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Trading Places In Antrim

Antrim's search for a new Town Administrator is over. Former Police Chief Scott Lester, who has been serving as the Assistant to Donna Hanson, has been named as Town Administrator, with Hanson as his Assistant.



Remembering The Challenger

On January 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger broke apart 73 seconds into its flight, killing all seven crew members aboard. The spacecraft disintegrated 46,000 feet (14 km) above the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 11:39:13 a.m. EST, local time at the launch site. It was the first fatal accident involving an American spacecraft while in flight.

This week in history

February 1, 1884

Oxford English Dictionary debuts

February 3, 1865

Hampton Roads Conference fails to reach accord

February 4, 1980

Studio 54 holds Grand Closing party

February 5, 1783

Earthquake devastates southern Italy

February 6, 1778

Representatives sign Franco-American alliances

February 7, 1964

The Beatles arrive on American shores



Little remains of this fatal fire on Deering's Hart Farm Road.

One killed - one injured in Deering house fire

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean P. Toomey, Deering Fire Chief Robert Richards and Deering Police Chief Mark Philibert announced a joint investigation is underway after a residential fire.

At 9:19 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025, Deering Fire & Rescue responded to a report of a fire with multiple people trapped at a single-family home on Hart Farm Road in Deering. Officers from the Hillsboro Police Department arrived on the scene first and reported heavy fire coming from the house. Additional assistance was requested and firefighters from

the communities of Hillsboro, Bradford, Mont Vernon, Henniker, Hopkinton, Washington, Weare, Antrim, Frankestown, New Boston, Goffstown and Bennington responded. The fire was determined to be under control at 11:46 p.m.

With the assistance of a New Hampshire State Police human remains detection canine, one victim, Richard Berger, 72, has been located deceased inside the home. Additionally, his son Shawn Berger, who was initially trapped on the second floor when the fire started, was assisted out of the home by a neighbor and trans-

ported to an area hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. He was later transferred to a Boston area hospital. His mother, Maureen Berger was in Concord Hospital with a recent illness.

The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and Deering Fire & Rescue are actively investigating the origin and cause of the fire. Anyone with information that may assist the investigation is encouraged to contact the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289 or fmo@dos.nh.gov. A Go Fund Me page has been set up to assist the survivors.

No injuries reported in Franklin house fire Sunday night

One person was rescued from a burning home in Franklin late Sunday night, fire officials said.

Franklin first responders were dispatched at 11:06 p.m. Sunday to a reported building fire at 19 Chance Pond Road. Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS, and the Bristol Fire Department were also toned as automatic aid.

As Franklin crews were responding,

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid reported victims were possibly trapped in the structure and a second alarm was called for upon arrival at the scene.

Franklin fire crews reported encountering heavy fire from the rear of the structure. Franklin police were able to help one individual get out of the home.

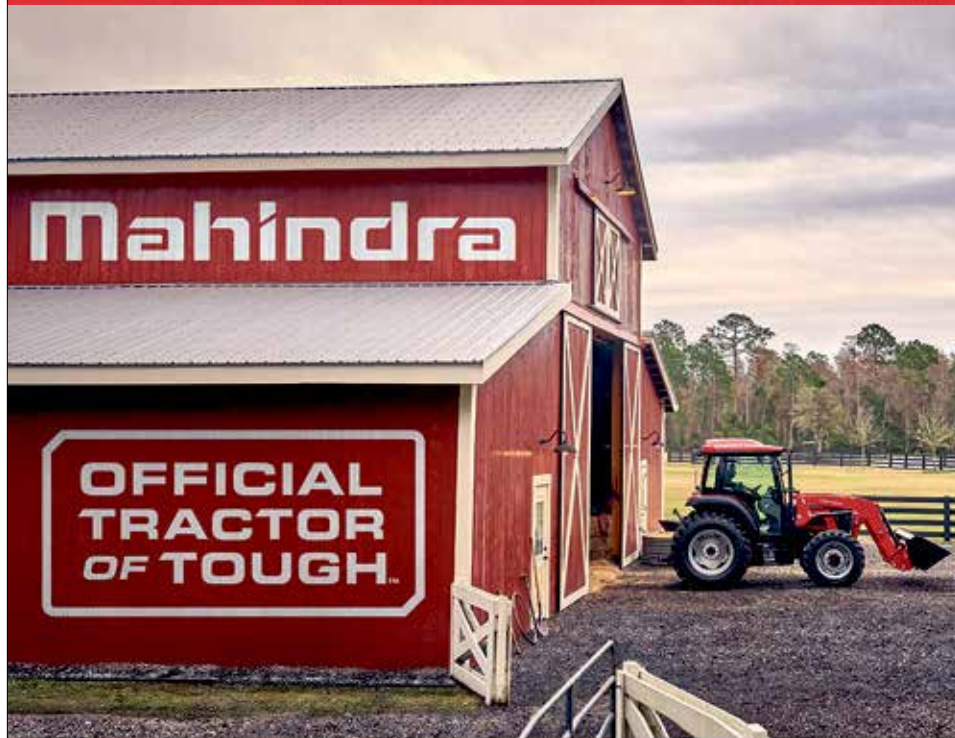
Firefighters from Franklin and mutual aid communities worked to search for ad-

ditional victims within the structure while simultaneously working to extinguish the heavy fire.

One individual was treated and transported to Concord Hospital-Franklin. There were no injuries to firefighters reported.

The New Hampshire Fire Marshal's Office and Franklin fire officials are investigating the cause of the blaze.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

February 2, 2024

Hillsborough Church separates from United Methodist
Weare American Legion honors U.S. Space Force
New London Hannafords opens after bakery fire
Center Woods Elementary students learn tap dancing

February 3, 2023

New Boston Police deny mishandling of Atkocaitis case
Henniker Budget Advisory Committee recommends changes
Kearsarge Food Hub is Lake Sunapee Chamber's Business of the Year
Grapevine awarded a \$20,000 grant by NH Charitable Foundation

February 4, 2022

Proposed ban on Washington shooting range-shot down
Snowmobile crash leads to Warner felony DWI arrest
Henniker First Responders honored for saving life
Hillsborough woman arrested after crash into river

February 5, 2021

Bradford Select Board reconstituted
Greenfield man guilty of planting bomb in car
Henniker Select Board ignores Library request
Newbury Police Department wants a K-9 unit

February 7, 2020

No injuries reported in Hopkinton rear-ender
Francestown approves new tenants for Village Store
Bradford Board pays tribute to John Pfeifle
Historic Greenfield Inn has new owner

February 8, 2019

Antrim Planning Board approves 5 cell towers
Kearsarge students' Ethical Leadership
12 towns provide mutual aid battling Bradford fire
New Boston firefighters again asking for new firehouse

February 9, 2018

New Boston gathers to support one of their own
Henniker officer cleared in 2014 shooting incident
Cut of H-D School Budget by \$1.3 million fails
Consolidation of schools dominates ConVal debate

February 10, 2017

New Boston named Safest Small Town in America
Newport Mill on Historic Register - sold to investors
Tilton may have a new police station
Contoocook man injured in Dunbarton

February 5, 2016

H-D school budget cut \$445,000
Franklin man rescues infant son & daughter from fire
Bow Selectmen trim \$597,803 from proposed budget
Goffstown Police confiscate credit card skimmer

February 6, 2015

Fire destroys Henniker Highway Garage
Bow investigating a dozen car break-ins
Petition to withdraw Peterborough from ConVal
H-D DECCA receives highest recognition again

\$500 reward offered for Henniker's missing historic marker

The Henniker Historical Society is offering a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the return of a missing historic marker.

The missing marker commemorated the house of a prominent Henniker citizen, Robert Wallace, known as the house of Ocean Born Mary, and is the most photographed house in Henniker. Located at 618 Bear Hill Road, Wallace built the house in 1784.

Wallace was a prominent leader during the settlement of Henniker. He served at the state Constitutional Convention and was a member of the State Council from 1788-1803. In 1803 he was appointed judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Hillsborough, a position he held for 10 years. He was a town leader and when he died in 1815, the entire population of Henniker mourned his loss.

Despite being a made man in his own right, Robert Wallace

is now best known as the son of 'Ocean Born Mary.' His mother was born shortly after the ship, carrying her immigrant parents from Ireland, was captured by pirates. The pirate captain was so moved by the newborn that he permitted the ship to proceed if the child was named Mary, after his wife. Ocean Born Mary was a striking woman, "quite tall, red haired with bright eyes, elegant in her manners, resolute and determined, sharp in her conversation with a strong brogue and full of humor." She married Thomas Wallace, and they had five children. After her husband's death in 1798, Mary moved from Londonderry to Henniker to live with her son, William. Although Mary never lived with her son, Robert in the Bear Hill house, the myth was perpetuated by a previous owner in the early 1900s. Photographer and author, LMA Roy fabricated the tale that Mary's spirit haunted the house, the pirate had traveled up the



Contoocook River and buried his loot in the back yard and the orchard.

The historic marker was placed in 2008, one of twenty-three granite historic signposts, highlighting the contributions of Henniker's early settlers who played a crucial role in shaping the community.

Weighing in excess of 1,000 pounds, the marker was located on the Bear Hill Road right of way, easily viewed by passersby. The marker, last seen in fall of 2024, has a replacement value of \$2,000.00. Several very strong men with equipment would be needed to extract or move the marker. The Henniker Police

have reported that the current owner of the property could not provide any information about the missing marker. Any information can be directed to the Henniker Historical Society (Hennikerhistoricalsociety@tds.net) or the Henniker Police Department (603-428-3213). All info considered confidential.



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DEERING: Newly renovated mobile home on a quiet dead end street in a Cooperative park in Deering. Near snowmobile and ATV trails. Community water. Deering is less than 50 minutes from Manchester, Concord or Keene. Only 20 minutes to Crooked Mountain Ski and Golf, and less than 30 minutes to Pat's Peak. Deering residents have access to Deering Reservoir as well as the public can use Franklin Pierce Reservoir and Manahan Park. **\$90,500**



WINDSOR: Seller moving to Florida - get in before the snow flies! Two story, 2BR/1B, livingroom with 9 foot ceilings, eat-in kitchen, laundry room, two fully insulated porches, new roof, new propane heating system, large barn/garage (55x50) with woodstove and loft. On a town maintained paved road in low tax Windsor. Price reduced to **\$149,900**

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Hometown Heroes



We would like to thank General Manager Kristi Kreis for hosting this month's Coffee with a Cop event at the McDonald's restaurant in Franklin. Over a cup of coffee, attendees have the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations, ask questions, and discuss concerns with their local law enforcement officers. Whether discussing neighborhood safety, community programs, or simply sharing stories, Coffee with a Cop strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the community—one cup at a time.



Peterborough Police Chief Scott Guinard presents Detective Reichl with her new badge, on her recent promotion to Detective. Detective Reichl has been an invaluable addition to their patrol room and they are excited to see her flourish in this new role.



The Franklin Police Department would like to introduce Officer Nicolas Cornejo Mora, the newest member of the department. Ofc. Cornejo Mora is currently a student at Plymouth State University and is set to graduate in May. Ofc. Cornejo Mora completed an internship with the department during the fall of 2024. Welcome to the department and the City of Franklin. Good luck and be safe!



On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Town of Sunapee select board meeting, Sunapee Fire Chief John Galloway announced his departure from his position as the fire chief and as a member of the Sunapee Fire Department. Galloway will become the full-time fire chief for the town of Bethlehem. Chief Galloway has served with the Sunapee Fire Department for 28 years, rising from firefighter to lieutenant, captain, and finally chief. Thank you, Chief, and stay safe.

Hillsboro-Deering DECA Team qualifies for International Conference

After a wild ten days of competing against other high schools in a global competition, a team of students from Hillsboro-Deering High School qualified for the DECA International Conference in April 2025 in the area of Sports & Entertainment Management.

The Sports and Entertainment Management team, made up of senior Ben Perrin, sophomore Julianne LaBier, and freshman

Christopher Perrin, finished in second place in the North Atlantic region of DECA, and nineteenth overall internationally.

They will compete in the finals against teams from Texas, Michigan, Minnesota, California, and Ontario, Canada.

The finals, which will be held at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida in April, are made up of the

top 16 teams in a live round-robin competition.

“These qualifying rounds are incredibly challenging and stressful, and our Hillsboro-Deering students put in the time and effort to be successful and sometimes fall

short. I am super impressed with the younger students that have stepped up to work hard and learn the skills to qualify. With qualifying rounds that are only 10 days – it is an incredibly intense and demanding level of competition. I’m

excited for these students and for their future, and I am so proud of the teams that worked hard but did not qualify. They never gave up. A true testament to the students here at HD,” said H-D DECA advisor Marc Payeur.



Greenfield, NH Volunteer Fire Department and Peterborough Fire & Rescue (Ambulance) was dispatched to a single vehicle accident on Old Bennington Road. One victim was evaluated by EMS and transported for further evaluation.



Left to right: Ben Perrin, Christopher Perrin, Julianne LaBier.

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Kenneth Lawrence, President of the Goffstown Lions Club, presents Mark Sullivan, President of the Goffstown Food Pantry, with a \$3,000 donation. The Food Pantry is an integral part of the community, always there to help those in need.

Hillsboro Lions Club donates \$1,000 to aid California fire victims

Hillsboro Lions Club recently donated to the \$1,000 Lions Club International Fund (LCIF) Empowered Service Fund to assist fire victims in California, and \$100 was donated to Camp Allen.

The Scholarship Committee expanded the eligibility requirements for the Henry G. Martin Scholarship. Now,

homeschooled students, trade school students, community college students, and students attending a 4-year educational institution are eligible to apply.

Over the past month, 61 pairs of eyeglasses and two hearing aids were collected, along with one pound of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children.



Members of the Henniker Lions Club present a check for \$5,000 to Robin Kralik and Bill Sullivan, board members of the Henniker Food Pantry.

New Boston Select Board approves budget increase of 4.99% - Tax Rate up 2.61%

In reviewing the Town's portion of the budget, the New Boston Select Board asked the department heads to cap any increases at a 5% maximum and the total increase came back at 4.99% for the budget and Warrant Articles. The overall impact is approximately 2.67%, which is primarily a maintenance budget with a few enhancements. The proposed 2025 Town budget is \$7,476,141, which is \$355,539 or 4.99% above the 2024 adopted budget. The proposed tax

Warrant Articles total \$794,302, approximately \$109,104 or 12% less than the approved 2024 Warrant Articles.

The projected tax rate for 2025 is \$6.29 or a 2.61% increase. The average homeowner impact increase is approximately \$69.74 for the average New Boston homeowner or a \$5.81 per month increase.

The 2025 default budget would be \$103,666 higher than the 2024 approved budget, and \$251,873 lower than the 2025

proposed budget. There would be an average homeowner decrease from the proposed 2025 operating budget of approximately

\$113.33 per year or \$9.44 per month.

Kary Jencks stated that the proposed taxable Warrant

Articles equal \$794,302, which equates to \$109,104 or 12.07% less than the approved 2024 Warrant Articles.



The ConVal School Board has voted unanimously to hire Ann Forrest as Superintendent of the ConVal School district. Forrest has been serving as interim superintendent since the departure of Kimberly Rizzo Saunders in August 2024. The board decided to forgo a national search for a new superintendent and offer the position to Forrest.



Antrim-Bennington Lions Club donated hot cocoa to Avenue A for their winter programs. Thank you, Linda Morehouse for your coordination of this effort.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

For people with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (MS), a new study published in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, has found that the drug ofatumumab is more effective than teriflunomide at helping people across racial and ethnic groups reach a period of no disease activity. Ofatumumab, a monoclonal antibody, is a newer drug for treating MS. Teriflunomide, an immunomodulatory agent, has been available for over a decade. MS is a disease in which the body's immune system attacks myelin, the fatty white substance that insulates and protects the nerves. Symptoms may include fatigue, numbness, tingling or difficulty walking. Relapsing-remitting MS is the most common stage of the disease, marked by symptom flare-ups followed by periods of remission.

A new study published in *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being* found that nondeceptive placebos, or placebos given with people fully knowing they are placebos, effectively manage stress — even when the placebos are administered remotely. Researchers recruited participants experiencing prolonged stress from the COVID-19 pandemic for a two-week randomized controlled trial. Half of the participants were randomly assigned to a non-deceptive placebo group and the other half to the control group that took no pills. The participants interacted with a researcher online through four virtual sessions on Zoom. Those in the nondeceptive placebo group received information on the placebo effect and were sent placebo pills in the mail along with and instructions on taking the pills. The study found that the nondeceptive group showed a significant decrease in stress, anxiety and depression in just two weeks compared to the no-treatment control group. Participants also reported that the nondeceptive placebos were easy to use, not burdensome and appropriate for the situation.

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Conclusions

Early detection of oral cancer is critical for improving patient outcomes and reducing mortality. By integrating advanced technologies like imaging and AI with traditional screening methods, the accuracy and effectiveness of early detection can be significantly improved. This approach is particularly vital for underdeveloped and developing nations, where the burden of oral cancer is highest. Effective screening and prevention strategies can lead to earlier detection, more successful interventions, and ultimately, better prognosis for patients. Public health policies focusing on education, risk factor modification, and accessible screening programs are essential for combating the high incidence of oral cancer and improving global health outcomes.

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New London Firefighters responded to multiple fires. At 2:35 p.m., New London Ladder 3 and Tanker 1 were requested to respond mutual aid to 116 Hazzard Road in Springfield for a dump truck and building on fire. Crews assisted with suppression and overhaul efforts as well as tanker shuttle operations. Later on, at 5:51 p.m., New London Fire was dispatched to a chimney fire at 90 Burpee Hill Road in town. Upon arrival, a heavy smoke condition was found in the residence and a first alarm requested bringing in some mutual aid partners from Wilmot, Sunapee, Springfield, Sutton, and Warner fire departments. Additionally, New London Hospital EMS responded with an ambulance to stand by on the scene.

Sunapee Fire kept busy responding to multiple calls

Sunapee Fire responded to multiple mutual aid calls in Springfield. On Wednesday, January 22, at 14:34, Sunapee Fire was requested to respond mutual aid into Springfield with Engine 2 and Tanker 4 for a working structure fire. When units arrived on the scene, they found a fully involved dump truck extending to a large shed. Personnel from Sunapee Engine 2 assisted in fire attack and overhaul, while Tanker 4 supplied water to the scene.

As Sunapee units were about to clear the fire scene at

16:00, Hanover dispatched notified units of an accident on Interstate 89 in Springfield. Due to all Springfield Fire apparatus still being tied up at the fire scene, Sunapee Engine 2 and Tanker 4 responded to the Interstate from the fire scene.

When Sunapee units arrived at the accident scene, they located one vehicle that had gone off the road into the median. Luckily, there were no injuries in the accident, and Sunapee Fire stood by until the car was removed.



New Boston crews were dispatched to a residence for the report of CO exposure, they then responded to a mutual aid medical call in Weare, and later to a truck fire on Hooper Hill. While operating at the truck fire another medical event came in with two patients.

Franklin man charged with selling Fentanyl and Crack Cocaine

A Franklin man is facing charges related to the selling of suspected fentanyl and crack cocaine following a months-long investigation by the State Police Narcotics Investigations Unit

(NIU). During the investigation, approximately 1,300 grams of suspected fentanyl, approximately 500 grams of suspected methamphetamine, two firearms

and \$5,000 of U.S. currency were seized. On January 23, state troopers arrested Michael Brownell, 39, of Franklin, on five counts of sale of controlled drugs in excess of 5 ounces, four counts of sale of controlled drugs in excess of 5 ounces, two counts of possession of controlled drugs, transporting drugs in a motor vehicle and two counts of felon in possession of a dangerous weapon.

Brownell was held at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and arraigned on the charges in Laconia Circuit Court on January 24. He remains held on preventive detention.

During Brownell's arrest, a woman identified by police as Kaitlyn Blake (Woodbury), 32, of Belmont, was also taken into custody on outstanding electronic bench warrants out of Plymouth Circuit Court and Laconia Circuit Court for motor vehicle related charges.



Michael Brownell



Kaitlyn Blake

Blake was booked and processed at the Franklin Police Department, then held at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections pending appearances in Plymouth Circuit Court and Laconia Circuit Court.

The State Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)

team provided assistance during the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact Lt. Shane W. Larkin of the Narcotics Investigations Unit at 603-234-0707. Anonymous tips can be sent to nabdope@dos.nh.gov.



The Henniker Lions Club held a successful Christmas Tree Bonfire at Henniker Brewing Company.



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Publishers Perspective

Trump slaps police: So much for law and order

I voted for President Trump, welcome most of his executive orders, and look forward to his promise to “Make America Great Again.” I can not support his pardon of ALL the January 6th Prisoners. The President is correct that many of them were non violent railroaded to convictions by the Justice Department. Several however, who committed acts of violence should not have been pardoned. I agree with the following Editorial from The Union Leader. LDB

The fact that President Trump has issued pardons and clemency for those found guilty in the Jan. 6 rioting should surprise no one. The fact that he did it so broadly, with seemingly no exceptions for the most serious crimes, is a very bad sign.

Even some Trump partisans must have paused to realize that the big self-promoter of law and order was putting a very big stick in the eye of police by freeing

the thugs who assaulted men and women in blue that day. Both the nation’s largest police union and the International Association of Chiefs of Police condemned Trump’s act.

“When perpetrators of crimes, especially serious crimes, are not held fully accountable, it sends a dangerous message that the consequences for attacking law enforcement are not severe, potentially emboldening others to commit similar acts of violence,” the two groups said in a joint statement.

Also appalling but, again, not surprising was Trump’s equating the Capitol rioters with Israeli and American hostages as they await being freed from the living hell they have faced at the hands of terrorists.

Trump even paraded hostage families onto his inauguration celebration stage as he boasted of how he has freed his own “hostages” from the sentences handed them by fellow Americans.



Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board has worked hard to propose a fiscally responsible budget and warrant articles that will go before the voters on March 11, 2025. The board is aware of the financial limitations of members of both towns within our district. We have worked to bring a proposed budget to the voters that is fiscally conservative and still meets the needs of students and employees in our district. We have done a lot of work to reach the goals outlined in our SAU 34 Strategic Plan that help to create and develop student success, culture and learning environments. Our budget reflects these areas of the strategic plan.

We have also put forward trust fund warrant articles to reflect the current needs of our district in regard to maintenance, special education, and technology. The funding of these trust accounts will not raise taxes and will only be transferred if there is a positive fund balance at the end of June 2025.

Our district also has a tentative agreement with our teachers union that will be on the ballot March 11, 2025. The contract includes several measures designed to limit the total cost of the warrant article including a 0% cost of living increase in the first year, an increase to the teachers’ insurance contribution rate, introducing the option of an deductible insurance plan, and cost of living increases in years two and three that are below the rate of inflation.

We firmly believe this agreement is in the best interest of students, taxpayers, families, and staff to keep our district moving forward in the years ahead. Please attend any one of the upcoming meetings in person, online or reach out to any board member.

The important dates are:

Deliberative Session - Tuesday, Feb 4, 2025 7pm,
H-DMS Cafetorium

Ballot Voting - Tuesday March 11, 2025

Deering Voters: 8am - 7pm, Deering Town Hall
Hillsboro Voters: 7am - 7pm, H-DMS Gymnasium
Hillsborough-Deering School Board; Christopher Bober, Paul Plater, Krista Davison, Stacey Morin, Michael Kenney.

Dear Editor:

In her inaugural address, Gov. Kelly Ayotte stressed the need for State spending reductions but then stated, “Protecting our most vulnerable and those in our state most in need – this is nonnegotiable.” According to news reports, the state of New Hampshire is facing a projected budget deficit of at least \$21 million. It appears spending reductions is actually shifting costs, such as special education, to the towns. This “downshift-ing” further increases property taxes. As a result, many 65+ year olds, while wanting to stay in their homes, cannot afford the taxes. They need help.

In 1996 New Hampshire passed a law allowing towns and cities to adopt an Elderly Property Tax Exemption (Elderly Exemption) for people 65 and older. The town could vote to exempt an amount of the assessed value of a single-family home owned by a person 65+ contingent on their level of income and assets. The property owner must apply for the exemption. The list of exemption values by town/city can be found at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/taxes-glance/tax-credit-programs/exemptions-and-veterans-tax-credits>.

There are a number of communities that have not updated their Elderly Exemptions since 1996. In addition, the implementation of the Elderly Exemption is very inconsistent. Currently, one county has more than 20 towns that require a property owner to have an income of less than \$13,400 and have less than \$35,000 in assets to qualify for an Elderly Exemption. This compares to towns such as Stoddard that allows incomes of up to ▶

Letters to the Editor continued

\$45,000, Henniker up to \$48,800 and still qualify for the exemption.

Looking at Merrimack County, of the 27 municipalities, nine towns have not changed their Elderly Exemption in 17 years or more. The town I live in, Warner, has not changed their exemption since 2006 when the median single home value was approximately \$180,000. Today the median value in Warner is approximately \$420,000.

According to the Department of Revenue Administration, the steep increase in property values is more pronounced for the lower-priced homes. For example, in Warner, a mobile home with land sold in 2010 for \$88,000. In 2023 it sold for \$245,000. Because of revaluation, the 2025 property taxes in Warner will be based on Market Value. It will be the 65+ people on fixed incomes in the lower-priced homes that could have the highest percent increase, based on income, in property taxes.

The citizens of Warner will be voting on updating the Elderly Exemption at Town Meeting. The proposed amounts are the same percentages passed by the town voters in 2006 adjusted to the \$420,000 median value of 2025. Last year there were 25 approved Elderly Exemptions in Warner, resulting in just under \$58,000 in taxes being redistribute. With a town budget of more than \$5 million, the impact to the tax rate is minimal.

The Elderly Exemption is a tool available to towns to help low-income 65+ people be able to stay in their

homes. Yet, many towns appear to be ignoring it. Members of the Legislature should immediately introduce legislation calling for a thorough study of the effectiveness of the present Elderly Property Tax Exemption law. If changes need to be made, have the changes ready for the 2026 legislative session to update the law. If we want our towns to have age and economic diversity, and to help people stay in their homes, now is the time to make that happen.

David N. Carle, Warner

Dear Editor:

It's that time of year again for all voters of Hillsborough and Deering to be getting ready to attend the annual DELIBERATIVE SESSION, which will be held on Tuesday evening, February 4 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School.

The deliberative session is our opportunity as voters to discuss and debate the school district budget before finalizing the ballot we vote on in March. This discussion is crucial, and we need your help to ensure there is accountability.

You may recall that last year I proposed reducing our school budget by \$1 million. The school district's supporters argued that this would lead to the elimination of student programs. However, we currently have a surplus of over \$1.5 million, meaning we could have reduced the budget without cutting anything.

Unfortunately, I fell a bit short on the votes needed

and once again the common theme I hear from taxpayers is our taxes are too high and unsustainable.

You may also remember that after last year's deliberative session, the school board used surplus funds by "repurposing" a teaching position to finance a new greenhouse project, violating RSA 32:8-11, which defines limitations on expenditures and transfers of appropriations. They also built a new football field using taxpayer funds for the new football program.

As we move into FY 26 budget discussions, the school board will once again propose an increase. They'll tell us these increases are small, "just a fraction of a percent," and that the new budget is less than the default budget.

What they won't mention is that they failed to remove one-time expenditures from the default budget, as required by law [RSA 40:13 IX (b) and RSA 40:13 XI (a) (3)]. They won't mention the surplus hidden in salaries, benefits, and special education which remains in the default budget. They won't mention they have averaged a \$1.6 million surplus over the past seven years, yet continue to ask for more each year.

Again, we face a choice: accept these proposed increases, continue our efforts to reduce the budget, or consider a slightly lower default budget. We need to make decisions for the good of personal finances. It's time to say enough already! Hope to see you on February 4!

Riche Colombe, Hillsborough

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Other Colleges & Universities

Avery Morin of New Boston, NH, has achieved President's List honors for the fall 2024 semester at Nichols College.

Morgan Bemont of Peterborough earns Dean's List Honors at American International College

Adreanna Carroll of Hillsborough achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the fall 2024 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Adreanna's major is Anthropology.

Mark William LaJeunesse of Goffstown, NH, received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University

Georgia Langley of Goffstown was named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

Ashlee Rose Brehio of Hopkinton has been named to the President's List at Elon University.

Marin Westward, of New London, NH, was named to the University of Mississippi's Honor Roll lists.

Krystina Summers of Newbury was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 term at University of Maryland Global Campus.

Vermont State University is proud to recognize **Chad Martin** of Henniker, NH, for earning Dean's List honors.



Henniker Community School student art for Azalea Park.

What Azalea Park means to the next generation

Last fall the 5th and 6th grade students at Henniker Community School studied the art of illustration. They learned about the works of Helen Oxenbury, Dr. Seuss, and Shel Silverstein to gather knowledge about ink style, use of color, and background.

At the beginning of the project the students took a walking field trip down through Azalea Park to gather inspiration for their next art project.

Susan Adams of the Azalea Park Committee talked to the students about the park's history and its plans for the future.

The students were tasked with representing the park and what it means to them through their illustrations. When Adams heard of the new art gallery at the Tucker Free Library, she reached out to see if there was space for

the 80 pieces generated by the student. The artwork is colorful and thoughtful and illustrates the beautiful nature of the park.

Henniker is very lucky to have such a wonderful natural resource near the school, library and town center. It provided a great subject study for the students.

The students' art is on display in the Tucker Free Library Gallery from January 24 through February 25th. An official Opening Reception will be held on February 7 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the gallery located on the Main Floor of the library. Please come and enjoy the colors, talents and imagination of our students.

See what Azalea Park means to these young people. The health and beauty of Azalea Park is in all of our hands— young and old. Thank you, students.

\$955,000 requested for New London police facility

Chair Bill Helm opened the New London Select Board meeting asking fellow board members to support a pair of Warrant Articles totaling \$555,000 for the new police facility.

One article, for \$400,000 would be for the purchase of the Garvey property and do the initial site work. The Garvey family has agreed to sell the property for \$350,000 with conditions; 1. That the entrance road be a public way leading to the rear of the property. 2. Dark sky lighting 3. The family may repurchase the property for \$350, if it is not developed in 15 years.

The second article for \$555,000 would be used for engineering and design work on the building.

Helm recommended that the \$400,000 come from this year's Unassigned Fund Balance and the \$555,000 be funded with a bond.

It was reported that the current Unassigned Fund balance is \$1,880,000 with another \$400,000-\$500,000 expected to be added this year.

The Board unanimously approved and approved a 2026 restudy of whether the Dispatch Center should be included in the facility.

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EASY SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT FIRES IN THE KITCHEN



By: Joyce Bosse

UL's Fire Safety Research Institute fire safety experts share simple ways to significantly lower the chance of experiencing a fire in the kitchen and how to plan ahead in case it does happen.

Have working smoke alarms: If a kitchen fire does start, smoke alarms will provide the earliest alert that there is an incident. You should have a smoke

alarm inside and outside every sleeping area, on every level of the home. Any smoke alarms in the kitchen should be installed at least 10 feet away from any cooking source. This distance will allow the smoke alarms to quickly detect a fire but will be far enough away to lower the occurrence of false or nuisance alarms.

Keep a clean cooking area: While cooking, turn pot handles inward toward the back of the stove so that they don't accidentally get bumped and knocked over. Additionally, make sure to keep oven mitts, plastic utensils, packages and other flammable materials away from the stovetop. If these items are stored too close to an open flame or heat source, they can ignite.

Stay aware: Stay by your stove while cooking and, if you must leave, turn the burners off. Unattended cooking equipment contributed to 49% of residential kitchen fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Cook with care: In addition to staying near the stove, you should pay attention to what you're cooking so you can watch for smoke, boiling grease or other signs that the heat is too high. If a fire does ignite, use a pan lid or baking sheet to cover the pan — this will remove oxygen from the fire and put it out.

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Antrim voters asked to support an 11.7% budget increase

The Antrim Select Board continued its efforts to hold the line on spending at Monday night's meeting. Having admonished department heads to minimize any increases, they were forced to turn to funding requests from outside, non-profit organizations.

Reluctantly, they unanimously voted to only support funding for the following organizations at 50% of the amounts requested:

Group	Request	Approved
Meals On Wheels	\$8,100	\$4,050
Home Healthcare	\$8,000	\$4,000
Monadnock Family	\$3,313	\$1,655
Child Advocacy	\$750	\$375
Community Trans	\$750	\$375
Grapevine	\$8,000	\$4,000
Teen Center	\$12,000	\$6,000
CASA	\$500	\$250

In doing so the board reduced the projected budget increase from 12% to 11.7%. The proposed Warrant now includes:

Article 3: \$6,500 to fund the Community Board.

Article 4: \$85,000 for a new Police Cruiser from the Unassigned Fund balance. No impact on taxes.

Article 5: \$193,000 to fund a lease/purchase for a new Highway Loader and approve \$50,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the first year's payment.

Article 6: \$30,000 to establish a Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 7: \$12,000 to purchase three storage units for the Transfer Station.

Article 8: \$19,000 to purchase a bailer for the Transfer Station from the Unassigned Fund balance. No impact on taxes.

Article 9: \$425,000 added to existing Capital Reserve Funds:

- \$15,000 Fire
- \$20,000 Police
- \$125,000 Town Buildings
- \$65,000. Recreation

\$200,000 Highway From Unassigned Fund Balance

Article 10: \$5,457,127 Operating Budget, including \$791,617 for the Water \$ Sewer Department.



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Wyatt Matthew Carleton

ANDOVER - Wyatt Matthew Carleton, 17, passed away tragically in a car accident, on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Wyatt was born on September 21, 2007, in Laco-

 nia, the son of Jim and Crystal (Cole) Carleton. Wyatt is survived by his loving parents, Jim and Crystal Carleton, little brother Jacob Carleton, maternal grandparents Michelle and David Cole and paternal grandparents James and Deborah Carleton. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Shannon and Tim Baker, and their two children; uncle and aunt, Matt and Karen Cole, and their four children; aunt and uncle, Sarah and Ray Bailey, and their three children; and so many more extended family and friends. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thank you to the residents of Andover for their love and support, the first responders on scene the night of the accident; New Hampshire State Police, Andover Police Department and EMS for their courage, dedication and sacrifice for what they do day-to-day. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the: Forever on the Slope: The Wyatt Carleton Foundation, in honor to Wyatt and his unforgettable spirit. A foundation hoping to bring Wyatt's love for skiing to generations to come. Checks can be made out to AEMS, Attn: Kelly George, 20 School St, Andover, NH 03216.

Justin Michael Parker

HENNIKER - Justin Michael Parker, 24, of Henniker, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Born on January 22, 2000, in Concord, NH, he was the son of Keith Parker and Patricia (Carreau) Parker. He is survived by his mother Patricia Parker; father Keith Parker and his step-mom Sara Parker; step-sister Aida and Madeleine; Aunt Kimberly; Uncles Darrin and Robert III; grandmother Linda; cousins Amanda, Alyasia, Caleb, Breahanna, Lilly; and Javin; and many loving friends and extended family. He is predeceased by his grandfathers Gordon Parker and Robert Carreau Jr. A Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 2 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St, Hillsboro, NH. A Funeral Service will held on Monday, February 3 from 12 p.m.-3 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral, with a Chapel Service to follow at 2 p.m. at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster HWY, Boscawen, NH. The family asks that you bring a photo of Justin and yourself and tell a story of how you knew him. Donations in honor of Justin may be offered to the military branch of your choice or The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



2025. He was born in Bethpage, NY, on December 14, 1958, the son of George and Evelyn Diamond. George is survived by his brother Harold Diamond and his wife Anita of Mary Eshter, FL, his sister Thessalia Nielsen and her husband Roy of Wolfeboro, NH, his sister-in-law Carol Diamond and brother-in-law Tom Kulbacki as well as several nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces. He is predeceased by both his parents, his brother James Diamond of Baldwin, NY, and his sister Rosalie Kulbacki of Hillsborough. Family and close friends are invited to share memories of George at a Celebration of Life on February 15, 2025, at 12:00 at the Main Street Grill located on the Angus Lea Golf Course in Hillsborough. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Kidney Fund.

Jon "Terry" Graves

HILLSBOROUGH - Jon "Terry" Graves, a resident of Hillsborough, NH, passed away Friday January 17, 2025, just a few days short of his 78th birthday. He passed at home after a short period of declining health. Born in Keene, NH on January 21st, 1947, he was the only child of Marjorie Thayer Graves and Olin F. Graves. He is survived by his son Jon B. Graves of Keene, daughter-in-law Reed and grandsons Carter and Drew, his daughter Katherine Nicholson of Burlington, WY, son-in-law Kenny, grandsons Mickey and Anthony, and many cousins, neighbors and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Olin and Marjorie Graves and his dog Buster. In lieu of flowers, take a walk in the woods, the long way home some afternoon, stop at some lake and take a swim.



Donald Graham Blanchard

HENNIKER - The kind and faithful heart of Donald Graham Blanchard, age 93, went to rest among family on January 3, 2025. He was born October 29, 1931, to Donald T. and Jean F. (Paul) Blanchard of Canterbury, NH. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Gertrude Ann Blanchard, his children: Matthew T. (and Rita) Blanchard of Hopkinton, NH; Dawn P. Blanchard (and Donald Goss, Jr.) of Henniker, NH; James A. Blanchard of Lebanon, NH; Jonathan D. (and Kimberly) Blanchard of Orcutt, CA; and Deanna L. Blanchard of Swan Valley, ID; as well as nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren and two more on the way! He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, James Paul (and Vesta) Blanchard, and Alan Frank (and Elizabeth) Blanchard. Through them he leaves many dear nieces and nephews, and affiliated loved ones. To commemorate his love of life and service to his community, calling hours will be held at the Benett Funeral Home, 209 North Main Street, Concord, NH on Thursday, February 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21st at the St. Theresa Parish, 158 Old Hopkinton Rd, Henniker, NH 03242. His remains will be buried at a private service in Canterbury, NH later this spring.



Beverly Ann (Barclay) Hines

WINDSOR - Beverly Ann (Barclay) Hines, 87, of Windsor, passed peacefully on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. She was born on September 8, 1937 in Waltham, MA, a daughter to the late John and Gertrude (Mosley) Barclay. Beverly is survived by her children Peggy Linderman and Patrick Hines. As well as four grandchildren, four great-grand children, nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas Henry Hines Jr. who passed on October 17, 2012. The family asks in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Hillsboro House Nursing Home, 67 School St. Hillsboro, NH.



Kathleen Gundeck

WASHINGTON - Our beloved Kathleen Gundeck (affectionately known as "Cassie") was called home to our Lord on January 7, 2025. She was born the first child of Stanley and Helen (Stossel) Gundeck on July 17, 1938. She is survived by her sister, Dolores (Dede) and her husband Julian Modzeleski; her sister-in-law, Patricia Gundeck; seven nieces and nephews: Paul (Lisa) Modzeleski, Kim (Brooks) Bishop, Kristin (Stan) Partyka, Christopher Gundeck, Kelly (Jeff) Blizzard, Michael (Claire) Gundeck and Joseph (Aida Cakalli) Gundeck; and many grand- and great-nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother, Stanley Jr.



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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

WINTER RIDE: Join us for our annual vintage ride! Registration starts at 9:00am at Livingston Sales in Hillsboro, NH. \$20 per sled, proceeds go towards the club. Ride out to Bennington, NH for burgers, hot dogs, bonfire, and award ceremonies! Sleds don't have to be vintage to join in on the fun. Check our Facebook page for more details as we get closer to the event!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4

YOUNG WRITERS GROUP: will meet with local author Lisa Q. Mathews. Bring along whatever you are writing, either in a notebook or a laptop. Open to students in middle school to adults. This group will meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 2:30-4:00pm at Fuller Public Library.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6 - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

MEN OF IRON RETREAT: Bethel Farm, 34 Bethel Road, Hillsborough. Thurs., Feb. 6, 5:00pm - Sun., Feb. 9, 5:00pm.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

SNOWMOBILE SHOW: The Andover Snowmobile Club will be hosting our 22nd Annual Highland Lake SnoFest Vintage Snowmobile Show 11:00am at the Andover Fish and Game Clubhouse located at 45 Channel Road in Andover NH, at the intersection of Snowmobile Corridor 2 and Highway Rt. 11. The event starts at 9:00am, and we will have hot food and a warm clubhouse with vintage snowmobile videos playing. This event is open to any and all Antique and Vintage snowmobiles. Trophies will be awarded.

WINTER FROLIC: 10:00am-1:00pm Hancock meeting-house crafts, snacks. Sledding Hill Sled racing Norway Pond Outdoor activities.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

REBECCA RULE: will be at Fuller Public Library at 6:00pm to talk about her new book New Hampshire Trivia. How much do you know about New Hampshire? Share your knowledge, hear and share some stories. Let's have some fun and teach each other a thing or two about the Granite State!

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

HEALTHY EATING CHALLENGE: informational meeting at Fuller Public Library, 6:00pm. The Let's Move in Librar-

ies/Connectwell program will run for 5 weeks as we learn about whole food choices for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. Join our weekly meetings for tips, recipes, and ideas for changing our habits. Must register and be able to attend 4 of the 5 meetings, program begins on the 17th.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

CARICATURE DRAWING: by Paula Kerouac at JA Tuttle Library in Antrim. 4:30-6:00pm. Paula will draw a caricature from a photo or from a live model. Fee: by donation.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

MORSE SPORTING GOODS SCORING DAY: 10:00am-4:00pm. Scoring Deer, Bear and Moose. Event by NH Antler & Skull Trophy Club. Anyone welcome.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15-16


WASHINGTON FISHING DERBY: Camp Morgan Lodge opens at 5:00 for breakfast. Tickets \$6-\$15.

TUESDAY MARCH 18

BLOOD DRIVE: 10:00am-3:00pm Kearsarge Regional High School. Every pint of blood donated has the potential to save a life - your contribution matters! Sign up <https://bit.ly/3PKJgTa> Thank you for supporting this lifesaving cause! The Kearsarge Regional High School National Honor Society.

SATURDAY MARCH 29

CRAFT FAIR: & Scholastic Book Fair, 9:00am-2:00pm, Great Brook School, Antrim.



TOWN OF DEERING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Deering will hold a public hearing on the Annual Budget on **Tuesday, February 11th, 2025**, beginning at 6:30pm. The Public Hearing will take place at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH.

A second public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**, at 6:30pm if needed.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY NH COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Wednesday February 5th, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Hearing Location:
Washington Town Hall (upstairs)
7 Halfmoon Pond Road
Washington NH 03280**

The Sullivan County NH Community Power Committee is hosting a public hearing to present the Sullivan County Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan. This second public hearing has been scheduled for **Wednesday February 5th, 2025, 6:00 PM** at the Washington Town Hall (upstairs), 7 Halfmoon Pond Road, Washington NH 03280.

Citizens and businesses in Sullivan County are encouraged to attend to learn more and ask questions. In addition to the committee members, a representative from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire will be in attendance to present information and answer questions.

Details regarding the County's Electric Aggregation Plan may be viewed at <https://www.sullivancountynh.gov/1253/Sullivan-County-Community-Power-Committe>, or a hard copy may be reviewed at the Commissioners' Office, Ste 1, 14 Main Street, Newport, NH, 03733.

Inquiries regarding this notice may be directed to the above address or by calling 603-863-2560.



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public input on the Proposed 2025 Operating Budget. The Hearing will be held in the Police Department Training Room (enter via the back of the building), 22 Municipal Drive, Hillsborough, NH.



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Per RSA 33:8-a,I, the Town of Hillsborough Selectboard will hold a public bond hearing on **February 12, 2025** at 7:15 p.m., at the Police Department Training Room (enter via the back of the building), 22 Municipal Drive, Hillsborough, NH., to discuss the proposed issuance of a \$240,000 bond to finance water service line identification to be voted on at the March 11, 2025 Town meeting.



Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2025-02

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Special Exception submitted by Margaret Van Camp of Maggie's Happy Hens at 55 Kimball Hill Road (Map 5 Lot 66) allow a Child Daycare Facility as allowed in the Table 4 Chart of Uses , Institutional Uses, Daycare Facility Child or Family

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail robyn@hillsboroughnh.net with any questions regarding this application.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Washington School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm** in the **Washington Elementary School**

The purpose of this hearing is to accept unanticipated revenue received from State Adequacy Aid Grant. Funds are being accepted under the provisions of RSA 198:20-b and will total up to not more than \$84,000.

TOWN OF HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

February 12, 2025

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a **public hearing on February 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 57 Main Street**, to discuss the following:

- **PBCase 2025:01** Proposed two lot subdivision of an existing 27.56 acre property creating an 18 acre lot and a 9.56 acre lot. 154 Dodge Road, Zoned RN, Map 6 Lot 306, Applicant: Higginson Land Services, Owner: the Kenneth and Sheree Hadley Family Trust.
- **PBCase 2025:02** Proposed two lot subdivision of an existing 13.02 acre property creating a 5.43 acre lot and a 7.59 acre lot. 226 Ray Road, Zoned RR, Map 6 Lot 119-L, Applicant: Higginson Land Services, Owner: The Carly A. Marquis Henson Rev. Trust.

Copies of all materials are available for review on the Town of Henniker's website, February 12, 2025, Planning Board meeting link as well as in person at Town Hall.



HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. for the following purpose:

1. **To Adopt the Provisions of NH RSA 162-K –** Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, which will authorize the establishment of one or more development districts by way of a Town vote.
2. **Adopt the North Branch Gateway Zone Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Plan.**

The Hearing will be held in the Police Department Training Room (enter via the back of the building), 22 Municipal Drive, Hillsborough, NH.



Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2025-01

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Variance submitted by Hunter D. Payeur on behalf of Donald and Marilyn Jost at 295 Sleeper Road (Map 1 Lot 5) to allow a subdivision on a Class IV Road with no frontage defined as "That side of a lot abutting on a Class V Road, State maintained highway or a private road ordinarily regarded as the front of the lot." in Article II General Provisions 229-6 Definitions and Word Usage.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

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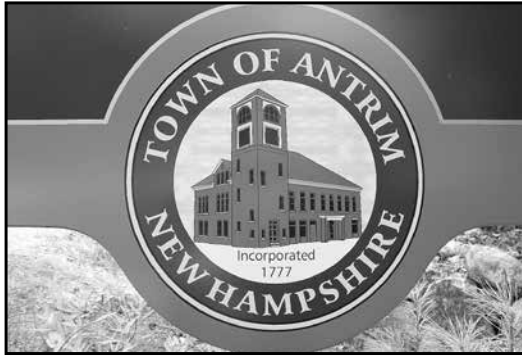
WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Washington School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm** in the **Washington Elementary School**

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SALE # 2: Tax Map 234, Lot 18, Gregg Lake Road · Vacant 2.9± acre lot with 409± of frontage located near Gregg Lake · Lot is wooded and slopes up from the road · Assessed value: \$57,500. 2024 taxes: \$1,195. **DEPOSIT: \$2,500.**

SALE # 3: Tax Map 204, Lot 2, Concord Street · Vacant 0.81± acre lot located just off Rt. 202 · Lot is accessed via Field Rd and is mostly clear & relatively flat in topography · Assessed value: \$41,600. 2024 taxes: \$869. **DEPOSIT: \$2,500.**

SALE # 4: Tax Map 233, Lot 14, Gregg Lake Road · Vacant 2.4± acre lot located just off Rt. 31 · Lot is heavily wooded and has a brook running through the parcel · Assessed value: \$27,500. 2024 taxes \$572. **DEPOSIT: \$2,500.**

SALE # 5 Tax Map 234, Lot 11, Private Road 68 · Vacant landlocked lot located behind 207 Gregg Lake Road. · Lot is wooded and gently rolling in topography · Assessed value: \$25,000. 2024 taxes: \$520. **DEPOSIT: \$2,500.**

SALE # 6: Tax Map 204, Lots 27 & 28, Concord Street/Old Concord Road · (2) Two vacant wooded lots totaling 0.55± acres located along busy Rt. 202 that will be sold together · Lots slope down from the road on both sides then level off · Total Assessed value: \$26,700. Total 2024 taxes: \$555 **DEPOSIT: \$2,500.**

SALE # 7: Tax Map 212, Lot 37 · Landlocked 5.5± acre lot located along the North Branch River · Lot is wooded and rolling in topography · Assessed value: \$13,600. 2024 taxes: \$283. **DEPOSIT: \$1,000.**

SALE # 8: Tax Map 201, Lot 23 · Landlocked 0.31± acre Lakefront Residential zoned lot located off Upper Road near Franklin Pierce Lake · Assessed value: \$500. 2024 taxes: \$10. **DEPOSIT: \$1,000.**

PREVIEW: All non-landlocked properties are marked, a drive-by is recommended. Please contact auctioneer for details. **TERMS:** All deposits by cash, certified check, bank check, or other form of payment acceptable to the Town of Antrim at time of sale, balance due within 30 days. Conveyance by Quitclaim deed. All properties are subject to Town confirmation and sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" subject to all outstanding liens, if any. Other terms may be announced at time of sale. All information herein is believed but not warranted to be correct.

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