hillsborough's Butler Park on Christmas Eve to sip warm cider and sing Christmas Carols.

Conceived by Pastor Paul O'Neil of Hillsborough's United Methodist Church, the event was quickly endorsed by virtually all of the town's churches and civic groups as a fitting celebration of the true meaning of Christmas while closing the doors on a Covid cursed 2020.

After welcoming remarks by Pastor Paul



and Hillsborough Selectman Dave Rogers, Brian Blanchard led the groups in singing several traditional Christmas Carols, highlighted by a pair of solos by young Katelyn Dombrowski from St Mary's Church. As an added touch, Smith Church brought over LED votive candles to add to the theme.

After singing, the crowd lingered to enjoy cider and donut holes while reminiscing with old friends and meeting new ones. Judging from the crowd's reaction, don't be surprised if this becomes an annual tradition.

Antrim man arrested for DWI crash in Hancock

On December 24th at approximately 2:30pm, Hancock Police Officers responded to multiple reports of a vehicle driving erratically on Forest Road. A Hancock resident was following the vehicle and stated that the car had just crashed into the snowbank near the Forest Road / Main Street intersection.

Officers arrived and met with the calling parties and the driver of the vehicle. The

driver, identified as 21 year old Anthony Hill of Antrim, was subsequently arrested and charged with DUI and possession of a controlled substance. His vehicle was impounded pending the execution of a search warrant.

Hill was released on personal recognizance bail and will be arraigned at a date to be determined by the 8th Circuit Court – Jaffrey Division.

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SAU #24 sets Budget Hearings for Henniker, Weare & John Stark Districts

■ Henniker School District

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 School District Budget on January 12, 2021, at 7 PM via Zoom. Zoom information will be posted at www.sau24.org. The regular school board meeting begins at 6:15 PM.

The Deliberative Session: Session 1 Meeting will be held on February 1, 2021, at 7 PM. Details for the meeting will be posted on www.sau24.org. The regular school board meeting begins at 6:15 PM.

Filing for School District Offices is open from January 20, 2021, until 5 PM on January 29, 2021. Those wishing to file should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269, x240. There are two 3-year terms for school board member, one 1-year term for school district clerk, and one 1-year term for treasurer open for election.

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Weare School District warrant must submit such warrants to the Weare School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent no later than January 12, 2021. Voting Day is March 9, 2021.

■ Weare School District

The Weare School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 Weare School District Budget on January 13, 2021, at 7 PM via Zoom. Zoom information will be posted at www.sau24.org. The regular school board meeting begins at 6 PM.

The Deliberative Session: Session 1 Meeting will be held on February 3, 2021, at 7 PM. Details for the meeting will be posted on www.sau24.org. The regular school board meeting begins at 6 PM.

Filing for School District Offices is open from January 20, 2021, until 5 PM on January 29, 2021. Those wishing to file should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269, x240. There are two

3-year terms for school board member open for election.

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Weare School District warrant must submit such warrants to the Weare School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent no later than January 12, 2021. Voting Day is March 9, 2021.

■ John Stark School District

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 John Stark School District Budget on January 15, 2021, at 7 PM via Zoom. The regular school board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Zoom information will be posted at www.sau24.org.

The Deliberative Session: Session 1 Meeting will be held on February 5, 2021, at

7 PM. Details for the meeting will be posted on www.sau24.org. The regular school board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Filing for School District Offices is open from January 20, 2021, until 5 PM on January 29, 2021. Those wishing to file should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269, x240. There is one school board member (at large) for a 3-year term and one school district moderator for a 1-year term open for election.

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 John Stark School District warrant must submit such warrants to the John Stark School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent no later than January 12, 2021. Voting Day is March 9, 2021.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club's annual Senior Holiday Dinner looked a little different this year, but the drive-thru diners were full of good cheer!

Washington store owner wants names of complainers

Ryan Curran, owner of the Washington General Store, called in a "Right to Know" request to the Washington Select Board seeking the names of the Washington citizens who contacted the Selectmen's office with concerns regarding the lack of social distancing and use of masks by the

staff and patrons in his store. Selectman Jed Schwartz advised Mr. Curran to please put his request in writing with a clear explanation of why he wants the names of the individuals so the board can forward the request to town counsel for review and opinion on the legality of this request.

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January 3, 2020

Bradford neighbors respond to Christmas fire
Only minor injuries in Antrim accident
New London Select Board approves LED conversion
Francestown receives two preservation grants

January 4, 2019

John Stark students tackle Mental Illness
Antrim Board rules 175' tower has regional impact
Major changes coming to New Boston Fire Department
Deering man charged with domestic assault

January 5, 2018

Concerns raised on drones over Andover
Hillsborough man injured in snowmobile accident
Hopkinton's new Dog Park a community success
Merrimack Valley High hosts Recycled Percussion

January 6, 2017

Epsom schools consider pre-employment drug testing
New Boston Selectmen review police department budget
Belmont Selectmen to poll voters on Mill's future
Family dog alerts residents to Tilton house fire

January 1, 2016

Goffstown Selectmen working on website improvements
Weare looking to add five new police officers
Bow Police seize guns, drugs & burglary tools
First Responders gather to honor Bob Pragoff

January 2, 2015

Three men arrested for Washington burglaries
Goffstown woman arrested in Dunbarton
Police arrest Franklin woman for fraud
New Boston seeks improved communications site

January 10, 2014

Antrim police station dedicated
Revolt at Emerald Lake Commission Chair resigns
No injuries in Newport five-car pileup
Weare felon arrested receiving stolen flatware

January 1, 2013

Tom Yennerell named Henniker Town Administrator
Union OK's merit pay for Kearsarge teachers
Newport to remove 52 dead or dying trees on Corbin Road
91-year-old woman charged with vehicular assault

January 13, 2012

Hillsborough Police Captain arrested for assault
No one injured in Newbury barn fire
Sunapee Police Chief and Officers honored
New London board upset but will pay ambulance increase

January 14, 2011

H-D voters facing a \$20 million budget
New London returns three bonds for rebidding
\$450,000 EPA cleanup in Hillsborough
Bradford Selectmen OK trailer purchase

Coming up: Valentines Day

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Court approves Concord Hospital's acquisition of LRGHealthcare Hospitals

Concord Hospital is getting closer to acquiring the assets of LRGHealthcare, the parent of Lakes Region General and Franklin Regional hospitals that filed for bankruptcy two months ago.

LRGHealthcare was more than \$100 million in debt when it filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Shortly after the filing, Concord Hospital announced it was interested in purchasing LRGHealthcare for \$30 million and it was eventually joined by 11 other prospective parties who did due diligence, but did not, subsequently tender a bid.

On Wednesday, Robert P. Steigmeyer, who is president and CEO of Concord Hospital, announced that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court had issued a final order earlier that day that approves Concord Hospital's acquisition. "Our goal in acquiring the two Lakes Region hospitals is to build a sustainable health system in the region," Steigmeyer said in a statement that was posted to Concord Hospital's website. "Lakes Region communities need access to local health care and our intent is to keep services in the communities and accessible to all," he said.

The acquisition must also be signed off by the New Hampshire Attorney General, said Steigmeyer, who added that for the

immediate short term, "there will be no major changes in the delivery of services" for LRGHealthcare patients.



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RENTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES: REAL ESTATE TAX TIPS—PART II



By: Joyce Bosse

Security Deposits

Do not include a security deposit in your income when you receive it if you plan to return it to your tenant at the end of the lease. But if you keep part or all of the security deposit during any year because your tenant does not live up to the terms of the lease, include the amount you keep in your income in that year.

If an amount called a security deposit is to be used as a final payment of rent, it is advance rent. Include it in your income when you receive it.

Expenses Paid by Tenant

If your tenant pays any of your expenses, the payments are rental income. You must include them in your income. You can deduct the expenses if they are deductible rental expenses. See Rental Expenses in Publication 527, for more information.

Example One: Your tenant pays the water and sewage bill for your rental property and deducts it from the normal rent payment. Under the terms of the lease, your tenant does not have to pay this bill.

Example Two: While you are out of town, the furnace in your rental property stops working. Your tenant pays for the necessary repairs and deducts the repair bill from the rent payment. Based on the facts in each example, include in your rental income both the net amount of the rent payment and the amount the tenant paid for the utility bills and the repairs. You can deduct the cost of the utility bills and repairs as a rental expense.

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Henniker Lights, Sights, Holiday Nights Decorating Contest. The winner of the Norman Rockwell Category: (Classic Elegance) 161 Maple St. - Rusty Gage (Top); The winner of the Simple Holiday: (Holiday Spirit) 249 Huntington Rd. - Lorraine Aucoin (Center); The winner of the Clark Griswold: (Spectacular Lighting) 222 Longview Dr. - Austen Furness (Bottom).

Major renovation projects underway at all Hopkinton schools

Hopkinton's schools renovation project is moving ahead smoothly. At the Harold Martin School the new addition has the building "wrap" going on. The wrap should be completed soon. The concrete floors for the addition are being poured. Concrete floors serve as the sub floor to the future final finished floors. The new fire pump is being prepared for installation. Pump install has begun and will continue for next week. Extra school carpet work is being done during the COVID and Holiday shutdown period.

At Maple Street School, with the co-operation of the Administration, staff and faculty and student with the current COVID shutdown period, construction is going to

take advantage of that shutdown period to do a number of new rooms with new carpet (flooring in general). The "down time" will be used efficiently and help everyone with keeping things moving forward during this difficult health period.

At Hopkinton Middle/High School, with

the current COVID break construction will be doing as many rooms with new carpet as we can coordinate during the next three week period. To ensure a smooth continued working environment we are trying to get as much extra work done as possible in advance of next summer.

Washington has new Fire Chief

Bob Crane and John Corrigan of Washington's Fire Chief Selection Committee informed the Select Board that the committee recommends Shawn Atkins be the appointed Fire Chief.

The Board agreed and made the appointment effective when the elected term expires.



Adjustments are made as the projects continue.


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The good news, though, is that if cavities have not developed by the time a person is in her early 20s, it's not likely they will. So it's for the younger person that sealants can be useful.

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Some sealants harden by themselves in less than a minute. Others harden after being exposed to ultra-violet light for a few seconds. The resulting seal prevents bacteria from getting into the protected pit or fissure. Talk with your dentist about whether you or your children might be candidates for sealants.

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The Emerald Lake Village District has announced the winners of its Holiday Decorations Contest: Judges Choice: William Seawall - Hummingbird Land (Top); Traditional: Yan Goulette - Seminole Road (Center); Complex: Ed & Melissa Barrack - Midnight Walk (Bottom).

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A study of thousands of patients' health records published in the journal *Diabetes Metabolism Research and Reviews* found that those who were prescribed cholesterol-lowering statins had at least double the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Statins are a class of drugs that can lower cholesterol and blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke. More than a quarter of middle-aged adults use a cholesterol-lowering drug, according to recent federal estimates. Researchers found that statin users had more than double the risk of a diabetes diagnosis compared to those who didn't take the drugs. Those who took the cholesterol lowering drugs for more than two years had more than three times the risk of diabetes.

Consumption of dietary supplements sold for weight loss, muscle building, and energy was associated with increased risk for severe medical events in children and young adults compared to consumption of vitamins, according to new research published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*. The study found that, compared with vitamins, these types of supplements were linked to nearly three times as many severe medical outcomes in young people.

A clinical trial that followed more than 9,900 people in 24 countries has found that the drug dulaglutide reduced cardiovascular events and kidney problems in middle-aged and older people with Type 2 diabetes. During more than five years of follow-up, cardiovascular events like heart attacks and strokes were reduced by 12% in people taking dulaglutide compared to people taking a placebo. This effect was seen in both men and women with or without previous cardiovascular disease. In addition, during the same period, the drug reduced the development of kidney disease by 15%. Two papers describing the cardiovascular and kidney results of the trial were published in the journal *The Lancet*.

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“Giving Back to the Community” - An Appleseed Tradition

For Christmas the Appleseed has once again produced dinners that Safety Services personnel could deliver to citizens in the Bradford Area. The Fentons and Team Appleseed personnel stepped forward shortly after the seriousness of the Pandemic came to light. They produced and sent out 105 dinners for Easter, Thanksgiving they did the same and sent out 59 dinners. For Christmas, and without hesitation, The Fentons showed their community dedication and prepared and sent out with safety service personnel, 45 dinners.

When thanked Pete simply said, “No thank you, we couldn’t do it without the police and fire personnel.” Thank you to Captain Rob Steiz, Deputy Chief Elliot Brown, FF Haley Brown, FF Al Brown all from the Bradford Fire Department. Captain Steiz has volunteered in for all three deliveries. Chief Henry Thomas of the Newbury Fire Department has also assisted with all three deliveries. Chief Brad Wheeler from the Newbury Police Department assisted, along with Lt. Edward

Shaughnessy and Det. Kevin Faria from the Bradford Police Department.

Bradford Police Chief Jim Valiquet had high praise for the Fentons. “Having been involved with all three delivery events, I can say there is a great sense of satisfaction in this type of community involvement,” he said. “Thank you, Fenton Family and Team Appleseed, for the opportunity to support our friends and neighbors especially during this time of the year.”



Heavy rains caused this washout on Hillsborough’s Stowe Mountain Road.



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Publisher's Perspective



Thank You Pastor Paul

Joyce and I were privileged to participate in a wonderful celebration on Christmas Eve. Conceived by Pastor Paul O'Neil of Hillsborough's United Methodist Church, "Candlelight Community Carols" gave us a sense of peace and serenity after a troubling year.

Experiencing a prolonged, bitter and mean spirited election cycle, while dealing with the fear, concerns and anxieties of the Covid-19 pandemic had depressed us all, and dampened our outlook on life. We can only hope Christmas Eve Caroling becomes an annual event.

As we stood among the 50+ people who attended, a least half of whom I didn't know, I felt an immediate bond with them and

renewed since of pride and optimism. Following last week's outpouring of compassion and generosity, from the Lions' Christmas Baskets, Operation Christmas' Toy distribution, Project Genesis' spreading of Holiday Cheer to the outpouring of support of a family devastated by fire, reaffirms the fact that Hillsborough is a special community.

When Joyce and I started dating, we discovered that each of us had made a solemn vow never to marry anyone from Hillsborough and to get the H*** out of town. After spending some time around the country, we decided that although it was not the most exciting place to be a teenager, it was a great place to raise a family. It was the best decision we ever made.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I write to commend you for printing the sidebar piece, "One Solitary life," on the front page of your issue number 52, December 25, 2020.

At my age of 90 years, and by reason of my calling, I have read that now classic 'thumbnail' biography of Jesus of Nazareth

many times. Nevertheless, it was a refreshing reminder to me, and to many others, we may safely assume, to learn of your choice to include it in your recent edition of The Messenger. He, Jesus Christ, is the ultimate "Messenger."

**Rev. Bryce Terhune Cleveland,
Henniker**



Rick and the Henniker Edmund's team hosted a Ladies Night to collect food and raise money for the Henniker Food Pantry (L) while Kathy from All In One Market made a generous food donation in lieu of their annual Staff Christmas Party plus a cash donation matching those given by their customers (R).

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Hillsborough did not hold a lights contest, but these people caught the spirit anyway. Jenny & Mike Luciano - Simons Road (Top); Raymond & Donna Houghton - Park Street (Center); Dave and Mary Rogers - School Street (Bottom).



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Area high schools meet virtually to reach consensus on winter sports

Hillsboro-Deering officials joined with their counterparts in Bow, Bishop Brady, Coe-Brown, Hopkinton, John Stark, Kearsarge Regional, Merrimack Valley and Pembroke Academy meeting virtually to reach a consensus on what winter athletics will look like within their cohort. Kearsarge was not part of the cohort in the fall as that school district chose to be extra conservative with its travel restrictions and mask mandates, but Kearsarge athletic director Scott Fitzgerald saw how cooperative teams were with Hopkinton.

For the winter, all athletes in this cohort will be wearing masks at all times with few exceptions. Basketball players will wear them during games, on the bench, in timeouts and in every other situation except for taking a drink of water. Hockey players will also be required to wear masks at all times except when taking a drink.

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association will require wrestlers to wear a mask in the state tournament, and Concord High wrestlers will be practicing and competing in masks all

season, but that's not necessarily the case with all schools. The only athletes who do not have to compete with masks are alpine and Nordic skiers when they are all alone on the course, but as soon as they are around other people, they have to put on a face covering. As of now, Hillsboro-Deering, Hopkinton, Kearsarge and Merrimack Valley will not be allowing any fans at home games.

The other schools in the cohort will issue tickets to games hosted on their cam-

pus. For fans who can't get tickets, there will be a way to watch your team this winter. Games at Merrimack Valley, Bow, Stark, Kearsarge and Coe-Brown will all be live streamed using new cameras from the National Federation of High Schools. To subscribe to this service and stream games, go to nfhsnetwork.com. The schools that didn't get the new cameras – Brady, H-D, Hopkinton and Pembroke – have all agreed to stream games at their schools on Facebook.



The Cafe staff at John Stark Regional High School prepared 10 meals (five breakfasts and five lunches) each for 62 students to have during the holiday break. They then loaded them up on a bus to be delivered to the students' homes.

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Physical education teacher Zach Shedlock (L) joins John Stark Regional High School beginning in January. He comes to John Stark from the Monarch School of New England in Rochester, NH, where he was an adapted physical education teacher. Andrew Sheard (R) joined the John Stark Community in December and teaches Integrated Math and Astronomy.

Lake Sunapee Community Awards

Do you know a business or individual who made significant contributions to enhance the quality of life in the Lake Sunapee Region in 2020? The Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the following:

- Annual Community Awards: Business of the Year
- Non-profit of the Year (501 C3)
- Community Member of the Year
- Rookie Business of the Year (2 years in business)
- Young Professional of the Year (20-30 years old)

Applications are available on-line at www.lakesunapeeregion-chamber.com.

Thirteen vaccination sites established for medical workers, first responders

Thirteen communities throughout the state will host COVID-19 vaccination centers for first responders and health care workers who provide care outside of hospitals, Gov. Chris Sununu announced Monday. The two groups are included in the Phase 1A priorities of the state's vaccination plan. The locations are in Claremont, Concord, Exeter, Hooksett (SNHU), Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Littleton, Londonderry, Nashua, Plymouth, Rochester and Tamworth. Based on population density, seven vaccination sites will operate five days a week; six sites will operate two to three days a week. Eligible first responders will be alerted to schedule an appointment through professional associations, licensing boards, provider groups, and their organizations.



Washington residents gathered on the Common Christmas Eve to sing carols. Sue Hofstetter photo.



Pauline Meridien and Jaryn Hall-Haines

Pauline Meridien retires after 17 years at BITS

Anyone who is familiar with BITS knows it is a wonderful place for many reasons. Pauline Meridien started BITS in 2003 with two horses and a vision. Her imagination, dedication, hard work and perseverance has molded BITS into what it is today. Over 17 years horses have come and gone, but never forgotten. There have been hundreds of volunteers and clients who have found us, and all of them have been positively affected in some way. Whether it's an autistic child who bonds with "their" special horse, a volunteer who finds a sense of purpose helping others, or a veteran with PTSD that discovered peace simply by being around the animals, BITS truly is a special place, but it would not be here were it not for Pauline.

After two years of trying, Pauline will be successfully retiring at the end of December (Her retirement dinner was actually held in 2018!). Very simply, there was no one who seemed up to the task of filling her shoes.

Something Pauline has always been fond of saying is, "You never know who will come up the driveway." Earlier this year Jaryn Hall-Haines drove up. She learned about BITS and believed in how important the mission is. Soon, she discovered Pauline's desire to retire. A bond was formed and for the past 4 months Pauline has been coaching Jaryn on how to take the reins and move BITS forward.

The staff and board of directors wish to thank Pauline for the tremendous work she has done these past 17 years. She retires at the end of the month for a well-deserved rest, and perhaps some travel when the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Come January 1, 2021, Jaryn will officially take the helm as BITS' executive director. We have enjoyed working with her these past months and welcome her enthusiasm as she takes charge! Welcome to the next chapter and new year!

Monadnock Hospital partners with Dartmouth

Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough has partnered with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Connected Care and Center for Telehealth to offer intensive care neonatology and emergency psychiatry to its patients via telemedicine.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Boston Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 11, 2021 via Zoom/Streams/Conference Call (TBA) relating to the 2021 Town of New Boston Municipal Budget.

The public is invited to provide comments and input to the Selectmen.

This public hearing is conducted under the provisions of RSA 32: 5, I, and all operating budgets and warrant articles will be reviewed and discussed.

Signed:
The New Boston Board of Selectmen



DEERING PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING AMENDMENTS

January 13, 2020 Deering Town Hall, 7:00 pm

(Please see note at the bottom of the agenda for how you can safely attend this meeting by joining a Zoom Online Conference/Video Call)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 675:7 that the Deering Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 13, 2020, at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the Deering Town Hall located at 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH** on proposed revisions to the Deering Zoning Ordinance. The revisions were prepared by the Planning Board and the effect of the proposed amendments would be to:

1. Repeal and replace the current Article 4, Section 5, Watershed Protection Ordinance with a new Article 4, Section 5, Watershed Protection Ordinance. The effect of the proposed amendment would be to clearly define the Planning Board's role in issuing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), provide clarity on the CUP application process, and outline various standards pertaining to the development of land within the Watershed Protection Overlay District.

Due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu, and in response to Emergency Orders #12 and #23 of Executive Order 2020-04, the Planning Board is authorized to meet electronically.

There is no physical location in which to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. We will be utilizing zoom.us for an electronic meeting. All members of the Planning Board have the ability to contemporaneously during this meeting; the public has access to listen contemporaneously and if necessary, to participate in this meeting.

Click on the following website address: www.zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting", then enter Meeting ID: **369 272 7208** and Password **432269**

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If you are not able to access the meeting by calling the number provided above please call **603-464-7921**. **In the event the public is unable to access the meeting by phone, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.**

Harris Center's Wildlife Tracking Station

The first of an eventual network of 50 wildlife tracking stations across New England is now operational in southwestern New Hampshire, enabling scientists and conservation agencies to follow the movements of tagged birds, bats and migratory insects across the region. The station was erected last month in Stoddard on the 515-acre Granite Lake Headwaters property of the Harris Center for Conservation Education, Hancock, NH. It is the newest addition to the Motus Wildlife Tracking System, a global network of nearly 1,000 such stations coordinated by Birds Canada, and which can automatically track a new generation of highly miniaturized radio transmitters small enough to be deployed on animals as small as hummingbirds and monarch butterflies. The Stoddard site is the first of more than four dozen receivers that will be installed in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island between now and 2022 by a consortium of resource agencies and conservation nonprofits, and underwritten by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Competitive State Wildlife Grant of \$998,000, matched by \$355,500 in private funds.



Goffstown sets aside funds for radio repairs

Goffstown Fire Chief Eric M. Sereno informed the Select Board of the recent Radio Repeater Failure. 2-Way Communications is the current radio vendor that covers their preventative maintenance and emergency repairs to their radio system. They have been the town's radio vendor for about 4-5 years. 2-Way Communications has identified that the repeater at Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown Fire Department Station 17 are in a state of failure. Both of these repeaters are located so that they provide coverage in dead zones in east Goffstown. This equipment is important to the life safety for members of this community and Police and Fire department operations. They have received two quotes for repeater repairs from 2-Way Communications. One for MVMS to Mount Uncanoonuc and the other for Goffstown Fire Department Station 17 to Mount Uncanoonuc. Both of these repeater sites are located in the east part of town. The repairs are going to replace parts of the aging infrastructure with new infrastructure providing better reliability between the repeater sites. Their equipment is old, requiring their vendor to have knowledge of this older unsupported equipment that does not always mesh with new technology. 2-Way has indicated that they will not receive the parts to fix this problem until early-mid January. Due to this, Sereno is requesting that they encumber these funds from the 2020 budget. The Board agreed.

Board again puts off Shattuck subdivision

After yet another 3+ hour meeting, the Francestown Planning Board has again extend the hearing for Ron and Melissa Shattuck's subdivision, this time until January. The final decision comes in place of a proposal by two board members to reject the application.

NH LAKES presents Lakes In Winter webinar January 6th

Join NH LAKES on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m., for the webinar “Lakes in Winter.”

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This informative, fun, and fascinating session will be presented by Krystal Costa Balanoff, Conservation Program Coordinator, NH LAKES, and Andrea LaMoreaux, Vice President of Programs & Operations, NH LAKES.

This webinar is part of the “Explore Lakes with NH LAKES” webinar series—a monthly series being offered through spring 2021. Make sure to tune in to these FREE webinars to learn about our lakes throughout the seasons, how wildlife survives changing temperatures, how our lakes are adapting to changing climates, and more!

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SATURDAY JANUARY 2

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TUESDAY JANUARY 5

NEW LONDON HIKE: 9am, Clark Pond Hike. Meet at the Clark Pond trail head on Bog Road. This will be an hour and a half, fairly easy hike. Trip leader: Rick Davies.

NEW LONDON HIKE: Phillips Memorial Preserve Hike. Trip leaders: John Kiernan, kiernannlh@yahoo.com and Nick Martin, nicolasdmartin52@gmail.com.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

NEW LONDON HIKE: 10am, Esther Currier WMA Wood Duck Box Maintenance. Trip leaders: Mike Gelcius, eaglesmg@gmail.com and Ruth White, rbwhite117@comcast.net. We hope you can join us.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7:

BOOK GROUP: Fuller Public Library's book group will meet virtually to discuss *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Call the library for more information, 464-3595.

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

LIONS MEET: The Hillsboro Lions Club meets at the American Legion on West Main Street at 7:00pm. Prospective members always welcome.

SUNDAY JANUARY 10

ZOOM MEETING : 2:00pm, Topic: The Connecticut River: New England's Great River with Adair Mulligan NH Humanities Program at Tucker Free Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Tucker Free Library. <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/86205643371?pwd=cENLUi9Qd2tXcWYySVFTQk9sUzVqQT09> Meeting ID: 862 0564 3371 Passcode: 205126.

TUESDAY JANUARY 19

VIRTUAL ADULT PAINT NIGHT: sponsored by Fuller Public Library. Our instructor Erin

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Frank Sterling Baker, Jr.

NEW LONDON - Frank Sterling Baker, Jr., 92, died on December 18, 2020 at the New London Hospital. He was the only son of Frank S. Baker of Harrisburg, New York and Viola L. Wheeler of Marlboro, Massachusetts. He grew up in Wilmot, NH and graduated from Andover High School in 1947. He is survived by a sister, Eleanor Baker Wilcox of North Fort Meyers, Florida. Frank was pre-deceased by his first wife, Madelyn Thompson Baker and leaves behind his second wife, Patricia Gross (DeCato) Baker. Frank has four children, Susan G. Baker, Frank S. Baker III and Donna Baker-Hartwell - all of East Andover, NH and Daryl A. Baker of Columbia, CT. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Frank Baker Educational Fund c/o Woodcrest Village Assisted Living, 356 Main Street,



New London, NH 03257 or Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org/donate. There will be no services. A private burial will be held at the Lake View Cemetery in East Andover. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire has been entrusted with arrangements.

Noel Murdough

SUTTON - Noel Murdough passed away on November 19 after having a medical emergency on November 14 and not being able to recover. Noel was born in Keene, NH on December 25, 1958 to Janet Morse and Douglas Woodward. He lived in a few spots in NH and one in NY and graduated from Henniker High School in 1976. Noel was predeceased by his mother, Janet Morse Murdough, his father, Douglas Woodward, his adopted father, Kenneth Murdough Sr. and his sister, Stephanie Murdough Riley. Noel leaves his wife, Lisa of 41 years along with



his son, Seth and his wife, Amie of Sutton and daughter, Jessica Goodrich of Rumney and grandson, Richard. He also leaves his brothers, Morgan of Henniker, Kenneth Jr. and wife, Sarah of Contoocook and Brian and wife, Becky of Henniker. The family is planning on doing services in the Spring when we would be able to get together and share our Noel stories. Please take care.



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PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will hold a **Public Budget Hearing** on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (1/13/21 snow date) at 6:15 pm, virtually via Zoom Meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/92695515546?pwd=Y2w0Zzd0dE1CMjNveVdOVUZ0Y2JmQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 9551 5546

Passcode: 192383

The purpose is to receive public input on the Hillsboro-Deering School District's proposed FY2021-2022 operating budget and proposed warrant articles.

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PLANNING BOARD • AGENDA NOTICE

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on **Thursday, January 14, 2021** at the Weare Town Office Building, **beginning at 7:00 PM.**

Continuation of the application for a proposed subdivision from Frank Burl on Rockland Road and Route 77. Tax Map 202, Lot #94. The subdivision will create one additional lot.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Zoning/Building amendments:

Article 4 Adoption of current Building Codes in the Building Permit Ordinance
Article 7.1 Fines and Penalties in the Building Permit Ordinance
Article 9.1 Fines and Penalties in the Zoning Ordinance
Adoption of new section (Article 37) regarding Private Roads

Citizen Petition: to vote to repeal the Mount Dearborn Road Historic Area Overlay District, Article 30-A, sections 1-4 of the 2019 Zoning Ordinance.

Minutes from December 17, 2020

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Town of Weare

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing on January 5, 2021 at the Weare Town Office Building, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Public Hearing for:

Continuation of Case# 13-20 Application for a variance from Gil and Shelley Duquette of 271 Quaker Street. Tax Map 404, lot 84 in the Residential District. The variance application is for Article #3, section 3.5 and 3.5.1, which authorizes reduced setbacks on a single-family residence.

Case# 01-2021 Application for a Variance for R. John and Rodalynn Knox for property on South Sugar Hill Road, Tax Map 406, lot 33.1 in the Rural Agricultural & Commercial Districts. The variance is to construct a driveway through the 25-foot wetland buffer.

Case # 02-2021 Application for a Variance for Dylan Boisvert and Madison Albee for property on Jewett Road, Tax Map 410, lot 16 owned by Marc Descoteaux in the Rural Conservation District. The variance request is to construct a single family home on a Class VI Road.

Minutes of December 1, 2020 and site walk minutes of December 8, 2020.

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