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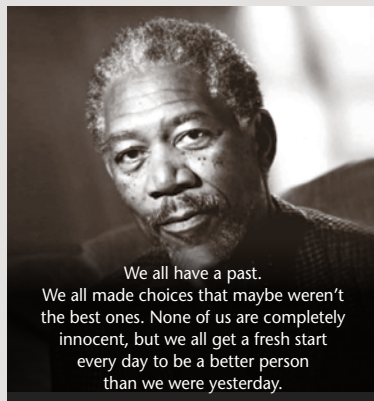
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Kearsarge names January Student of the Month



Congratulations to KRHS junior Josefina Eliessetch, who has been named Student of the Month for January. Eliessetch, a junior from Sutton, was select-

ed for the honor based on nominations from school staff and faculty. Eliessetch is involved at KRHS both academically and athletically. She is a three-sport athlete, competing on the volleyball and indoor and outdoor track and field teams.



We all have a past.
We all made choices that maybe weren't the best ones. None of us are completely innocent, but we all get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday.

This week in history

March 1, 2017

Oldest fossils on earth discovered

March 2, 1978

Grave robbers steal Charlie Chaplin's body

March 3, 1821

Thomas Jennings is 1st African American awarded a patent

March 4, 1918

First case of Spanish Flu reported

March 5, 1770

Boston Massacre takes place

March 6, 1902

Real Madrid football team is founded

March 7, 1777

Five letters pass between Abigail & John Adams



Hillsboro Police Officer injured

Cruiser hit by plow truck - officer hospitalized with arm broken in five places

On February 19th at 11:31 a.m., a detective was responding to a call on Greenfield Drive in Emerald Lake when his cruiser was struck by a plow truck operated by a private company. The plow truck operator stopped due to vehicles in the roadway, accelerated in reverse, and collided with

the detective's stopped cruiser.

The force of the impact deployed the airbags and drove the cruiser backward by around 10 feet.

The detective sustained a broken arm in five locations and was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The operator of

the plow truck was uninjured. The extent of the damage suggests the cruiser will be deemed irreparable. The Antrim Police Department will oversee the investigation into the accident. Further updates will be provided to the public as more information becomes available.

Hopkinton voters again being asked to adopt SB2

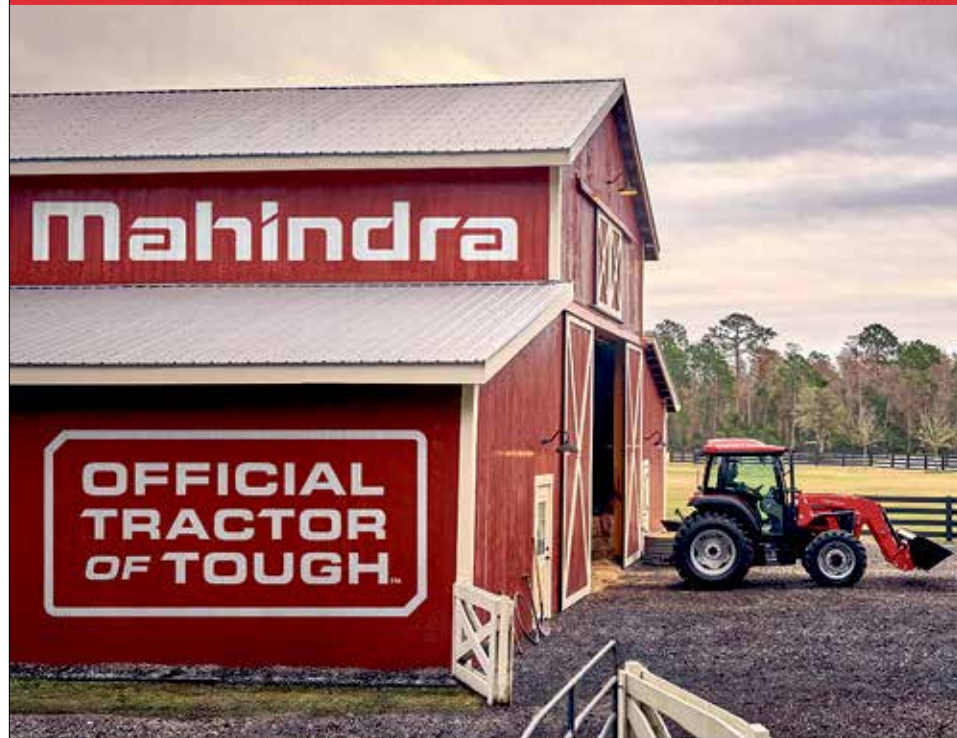
Hopkinton voters will again be asked to adopt the provisions of SB2. For the last several years, SB2 has been on the town and school district ballots, and each year voters have turned it down, sometimes by a thin margin.

The petitioned warrant articles must receive a three-fifths majority vote on election day to pass.

Supporters of SB2 argue that it offers convenience, allowing people to cast their votes quickly at the ballot box instead of

spending hours at a long town meeting. Opponents argue that splitting the process into two parts leaves people uninformed about warrant articles and the budget since, at a town meeting, residents can ask questions before making a decision.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

March 1, 2024

Town of Sunapee says "Thank You"
Goffstown woman pleads guilty to transporting body parts
John Stark DECA qualifies for International Development Conference
Henniker Select Board agrees to support \$300,000 Highway truck

March 3, 2023

Hit & Run accident in Weare
2.1 magnitude earthquake in Warner - No damage
Hopkinton Select Board established 9 member Housing Committee
Weare and Henniker Elementary students visit Krona Expeditions

March 4, 2022

Dr. Jennifer Crawford named Superintendent
Soccer scoreboard dedicated to Mike Stellato
Old wounds fester at Henniker Select Board
Governor Sununu dedicates new Warner Dunkin

March 5, 2021

Madge Tech transporting vaccines safely
New London firm contributes to Mars mission
Warner honors Columbus & Indigenous people
Hancock studies sidewalk improvements

March 6, 2020

Warner drug deal gone bad
Warner comes alive during Maple Weekend
Economic Committee discusses Warner's mural
Warner man dies from self-inflicted gunshot

March 8, 2019

3 injured in Henniker accident on Route 202
Bennington Town Admin Dee French retires
Illegal animal carcasses dumped in Deering
Henniker's Amy Bossi life saving recognized

March 9, 2018

Four indicted for Hillsborough riot
Competency based grading at Newport schools
Warner & New Boston to replace Fire Stations
Ten departments assist Weare fighting house fire

March 10, 2017

Newport Selectmen abandon joint finance plan
Crews can't save New Boston home
Antrim's Jump Start program to revitalize town
NH NASCAR races moving to Las Vegas

March 4, 2016

Weatherstone Project gets 5-year tax abatement
Goffstown wins dispatch for New Boston
Franklin solar projects stalled
Bradford residents oppose para-military facility

March 1, 2015

New Boston Police needs two cruisers
Bow man given 15 years for sex trafficking
Greenfield man has three felony indictments
Newport holding firm on ambulance curtailment

Quirk Motors facilitates purchase of vehicles for Farmsteads of New England

Farmsteads of New England is very grateful to Quirk Chevrolet for their exceptional service in facilitating the purchase of nine much-needed vehicles that will play a crucial role in enhancing the transportation of services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders.

The seamless purchase process was made possible by the outstanding customer service and professionalism demonstrated by the team at Quirk. Their atten-

tion to detail and commitment to making the transaction as easy as possible allowed Farmsteads of New England to acquire the necessary vehicles affordably and efficiently, ensuring they can continue to provide safe and reliable transportation for their clients.

The 2024 Chevy Equinox models are equipped with advanced safety features and ample space, making them ideal for transporting people of all abilities in comfort and safety. The new vehicles will allow them

to expand their service offerings and improve operational efficiency, directly benefiting the people they serve.

“We are excited about the growth of our organization, and these vehicles will be an essential part of that expansion,”

said Mary Maybury, Executive Director of Farmsteads of New England.

“Farmsteads of New England is committed to providing meaningful, person-centered care to individuals diagnosed with intellectual/developmental disabilities

and acquired brain disorders. The addition of these vehicles is a critical step in enhancing our ability to serve our community, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our partners like Quirk,” stated Matt Cordaro, Chairman of the Board of Farmsteads.



Members of Peterborough Fire & Rescue at Monday's 2-alarm fire in Jaffrey prior to returning to quarters.

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 **Guest Editorial**

**By: Senator
Ruth Ward**

On January 16th, I attended the NH Funding Fairness Project, in Newport, NH. I have attended a few of these presentations over the years in different towns, and as always, the focus was on how to increase funding for public schools.

With the recent ConVal school funding lawsuit in mind, the presenters discussed the state adequacy support for education, plus the other money available for free and reduced lunch, English Language

Learners and Special Education. They stressed the State Adequacy aid of \$ 4,182 as totally inadequate and mentioned Judge Ruoff's ruling that suggested that \$7,356 would be more in line.

At the end of the presentation, I pointed out that Newport in 2025 is receiving \$13,225, and that this aid will increase to \$13,779 in 2026. I told the audience of the \$169 million that had been given out recently, and that towns with low property value were given more state aid for education. I find it curious that there was no mention of these facts by the NHFFP as they seem especially important locally.

I kept thinking about this on my way home. I know that the number of students has decreased significantly, but that the cost per student has increased. When similar situations occur in businesses or hospitals, the first thing you do is to look for waste and/or inefficiency. Not so the public schools. There does not seem to be a recognition of good stewardship of the taxpayers' money. What is an adequate education and why is financial support always the first item?

It occurred to me that something was missing. Nothing was mentioned about accountability. Testing scores are way down. What does "being educated" mean? That concept has changed over the years. Being able to read and write well are necessities. Understanding basic math concepts is important. How about being familiar with classical literature? Do we have to know physics, chemistry, and calculus?

If you are a solid reader, you can keep learning throughout life. Learning should not stop with graduation. The recommendations by the NHFFP were to stop the Education Freedom Account program, bring



back the income tax on Interest & Dividends and raise taxes on businesses that were lowered last session.

Students were not part of this conversation. Are they achieving in our schools? Were there options for them? There are options when time comes to pick a college. Sometimes it is a financial choice, but often it has to do with interest in a particular topic. Why can't we have those same options for our younger kids?

They do learn differently. Certain

topics appeal to them more than others.

I agree that our teachers are not well paid, and they do have a big responsibility. We count on them to educate our children so that they will be productive members of our society, be able to hold a job, and be responsible members of our communities. I have looked at a lot of data regarding the number of teachers and supportive personnel. The teachers are in the minority with administrators in the majority, many of them receiving a much higher salary.

My summary of the presentation by the NH Fairness Funding Project is that it is politically slanted. The statement that this is a non-partisan group does not ring true. By only discussing the need for more money for public schools, disregarding the differential state aid per student depending on the property value of that student's town, not telling the audience about the latest \$169 million distribution to the various towns is hardly balanced. On top of that, suggesting that alternative educational programs be eliminated is not fair to the children with a need for a different educational program and environment.

It is time for a student-centered education system in New Hampshire. A system that considers that kids have different learning styles and needs. As there is more than one way to skin a cat, there is more than one way to educate a child.

Giving parents and students choice in their education is the future - and the future is bright!

The slide deck is available on the NHFFP website.

Ruth Ward is a resident of Stoddard, NH and is serving her fifth term in the NH Senate representing District 8.

Community rallies to support Sweet Beet after a fire in the building

On Tuesday, February 18th a small fire broke out at the Old Bradford Inn at 11 West Main Street in Bradford, NH, home of Sweet Beet Market + Cafe. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the fire was contained thanks to the quick spotting of the fire by Sweet Beet staff and efficient work of first responders from Bradford, Henniker, Warner, and New London fire departments.

The cause of the fire is currently undetermined as inspections are ongoing, but it was unrelated to Sweet Beet operations. The back wall of the kitchen incurred significant damage, as well as structural damage to the building, and the timing for repairs is unknown.

Luckily, Sweet Beet Market is able to remain open with their regular winter hours, Wed. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The kitchen, however, is temporarily closed as they assess the extent of the damage and undergo building repairs.

In the wake of this unfortunate

event, the community that has rallied behind them is noteworthy and positively uplifting. They're thankful to the many reaching out to offer support. They are able to continue to provide food access services to the best of their ability, including some baked goods and prepared foods.

Blue Loon Bakery in New London reached out immediately after the fire, offering support and donating pastries, sandwiches, quiches and soups to satisfy customers the first weekend after the fire. They have committed to continuing to provide goods as long as needed.

Food Connects, one of Sweet Beet's closest food hub partners for sourcing regionally, responded with a quick delivery to help restock items that were lost due to smoke contamination and offered a 10% discount.

Local farmers like Edgewater Farm and Deep Meadow Farm also responded quickly to help replenish their supply of root



vegetables, again lost to smoke contamination, and ensure that their customers can continue finding the local food they rely on at Sweet Beet.

Sweet Beet extends their deepest gratitude to the many, many other local businesses, food system partners, customers, and community members who have reached out to offer support and well wishes.

They're working to get Sweet

Beet Cafe up and running to full capacity as soon as possible, and in the meantime will have limited selections of baked goods, prepared foods, and hot drinks thanks to friends like Blue Loon Bakery and Witching Hour Provisions, as well as all the regular Sweet Beet Market offerings from local farmers and producers. The community room is partially open for seating as well.

Follow along with them for

current information as things unfold and they continue to navigate the situation together:

- Follow on Facebook and Instagram @sweetbeetnh
- Sign up for their newsletter for weekly updates at www.bit.ly/SweetBeetNews

• Learn more at www.kearsargefoodhub.org/sweet-beet
Sweet Beet thanks their incredible community for the kindness and care received through this challenging time from the bottom of their hearts. They've lost a lot of inventory, equipment, and sales from the fire already, so your support makes ALL the difference.

If you'd like to support Sweet Beet in responding to the fire, please make a tax-deductible donation at www.bit.ly/KFHgive. Select the monthly giving option for long-term support of the critical food access work to help their organization weather storms like the unexpected fire and whatever else may come.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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A single session of high-intensity exercise could cause oxidative stress, muscle injury, and inflammation. A study in *The Open Sports Sciences Journal* found that short-term ascorbic acid supplementation reduced exercise-induced oxidative stress and inflammation.

Paxlovid is a highly effective antiviral agent licensed for treatment of acute COVID-19. It's approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of adults who are newly infected with SARS-CoV-2, have mild or moderate COVID symptoms, and are at high risk of complications because of age or various predisposing conditions. A five-day Paxlovid regimen has been shown to reduce recipients' likelihood of hospitalization and death by more than 85%. However, in a clinical trial published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, extended-duration treatment didn't lessen select symptoms of the syndrome known as long COVID: the persistence, or reappearance, of COVID-related symptoms three months or more after an initial COVID-19 infection.

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A: Kids are not the only ones who are vulnerable to having a tooth knocked out in rough-housing situation or a fall off a bike. A fall, car accident, collision with a tennis doubles partner, any number of sudden, unexpected events can result in a tooth loss.

So here's what to do if you have a tooth knocked out: First, retrieve the tooth if you can. Depending on the environment, keep the tooth moist with either saliva, or milk. Don't scrub it clean because any fibers still attached could be helpful if there's an opportunity to replant the tooth.

That having been said, go to your dentist – as opposed to a hospital emergency room – as quickly as possible. If he can reseat it within a reasonable time, the likelihood of saving the tooth increases. Likewise, if you break or chip a tooth, try to retrieve the broken off fragment. If the dentist cannot repair the tooth with the retrieved part, depending on the size of the chip, he or she may be able to repair it with a tooth-colored resin. For a more sizable chip, the dentist may have to put a crown on the tooth.

If a tooth is knocked loose, you may be able to push it back into place yourself. But in any case involving dental trauma, you should see a dentist as soon as possible. The effects of trauma are not always evident. There may be damage that only an x-ray can detect.

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What a fun program with Rebecca Rule at Hillsborough's Fuller Public Library. NH Trivia was played (also the title of her new book) with lots of winners.

Alma Mater

Emmanuel College Dean's List

Joshua Luedke of New Boston, Luedke is a Political Science - American Government major.

Lillian Owen of Hopkinton, Owen is a Double Major; History; Secondary Education major.

Aida Davis of Peterborough, Davis is a Communication and Media Studies major.

Emily Pirone of Warner, Pirone is a Double Major; Liberal Studies; Elementary Education major.

Clark University Dean's List

Becca D. Murphy, of Goffstown, was named to first honors.

Brayden G. Hollinrake, of Goffstown, was named to first honors.

Emma R. St. Louis, of Goffstown, was named to first honors.

Juliette B. Tarsa, of Dunbarton, was named to second honors.

Marcy G. Hardenbergh, of Hopkinton, was named to second honors.

Siena College Dean's List

Brendan Hirsch of New Boston Gracie Medeiros of New Boston.

Tufts University Dean's List

Lila Kelsey, Class of 2025, of Contoocook; **Juliet Chehade**, Class of 2026, of Hopkinton; **Max Aframe**, Class of 2026, of Contoocook; **David Newsom**, Class of 2028, of Contoocook; **Adelaide Meehan**, Class of 2028, of Henniker.

Wentworth Institute of Technology Dean's List

Amer Howe of Bow, **Robert Dater-Roberts** of Concord, **Julie Jensen** of Henniker, **Callie Labonville** of Warner, NH.

Salve Regina University Dean's List

Emma Cate, **Ty Gallagher** of Goffstown, **Margaret Hansen** of Goffstown, **Carlie Tomsick** of Contoocook, NH.

Champlain College Dean's List

Barb Brien of Deering, NH, majoring in Game Art.

Liam Harrison of Dublin, NH, majoring in Game Programming.

Avery Kelly of Deering, NH, majoring in Writing and Publishing.

Jessica Richardson of Hillsborough, NH, majoring in Professional Writing.

Champlain College President's List

Brigham Boice of Peterborough, **Angelina Charron** of Bennington.

Other Colleges & Universities

University at Albany has recognized **Clare O'Brien** of Henniker, majoring in Accounting (intended) for selection to the Fall 2024 Dean's List.

Brady Proctor of Antrim was named to the fall 2024 President's List at George.

Riley Momene of Frankestown, NH, was named to the Champlain College Trustees' List.

Kendall Larson of Peterborough, NH, made the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that **Elizabeth LaBier**, a(n) Psychology Major from Deering, NH was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

Ashley Brust of Henniker, a graduate of The New Hampton School, **Justin Wyle** of Deering, NH, is a member of the NCAA Division III men's lacrosse team this spring, while studying Biology at Muhlenberg College.

Hillsborough's Town Warrant contains several major issues

Hillsborough voters are being asked to support an ambitious 15 articles on this year's Town Warrant.

Article 1; Deals with the election of Town Officers by ballot.

Articles 2 & 3; Seek approval of zoning ordinance amendments.

Article 4; Asks for \$240,000.00 for the purpose of potholing to identify the unknown service line types as part of the required work under the Lead & Copper Rule, along with any other related activities; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$240,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act.

Article 5; Seeks to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,707,217.00 as the 2025 Operating Budget.

Article 6; Requests \$907,900.00 (Nine Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hun-

dred Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Water Department during 2025. Of that sum, \$907,900.00 (Nine Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) is to come from Water Department income.

Article 7; Asks for \$1,109,545.00 for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department during 2025. Of that sum, \$1,109,545.00 (One Million One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Five Dollars) is to come from Sewer Department income.

Article 8; Asks approval to raise and appropriate \$385,000.00 to be deposited into the 10 already established Capital Reserve Funds.

Article 9; Requests \$350,000.00 for the purpose of road work.

Article 10; Asks voters to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Parks Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00

Article 11; Seeks \$87,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a Youth Services/Parks & Recreation Bus. Of that sum, \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) is to come from donated funds, and \$67,000.00 (Sixty-Seven Thousand) is to come from taxation.

Article 12; Seeks adoption NH RSA Chapter 162-K, Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts.

Article 13; Asks the town to establish a municipal economic development and revitalization district in accordance with RSA 162-K:5.

Article 14; Asks for the sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing all equipment necessary to begin live-streaming the public meetings of the Selectboard and Planning Board. (By Petition)

Article 15; Would require all meetings of the Hillsborough Planning Board and the Hillsborough Board of Adjustment to be recorded for the purpose of transparency to the citizens. Said recordings shall be audio but may also include video.

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials visit Peterborough restaurant

One of the locations visited by Immigration and Customs Enforcement was the restaurant Mi Jalisco, and employees said the encounter left many of them on edge.

“They just walked through the door, and they said they were looking for somebody,” said worker Francisco Jaimes. “They showed us a picture.”

Jaimes said he was about to start his day at Mi Jalisco when federal immigration agents asked to look around.

“It was obviously a little bit nerve-wracking,” he said. “I mean, it’s not something you see in Peterborough.”

Jaimes said he told them they could look, but they didn’t find the person they were looking for.

The restaurant was just one place agents stopped while searching for four people.

“They had no reason to be here,” Jaimes said. “Everything we do here is legal. And so, the fact that they just took them and didn’t say why or give us a reason, it was

just nerve-wracking.”

Peterborough police said ICE told them they took the four people into custody.

Rick Minard, executive director

of Building Community in New Hampshire, said visits from ICE have been igniting widespread fears.

“They’re afraid,” Minard said.

“When there are raids, when there are people walking streets in black uniforms, our clients get very nervous. They’re afraid that they’re the targets.”



On Saturday, February 15, 2025, community members joined Chief Cobb at Sunapee Safety Services for Coffee with the Chief. Chief Cobb led a discussion on several important topics, including an overview of the Sunapee Police Department and their budget.



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Letters to the Editor

Deering Voters:

I am writing to express my support for Michelle Johnson, candidate for Selectman. I worked with Michelle on the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). Michelle is smart and qualified, but perhaps more importantly she is a team player. She listened with an open mind to all feedback. I believe the BAC put together a solid budget with associated rationale. I was unable to attend the budget hearing last week, but the feedback I received was that very few of our recommendations were incorporated into the budget. I believe the bottom line was close, but much of the research we put forth was not considered. As a Deering voter, I am concerned that our total labor costs have outpaced those of our closest comparative towns. I feel like there is a general belief that throwing money at new hires will secure them for open positions. I personally don't feel that money should be the only thing considered. I think happy employees will stay as long as we are competitive with our neighboring "like sized" towns.

As I am composing this letter, I have just learned we have lost another Town Administrator. That makes 5 TA's in 3 years. It's time for a change.

Please consider coming to meet Michelle on 3/2/24 at 2 at Deering Fish and Game. Share concerns and ask her for her thoughts and plans on what she would do to get Deering back to the small town that we all know and love.

Lori Martinage, Deering

Dear Editor:

Last week a school board member suggested that eliminating SB2 (RSA 40:13) would be a form of voter suppression. Ironically, isn't scheduling the necessary, and definitive, deliberative session at 7:00 PM on a Tuesday evening also a form of voter suppression? The timing disadvantages many, especially parents who are busy with their children's homework and bedtime routines. It prevents them from participating in the critical discussions about the budget and warrant articles.

Where is the outrage over voter suppression at the February deliberative session? It's non-existent likely because the current system is strategically timed to favor those voters who stand to benefit from the budget increases. This potentially leads to approval of the budget without sufficient scrutiny. Why aren't these voters questioning the overspending or asking why one-time expenditures, such as the new greenhouse or football field weren't removed from the default budgets. Are they not concerned that we're being overtaxed by accruing a \$1.6M surplus year after year.

Rescinding SB2 will help eliminate the inflated default budget making your "no" vote on the budget more meaningful. It will send the school board to draft a new budget that is both fiscally responsible and sustainable. This change isn't about suppressing voter participation; rather, it's about ensuring that the budget reflects the needs and priorities of our community. In comparison to our municipal budget, which is managed through a traditional town meeting and has remained relatively stable over the years, the school budget has increased

by nearly \$10M over the last 25 years even though student enrollment has significantly dropped.

Please don't be misled by claims of voter suppression. Rather, let's work together to create a budget that is both responsible and sustainable. Support the taxpayers and voters by voting "YES" to rescind SB2 and curb wasteful spending.

Riche Colcombe, Hillsborough

Letter to the Editor:

Elizabeth Warren Gas Lighting the rest of us. What shall we think of the hypocrite out of Warner chastising 'The Messenger' for a possible misquote of Elizabeth Warren? Where was this individual during the last four years of cryptic lies coming from the Biden White House? Did she, even once, comment about the Russian Collusion hoax? Did she claim all is a lie about the open border, weaponizing the DOJ, rampant inflation, rising crime, or the Biden crime syndicate? We don't know. Her partisan hypocrisy, selectively, is gas lighting the rest of us.

Stephen Pierce, Bradford

Deering Friends and Neighbors:

Our upcoming Town Election will include a vote to approve a revised version of the Watershed Protection Zoning provision. It safeguards Deering Lake and other Town waterbodies. As a Deering resident for 4 decades, a lake homeowner, and a Planning Board Member, I strongly urge you to vote YES. Our Watershed Protection provision was adopted by voters in 2005. It was one of the first of its kind in NH and has modeled others. For 20 years it has worked to make sure our lake remains one of the cleanest and clearest lakes in the state - free of invasive species, cyanobacteria, sediment and pollution. It has preserved our natural resource for the enjoyment of ALL Deering residents - fishermen, boaters, skiers, birders, swimmers and other water lovers. And it has increased lake property values and grown the Town tax base.

The changes will clarify what it takes to get development approved in the watershed. They will guide the building inspector. They provide an open hearing before the Planning Board. This will help applicants to get approval and will better protect our lake. No application fee is planned, and a more transparent process will result.

The changes were developed by the Planning Board to help the process. They have been before residents in two public hearings. They are on the Planning Board Website for viewing.

Please vote YES. A no vote will mean our current complicated process will remain unchanged.

Peter Kaplan, Deering

A Message to Hillsboro and Deering Voters:

I direct my words to those who express a desire to rein-in the taxes both Communities are being hit with year after year. Do not look to the Select Boards of either Community to accomplish your goal. Look to the one entity which is the controlling factor. The Hills-

Letters to the Editor continued

boro-Deering School Board. More specifically at that Boards actions in support of the SB-2 method of voting yes or no in reference to the School System Budget. It is an idea which I once supported as being a great plan. Unfortunately the plan has proven to work against what voters had in mind. There are far to many reasons why the latter has become apparent to discuss in the short space allowed here-in. One thing I will mention is that YES, YOU the voters, are partially responsible.

So how to bring about true change(?). Step 1, show up on voting day in March and vote YES in support of eliminating the SB-2 method of approving the H-D School Budget. Bring back the ole fashion way of approving the School Budget just as we do our individual Town Operating Budgets. It works for one, thus it darn sure will work for the other.

In closing, I need to remind you all of the one biggest reason for SB-2 in the first place. A group of community oriented legislators got together and thought what a great idea to have the school budgets in the State of New Hampshire, voted on by the hundreds of folks who show up at the polls. Makes more sense then leaving it to the few who show up at the annual school meetings. RIGHT? Absolutely NO and due simply to the fact by the time those hundreds get to vote, it is too late to bring about any significant change in the numbers and how it will effect your tax rates.

I spent 10 years working inside those walls. My

greatest personal achievement was being blessed as the 1st recipient of the Richard Withington Award. Thus do not let it be said I do not have the best interest of the Hillsboro-Deering Schools in mind and I respect each and everyone of those who make it a great learning experience.

Michael Jones, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

Our Town has an important election coming up for Selectman, a three-year term to make decisions that will determine how we move forward. Over the last few years we have had five Town Administrators and the question remains why? We have had the same Selectman during this time and I believe it is time for a change. In Town elections you should vote for the person you believe will do the best job. I started my career over 20 years ago as a Selectman in Deering and served two of the four terms when Michelle Johnson was in office. Although we had our disagreements, and I may have been on the wrong side of the argument at times, Michelle actually taught me more than she knows. She kept her eye on the budget and was strategic in the way she approached her plan for the future of our town. These were skills I used as I grew my career in politics. The skill that I found most important was to hold people accountable for their actions; it is not the most popular one but the one that brings results in a timely

manner. As a Conservative Republican it may shock some that I will cast my vote for Michelle Johnson for Selectman, but she has the right experience and a genuine commitment to the Townpeople of Deering.

JP Marzullo, Deering

Dear Editor:

In 1997, the Hillsboro-Deering school District voters chose to adopt the senate Bill Tow (SB@) form of voting for the school and Sau34 budget.

The SB@ form of voting is in two parts. First a Deliberative session to explain the proposed budget and what the budget would contain. The second part is the ballot voting which is on the second Tuesday in march. With the SB2 form voting the School Board and SAU can rely on having a predetermined amount, known as the default budget, if the proposed budget were to be defeated.

The default budget is the previous year's budget that by law is trimmed of one-time expenditures and salaries and benefits that were eliminated. This has not always been the case. The default budget also is to be presented for questions and discussion at the deliberative session. I don not recall ever hearing an explanation of what is contained in the default budget. The voters are only given the final figure.

The department of Revenue administration has a

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Sports



The Hillsboro-Deering High School football team poses with a banner the Hillcats recently earned for winning the 2024 New Hampshire Football Officials Association Sportsmanship Award. This past season was also Hillsboro-Deering's first as a solo program, having previously existed as the HD/ Hopkinton Redhawks for several years.

D-III GIRLS BASKETBALL

No. 9 Hopkinton 48, No. 8 Berlin 46: With the game tied 46-46 with six seconds left, the Hawks inbounded to Sidney Westover, who drove the length of the floor and found a cutting Shaylee Murdough for the game-winning basket at the buzzer, sending Hopkinton through to the quarterfinals. Thomas (16-0) on Saturday.

No. 5 Monadnock 48, No. 12 Kearsarge 45, 20T: After a tied game, 21-21 at halftime, Kearsarge took a 38-30 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Huskies tied it up to force overtime. The score was 40-40 after regulation and 42-42 after the first overtime, and Monadnock hit clutch free throws in the second OT to win Wednesday night's preliminary round match.

No. 1 St. Thomas 70, No. 9 Hopkinton 44: The Hawks played well defensively in the third, holding the Saints to six points, but Shaylee Murdough fouled out late in the game, after scoring a career-high 30 points in her final game

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bow 51, Sanborn 17: The Falcons were led by their seniors to a commanding victory on senior night. Bow concludes its regular season on Friday at Lebanon.

Pembroke 54, Bow 33: Pembroke jumped out to a 10-2 lead and won every quarter to avenge two earlier losses to Bow. Kate Stephens had 17 of her game high 22 points.

Pelham 50, ConVal 24: Pelham dominated from the opening whistle.

D-III BOYS BASKETBALL

No. 3 Kearsarge 57, No. 14 Conant 38: In the first round of the NHIAA Division III tournament on Tuesday night Austin Needham (16 points, three steals) got things rolling early, assisting on Kearsarge's first two buckets and then connecting on four 3-pointers in a row to give the Cougars a 16-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

No. 3 Kearsarge 48, No. 6 Gilford 45, 20T: Kearsarge's best player, All-State First Team senior guard Noah Whipple, had a collision with Gilford's Cooper Perkins (13 points). Kearsarge was leading 24-12 when Noah Whipple (eight points) was removed from the game (he did not return) and the Eagles (14-6) went on a 17-4 run to take a 29-28 lead at halftime. The teams traded baskets and leads in the third

quarter, but Gilford had a 37-34 advantage heading into the fourth. Sophomore guard Eli Whipple (nine points) tied the game with a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left in regulation and the Eagles couldn't score their final possession, sending the game to overtime tied 41-41.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pembroke 67, Bow 64, OT: Pembroke was down 20-8 after the first quarter but turned it around, outscoring Bow the rest of the way to win in overtime in a tournament-like atmosphere.

Laconia 66, John Stark 42: Laconia jumped out to a 10-1 lead and kept the nine-point advantage going into halftime before pulling away in the second half.

No. 1 St. Thomas 70, No. 9 Hopkinton 44: The Hawks played well defensively in the third, holding the Saints to six points, but Shaylee Murdough fouled out late in the game, after scoring a career-high 30 points in her final game.

Pelham 72, ConVal 54: Pelham controlled the game from state to finish.

No. 4 Newmarket 52, No. 13 Franklin 23: Junior Cody Williams scored a team-high 13 points for Franklin (9-10), helping the Tornadoes trail just 19-15 at halftime. Senior Matt Nason was the next highest Franklin scorer with four points. Despite the early exit, it was Franklin's third consecutive season qualifying for the playoffs and is a program still showing signs of progress after a seven-year playoff drought from 2016-2023.

BOYS HOCKEY

Bishop Guertin 5, Bow 0: The Falcons dropped their fourth game in their last six outings, allowing two goals in the first period and two in the third.

WRESTLING

Bow qualified wrestlers for the Meet of Champions in 11 of 14 weight classes, and senior Jackson Hall (215 pounds), junior Jake Todisco Coulon (138) and sophomore Jaron Todisco Coulon (106) all won state titles to lead the Falcons to their second consecutive Division III state wrestling championship on Saturday at ConVal Regional High School. Bow won with 204.5 points, while Winnisquam – led by titles from seniors Aemon Gauthier (132) and Louis Soyk (285) and three runner-up finishes – took second with 176 points.



Pats Peak announces new family-friendly quad lift

Pats Peak, New Hampshire's premier snowsports destination, is excited to announce a major upgrade for the 2025-2026 ski season: the Hurricane Triple Chairlift will take its final ride at the end of March, making way for a new, family-friendly fixed-grip quad lift featuring a loading conveyor for smoother and more efficient loading. Designed and built by SkyTrac Ski Lifts of Utah, this new lift will enhance access to key areas of the mountain while improving the overall guest experience.

Serving Pats Peak skiers and riders since 1977, the Hurricane Triple Chair has been a reliable part of the mountain's lift system for nearly five decades. While its retirement marks the end of an era, this new quad lift represents the future of Pats Peak, offering enhanced comfort, accessibility, and efficiency for both beginners and experienced skiers and snowboarders.

The Patenaude family, owners and operators of Pats Peak since its founding in 1963, remain committed to delivering the best possible snow experience. Immediately following the close of the season, work will begin to dismantle the Hurricane lift. This summer, two trusted local New Hampshire contractors - Pfister Mountain Services and Phoenix Excavation - will lead construction efforts,

ensuring the project stays on track for a winter 2025-2026 opening.

The new quad will be installed in the same location but with several key improvements aimed at making the lift more family-friendly and efficient:

- A gentler approach for easier loading, reducing hesitation and improving guest comfort
- A state-of-the-art loading conveyor to streamline operations and enhance efficiency
- A redesigned queue area to improve flow and accessibility for all ability levels
- A raised unload area for better access to Twister, FIS Race, and the Cascade Basin network

To commemorate the legacy of the Hurricane Triple, Pats Peak will be offering its triple chairs for sale to the public. A limited number will be reserved for local charities, allowing organizations to raffle them off as fundraisers.

Guests interested in purchasing a chair can visit patspeak.com/chairsale for more details.

Recognized charities can request a chair donation by emailing marketing@patspeak.com.

Season passholders will get first access, with sales opening to the public afterward.

Bar Harbor Bank Career & Technical Education Scholarships

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is currently accepting applications for the Bank's 2025 Career & Technical Education Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to income-eligible high school seniors who attend a technical career program as part of their high school curriculum and are planning to attend a college or technical school in the academic year immediately following graduation.

Students must reside in counties in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont where the Bank has a branch location. Applicants selected to receive a 2025 scholarship

will be eligible to apply for an additional \$1,000 scholarship in 2026 to be used for their second year of college or technical school.

The deadline to apply for the 2025 Career & Technical Education Scholarship is May 1, 2025. Interested students can visit www.barharbor.bank/scholarships for more information about eligibility and to download the application.

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Avoid risky placement: Unless specifically designed for it, outdoor lights shouldn't be directly on grass. Prone to being either wet or tinder dry, adding electricity to grass just isn't a smart move. Also, if your wiring will be buried, make sure it isn't under anything highly flammable, such as mulch or woodchips. An experienced electrician can help you find safe and attractive solutions, such as installing directly on concrete or in gravel beds.

Respect the maximum wattage: Screwing a 100-watt bulb into a fixture with a 75-watt maximum will, at best, waste your money on bulb replacements. You're also likely to cause permanent damage to the fixture itself. To steer clear of these issues, always choose a bulb where the wattage is equal to or less than the fixture's maximum.

This doesn't mean you have to sacrifice brightness. With LED bulbs, you can get the same or greater illumination as incandescent bulbs with just a fraction of the wattage.

When in doubt, call a professional. Anytime you're unsure about your outdoor lighting safety is a good time to get in touch with an expert. With the combination of their experience and your vision for easy outdoor living, the future can't help but look bright.

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The Merrimack launches CareWork Loan Program

Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) is committed to strengthening our communities experiencing a childcare crisis with the launch of its CareWork Loan Program, designed specifically for licensed childcare providers. Working in partnership with A Place to Grow, the CareWork Loan Program offers financing and support needed to operate a successful childcare center.

"The lack of affordable childcare is a top concern among the communities we serve," said James Gallagher, Senior Vice President & Commercial Loan Officer at The Merrimack. "To address the growing issue, we had to think outside the box to create a program that not only supports childcare providers but families in New Hampshire."

Whether you're just starting out or looking to expand services, The Merrimack can help provide the capital needed to jumpstart a business, purchase equipment or cover operational expenses. Created with childcare providers in mind, the CareWork Program empowers growth without the fear of not being able to make ends meet. "Solving the childcare crisis will require a lot of out-of-the-box thinking, as traditional lending programs just don't work for early childhood educators," said Jennifer Legere, Founder and Director of A Place to Grow. "By partnering with experts in the industry, like A Place to Grow, The Merrimack is able to support

those who would like to transition from worker to owner/entrepreneur."

To learn more about the CareWork Program, visit themerrimack.com/childcare-financing/.

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default budget Form that is to be filled outbid the school Board and available to the voters for inspection.

I don't know if that has ever been done, but I have never seen one.

Prior to the SB@ form of meeting, voters would have received a more descriptive explanation of the budget, at which time they were able to debate, make amendments and accept or reject the budget. In the event that budget was rejected, the school Board would have to reconvene and present a new budget at a continuation of the meeting.

It is my hope that the registered voters of Hillsborough and Deering will vote YES to remind SB@ and allow taxpayers better control of our taxes

Tom McClure, Hillsboro

Dear Editor:

In 2024 Weare's town budget (which was the default) realized a rounded \$450,000 surplus after committed expenditures. To be clear that surplus was not do to cost cutting, but other factors. Of that surplus the selectman authorized \$149,000 to 4 departments for year end expenditures. The merit of those expenditures is a topic for another time. For 2025 the Weare Finance Committee recommends the proposed budget at a 5.8% increase over 2024 Art #3. They state the proposed 2025 budget includes salary increases from the previous year (2024). Well, so does the 2025 default budget. Salary increases become an operating expense in both the proposed and default budget by the passage of a separate warrant article, Art #4. Town and school voting is March 11. It's your tax dollars! See the tax impact on your Dec 2025 tax bill as you recall your 2024 tax bill.

Mary Jo Compagna, Weare

Henniker Summer Concert Series celebrates 45 years - adds 13th concert

Last year generous support from the Friends of the Henniker Concert Series made it possible to add a 13th concert to the schedule. This year, we aim to do it again—and with your help, we can!

Every Tuesday night from June 10 to September 2, 2025, the Henniker Summer Concert Series fills Angela Robinson Bandstand in Community Park with music, fun, and connection. With audiences of all ages, ranging from 200 to 700 people each week, it's the largest community event in Henniker during the summer.

It all began modestly 45 years ago when New England College Professor of Music Angela Robinson revived a 19th century tradition of hosting outdoor community concerts. When volunteer musicians no longer were available, the town

of Henniker provided funding for Angela to hire local bands so the series could continue. From those humble beginnings on the lawn of the NEC Administration Building, the series has grown over the years, with help from the business community and the Friends, to engage some of the region's most exciting performers. Now the bands perform in the aptly named Angela Robinson Bandstand, gifted to the town by her husband, the late Walter Robinson. Although Angela and Walter are no longer with us, the tradition and magic of music continues.

Be Part of the Magic—Become a Friend. With a \$100 donation, you can help keep this cherished tradition, celebrating its 45th season, alive and ensure we continue bringing talented performers to Henniker for the 2025 season.



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Herman "Herm" C. Wiegelman

Hillsborough - Herman Charles Wiegelman, 96, of Hillsborough, NH, passed away peacefully at home on February 16, 2025, just a few days shy of his 97th birthday. He was born in Chicago, IL, on February 20, 1928, and was the beloved husband of the late Yvonne Wiegelman, with whom he shared 69 years of marriage before her passing in 2020. Herman had a heart full of love for his family and was a dedicated father to his five children: Herman, Jr. (Buddy) and his wife, Amy, of Fox River Grove, IL; Lynne Charles and her late husband, Pete, of Villages of Lakewood, IL; Wendy Simeon and her late husband, Scott, of Wappingers Falls, NY; Eric and his wife, Patty, of Hooksett, NH; and, Karl and his wife, Terry, of Dunbarton, NH. Herman is survived by his 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.



Hillsborough, NH, passed away peacefully at home on February 16, 2025, just a few days shy of his 97th birthday. He was born in Chicago, IL, on February 20, 1928, and was the beloved husband of the late Yvonne Wiegelman, with whom he shared 69

years of marriage before her passing in 2020. Herman had a heart full of love for his family and was a dedicated father to his five children: Herman, Jr. (Buddy) and his wife, Amy, of Fox River Grove, IL; Lynne Charles and her late husband, Pete, of Villages of Lakewood, IL; Wendy Simeon and her late husband, Scott, of Wappingers Falls, NY; Eric and his wife, Patty, of Hooksett, NH; and, Karl and his wife, Terry, of Dunbarton, NH. Herman is survived by his 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Donald Johnson

Deering - Donald Johnson of Deering, NH died peacefully on February 2, 2025, just around the corner from where he was born 93 years ago. Don is the last survivor of five children of Mildred and Ernst Johnson. Don is predeceased by his wife, Jean. He is survived by son, Keith and wife, Michelle; daughter, Karen Luella; son, Mark and partner, Lauren; three grandchildren, Grace and partner, Josh, Bobby and wife, Louise, and



Jack; and great-grandchild, Hazel. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at The Deering Community Church in Deering, NH. Remembrances may be made in the form of a donation of your choice to a cause furthering education or social justice.

Thomas David Ferraro

Greenfield - Thomas David Ferraro, 58, of Greenfield, NH, passed away on February 16, 2025. He was a beloved husband, son, brother, and friend whose generous heart touched many lives. Thomas was the beloved son of Dorothy (Greska) and Thomas Ferraro. He is survived by his wife, Stacey (Blodgett) Ferraro; step-children, Andreas Goergen, Johanna Goergen, and Miriam Eastman; father, Thomas Ferraro; sister, Robin Olson; brother, Timothy Ferraro and his wife, Tammy; nieces, Alyssa Greska and Bethany Sokol and her husband, Matthew. Other surviving family members include John and Judy Ferraro, Nancy Greska, Kim and Kevin St. Louis, Greg and Wendy Ferraro, with children Sean and Emma. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Ferraro. A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of Our Savior, 10 Amherst St., Milford, NH 03055, followed by a reception in the parish



Greenfield, NH, passed away on February 16, 2025. He was a beloved husband, son, brother, and friend whose generous heart touched many lives. Thomas was the beloved son of Dorothy (Greska) and Thomas Ferraro. He is survived by his wife, Stacey

(Blodgett) Ferraro; step-children, Andreas Goergen, Johanna Goergen, and Miriam Eastman; father, Thomas Ferraro; sister, Robin Olson; brother, Timothy Ferraro and his wife, Tammy; nieces, Alyssa Greska and Bethany Sokol and her husband, Matthew. Other surviving family members include John and Judy Ferraro, Nancy Greska, Kim and Kevin St. Louis, Greg and Wendy Ferraro, with children Sean and Emma. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Ferraro. A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of Our Savior, 10 Amherst St., Milford, NH 03055, followed by a reception in the parish

hall for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America in Thomas' honor.

Joseph James McCarthy

Antrim - It is with profound sadness and heavy heart that I announce the passing on of my dad, Joseph James McCarthy. Born 4/18/1945 to Gladys and Charles McCarthy in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Joe grew up in Saugus, Massachusetts. He was a resident of Bennington and Antrim since 1976. Joe is survived by his 2 of 3 children, Dennie and James (Joseph Jr. passed on in May of 1992); his 5 grandchildren, Elisha, Kendra, Zachary, Kyle and Jamie; 3 great grandchildren, Colby, Adriana, and Sawyer; and 3 of his 4 siblings, William, Charles, and John (Peggy who has also passed on).



James McCarthy. Born 4/18/1945 to Gladys and Charles McCarthy in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Joe grew up in Saugus, Massachusetts. He was a resident of Bennington and Antrim since 1976. Joe is survived by his 2 of 3 children, Dennie and James

(Joseph Jr. passed on in May of 1992); his 5 grandchildren, Elisha, Kendra, Zachary, Kyle and Jamie; 3 great grandchildren, Colby, Adriana, and Sawyer; and 3 of his 4 siblings, William, Charles, and John (Peggy who has also passed on).

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SUNDAY MARCH 9

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SATURDAY MARCH 15

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Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2025-03

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 Jared Fail of J&C Estates LLC. at 18 Church Street (Map 23 Lot 33) to allow a the construction of a single family home within the 15' front setback and the 20' rear setback per the provisions of section 229 Table 3 Setback, Coverage, and Building Height Requirements.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, Marh 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.



Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2025-04

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 Samuel Joseph Kopp of J&C Estates LLC. at 29 Church Street (Map 23 Lot 109) to allow a renovation to a house that includes dividing it into 4 separate apartment units. This use requires a Special Exception per the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Units, Dwelling 3 and 4 Family.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, Marh 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.

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Town of Windsor Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the election of officers and on all warrant articles. Voting will take place at the following location.

Town of Windsor, 14 White Pond Road
Windsor, NH 03244

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The deadline for filing of petitioned warrant articles with the ELVD Board of Commissioners for inclusion in the 2025 District Annual meeting is **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**.

Petitioned articles must be signed by no less than (10) ten registered District voters.
[NH RSA 39:3; 40:13,II-b(b)].

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT (ELVD)

ANNUAL FILING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Persons interested in filing as a candidate for the following ELVD District Officials positions may file for these positions starting on **March 12, 2025**, with the deadline for filing being 5:00 pm on **March 21, 2025**. All candidates for offices must be full time residents and registered voters of ELVD. Persons wishing to file should contact the ELVD Clerk at: clerk@elvdnh.com or by appointment by calling the districts office line @ 603-464-3128.

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