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New Town Administrator

The New London Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the appointment of Ashley Seybold as the town's next Town Administrator. Ashley chaired the Police Facilities Advisory Committee, where she played a key role in helping the Board of Selectmen plan for the future of the town's Police and Communications facility. A New London native, Ashley offers both a deep understanding of the town's character and a strong passion for its future.

This week in history

MAY 24, 1935

Major League Baseball's 1st night game

MAY 25, 1977

Chinese Government removes ban on Shakespeare

MAY 26, 1868

Senate acquits President Johnson of impeachment charges

MAY 27, 1937

Golden Gate Bridge opens

MAY 28, 2016

Cincinnati gorilla killed when child falls into enclosure

MAY 29, 1922

Supreme Court rules baseball is not antitrust

MAY 30, 1971

Mariner 9 departs for Mars



A 2014 Nissan Rogue is in flames after a crash on Keene Road Saturday morning. Two passing drivers pulled the driver of the Rogue from the vehicle. Antrim Fire & Ambulance photo.

Pair of good samaritans save driver from fiery Antrim crash

Antrim police reported that at around 4:15 a.m., they responded to a crash on Keene Road involving a Nissan Rogue.

The vehicle, driven by a 23-year-old from Antrim, was going west when it left the road, re-entered the road and left the road again. It then rolled multiple times before hitting a large rock and tree then came to rest on the passenger side.

Shortly after coming to a stop, the vehicle caught fire and the driver was pulled from the vehicle by two passing drivers moments before it became engulfed in flames, police said.

The Antrim Fire Department said there were multiple explosions from the vehicle with ammunition and propane cylinders inside. The fuel line also ruptured, adding to the fire, first responders said.

The driver was taken to Concord Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. An investigation is ongoing but speed and alcohol are contributing factors in the crash. The road was closed for about two hours while the fire was put out and the vehicle was recovered.

Two Weare Select Board members resigned unexpectedly

Two members of Weare's five-person select board have resigned. Replacements will be appointed to fill the seats until next March's town elections.

The resignations of Janice Mathews and Salim Blume were announced Monday night. No reason has been given for the decisions.

Both are relative newcomers to town. Blume bought his house on Duck Pond Road in 2022, while Mathews bought her property on Woodbury Road in 2018.

The resignations mean three seats will be on the ballot in March. Matthews' seat had one year left. Blume was up for re-election next year, as is Benji Knapp.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

May 24, 2024

Dunbarton couple killed in motorcycle accident
Newbury celebrates dedication of its newly renovated Police Station
Newport ZBA put a halt to Avanru Development's senior Housing Project
Harrington retires- Clarke hired as New London PW Director

May 26, 2023

ConVal considering school consolidations
Hopkinton School Board considering adopting class-size policy
Weare man sentenced to 32 years to life for multiple sexual assaults
New Fire Boat donated to Sunapee Fire Department

May 27, 2022

Hopkinton to honor fallen firefighters
New England College covered bridge celebrates 50 years
Honoring fallen officer Rory Bohanan
New London limits parking near Barn Playhouse

May 28, 2021

Scott Lester retires as Antrim Police Chief
Bennington relieved - Police Department reinstated
Noise ordinance remains on Hillsborough agenda
Greenfield car bomber sentenced to probation

May 22, 2020

Six Hopkinton Budgets presented - All six defeated
Weare Select Board rescinds reprimand to Town Clerk
Hillsborough Police respond to three accidents
Hillsboro-Deering planning a traditional graduation

May 24, 2019

Plan NH Charrette cites increased downtown parking
Henniker approves new Fire/Rescue workers
H-D's Alex Ager Artistic Director at Kearsarge Chorale
Man charged with New Boston hit & run

May 25, 2018

Deering Fire Dept upset over Selectmen's minutes
Andover man dies in Alexandria accident
Stoddard crash after 2nd DWI in 2 days
DAR honors ConVal students and faculty

May 26, 2017

Officer involved shooting in Hopkinton
Hobby Lobby to occupy former Tilton Shaw's
Sunapee Police Chief to lead Training Council
DOT wants improvements to intersection in Antrim

May 20, 2016

Goffstown can not collect from Dunbarton
1971 Franklin murder receives another look
ConVal student faces sex assault charges in 3 towns
Bow drinking water quality study released

May 22, 2015

Franklin for a Lifetime findings presented to Council
Newport Selectmen to study Parlin Field finances
New Boston to add two policemen
Weare Selectmen determined to hire part-time police

Kelly Learn named 2025 Withington Award recipient

During the H-D Fun Fest last Friday, Superintendent Jennifer Crawford announced that Kelly Learn was the 2025 Richard W. Withington Award recipient.

The Richard W. Withington Award was established by Mr. Withington in 1981, and is presented annually to honor an employee of the Hillsboro-Deering School District who is recognized as an ambassador from the schools to the larger community, and who has achieved excellence in their work, contributed significantly to the general welfare of students in ways above and beyond the normal requirements of their job, offering students and adults alike a model of strong professional behavior.

Kelly Learn has been a vital part of Hillsboro-Deering High School since she joined the staff as a paraeducator in 2009. This educator works diligently to enhance and enrich the lives of her students, preparing them to

be members of the larger community as they transition to life after high school.

She encourages her students to participate in all aspects of the high school community, often giving much of her own time and resources to provide those opportunities.

Her commitment to student success does not end at the daily school dismissal or even graduation, she remains connected with her students and their families.

Beyond the Hillsboro-Deering School District, Kelly is also a well-recognized and respected member of the larger community. She joined the Hillsboro Fire Department Rescue Squad as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1995.

She frequently goes from her work at Hillsboro-Deering High School to spend the night serving the community as a first responder.

To quote one of her col-

leagues, this educator “is a quiet pillar of strength with a calming

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of all of the traits Mr. Withington created this award to honor.



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Barbara Ballou was chosen for The 2025 Community Citizen Award. The Joe English Grange wanted to show their appreciation for the dedication and kind deeds that Barbara has shared with the community. Barbara was the Children's Librarian at the Whipple Free Library for 30 years. She was the recipient of both the Children's Librarian and the Youth Librarian of the year awards from the State of NH. Gail Stout presented the award to Barbara.

Kearsarge School Board sued for silencing critique of allowing transgender sports

Attorneys for a Nashua woman filed a lawsuit in federal court Thursday claiming her First Amendment rights were violated when she was “silenced and threatened with police intervention” after referring to a transgender athlete on a girls soccer team as a “tall boy” during a Kearsarge Regional School Board meeting last summer.

Attorneys from the Institute for Free Speech, along with local counsel Roy S. McCandless, say Beth Scaer attended the Aug. 29, 2024, meeting to speak out against transgender athletes in girls high school sports, after members of the school board announced that it would revisit its decision to enforce HB 1205, a state law that limited participation in interscholastic girls sports to biological females.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Concord, claims Kearsarge board members silenced Scaer “just seconds” into her remarks, with Board Chair

Alison Mastin declaring Scaer’s speaking time forfeited, and warning her that police would intervene if she continued speaking and threatening to have the police remove her for violating an unwritten policy against “derogatory comments” for referring to a biologically male athlete on the girls’ soccer team as a “tall boy.”

While Scaer was speaking, many attendees in the meeting room “jeered, and hissed to express their opposition to her comments,” the lawsuit claims.

“Some audience members applauded Mastin for interrupting Beth and cutting her off early,” the lawsuit says. “Scaer attempted to protest Mastin’s silencing her, but — due to the jeers, hissing, and applause — it was difficult to hear Scaer. Mastin and the school board made no attempt to quiet the crowd so that Scaer’s comments could be heard.”

The lawsuit claims other speakers were given a full three

minutes to express support for the transgender athlete by name, with one attendee displaying a sign with the athlete’s name on it — which the board allowed.

The lawsuit claims the board’s actions are unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination that violates the First Amendment. The suit also argues that the unwritten “no derogatory comments” rule is unreasonable, vague, overbroad, and selectively enforced against disfavored viewpoints.

“School boards cannot invent speech rules on the fly to silence citizens expressing views they dislike,” Institute for Free Speech attorney Nathan Ristuccia said. “This unwritten rule about ‘derogatory’ comments gives the board unchecked power to determine which speech is acceptable and which isn’t — precisely what the First Amendment prohibits.”

The Kearsarge meeting featured a heated debate over the state’s Fairness in Women’s Sports Act, a law reserving girls

sports for biological females.

The board had previously voted to follow the law, but after the incident with Scaer, the board reversed course, voting 5-1 to allow the transgender athlete to compete on the girls soccer team.

“Everyone deserves an equal opportunity to address their elected officials without fear of censorship,” said Scaer, who does not live in the Kearsarge district. “This case is about ensuring that all citizens — regardless of their viewpoint — can participate in public meetings and comment on issues that are important to the

community.” The lawsuit seeks to enjoin enforcement of the “no derogatory comments” rule, prevent discrimination against speech based on viewpoint, and establish that Scaer’s First Amendment rights were violated.

Scaer’s attorneys also say the lawsuit aims to ensure that Scaer, and others, can speak freely at future board meetings without fear of censorship, retaliation, or removal simply for expressing controversial or dissenting views.

A request for comment from Kearsarge school officials was not immediately answered.



Hillsboro American Legion Post #5 Commander Don Mann was recently elected as the NH Legion’s District #5 Commander.

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Hometown Heroes



Bennington Fire Department's training focused on learning how to pump the new engine and the portable pump for brush fires. It was a beautiful evening at Whittemore Lake.



On Friday, May 16th, at 07:59, Sunapee Fire was requested to respond mutual aid to Croydon with Forestry and off-road UTV for a fully involved vehicle fire in Corbin Park. Sunapee Utility 1 and the off-road rescue trailer with the UTV responded with a crew of three. Units arrived to find a fully involved vehicle on a trail deep in the woods. Crews from Newport, Grantham, Croydon, and New London accessed the scene via UTVs and worked to extinguish the vehicle fire.

Peterborough man charged with vehicular assault in Antrim accident

David Graves, 37, of Peterborough was arrested on charges of vehicular assault and negligent driving on May 11 following a head-on crash on Route 9 that occurred May 9 and resulted in serious injuries.

Antrim Police and Antrim Fire & Ambulance responded to the accident, which happened at 1:20 p.m. at Keene Road (Route 9) and Salmon Brook Road in Antrim.

According to Antrim Police, the initial investigation determined that a 2012 Toyota Tacoma driven by Graves was traveling westbound on Keene Road when it crossed the center line and struck an eastbound 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe head-on.

Antrim Fire Chief Marshall Gale said response to the accident required two ambulances and heavy rescue equipment.

Fire Chief Marshal Gale reported that there were three people involved, and two people

had multi-system traumas.

The passenger received serious injuries, and had to be cut out of the vehicle with hydraulic equipment.

The injured passenger was transported to Concord Hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Graves was also transported to Concord Hospital with apparent chest and facial injuries. The driver of the Tahoe was evaluated and treated on scene by Antrim Fire & Ambulance personnel.

According to the Antrim Police, both lanes of Route 9 were closed for approximately 1 1/2 hours while the scene was being cleared by emergency personnel. The vehicles were recovered by Mike's Towing.

Graves was released on personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, June 17, in the Hillsborough District Court.



New Boston emergency personnel were toned for the report of a motor vehicle accident on Route 77 near Dodge Rd. Upon arrival crews found a single car MVA with two occupants. The car showed heavy damage and the occupants were both injured. A second ambulance was requested by command and a trauma alert was started at Elliot Hospital. One patient required extrication and was transported to Elliot Hospital by the New Boston ambulance. The second was also extricated a short time later and transported by the Weare ambulance.



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School Days



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The Dunbarton Garden Club is excited to announce Bella Cattabriga as the recipient of their 2025 scholarship award. A Dunbarton resident and student at Bow High School, Bella has earned high academic marks and glowing recommendations. This fall, Bella will attend the University of South Carolina, where she plans to study political science on a pre-law track. Photo: Sharon Conway (one of their ROOTS Directors), Bella Cattabriga, and Nora LaMarque (Club President).



The Bennington Fire Department dedicated the new Engine 1 to Larry Seneschal. His family and friends all showed up to show support. As always it was a wonderful, family-filled day.



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HOMEOWNERSHIP HAS DIFFERENT PATHS; HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED: PART III



By: Joyce Bosse

Competition Promotes Additional Perks for Buyers

Lenders will compete for your business, so you may have the upper hand. Do your research and see what additional perks the lender can give you as you decide on which one is best suited for you and your family. Excellent customer service is essential, so make sure your lender has a reputation of being available, has a rate lock, and an on-time closing guarantee offer. Additionally, it would be best if you select a lender that is able to give you a verified preapproval letter (more on this below).

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REGULAR DENTAL FLOSSING MAY LOWER RISK OF STROKE FROM BLOOD CLOTS, IRREGULAR HEARTBEATS: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

According to a new study, people who regularly floss their teeth (one or more times per week) may lower their risk of stroke caused by a blood clot traveling from the heart and a stroke associated with an irregular heartbeat such as atrial fibrillation (AFib). The benefits of regular flossing may be independent of tooth brushing and other oral hygiene behaviors. Researchers suggest that flossing is a healthy habit that is affordable, easy to adopt and accessible everywhere.

A recent global health report revealed that oral diseases – such as untreated tooth decay and gum disease – affected 3.5 billion people in 2022, making them the most widespread health conditions. The study aimed to determine which oral hygiene behavior – dental flossing, brushing or regular dentist visits – has the greatest impact on stroke prevention.

The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study, one of the first large-scale investigations of this kind in the U.S., assessed the home use of dental floss through a structured questionnaire of more than 6,000 people. Among those who reported flossing, 4,092 had not experienced a stroke, and 4,050 had not been diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation (AFib).

Participants were asked about their status regarding high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, body mass index, education, regular brushing and dentist visits.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Using antibiotics alone to treat children with uncomplicated appendicitis is a cost-saving alternative to surgery, according to a study published in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (JACS). Appendicitis is the fifth most common reason for hospitalization among children in the U.S., and appendectomy is the most common surgical procedure performed during inpatient hospitalizations in children, according to the National Institutes of Health. Appendectomy is also one of the costliest surgical procedures performed during hospital stays; however, treating appendicitis with intravenous antibiotics alone, known as non-operative management, has been shown to be a safe and effective alternative in previous studies.

A new study that investigates low-dose ketamine (LDK) as an adjunct to morphine for treating acute pain has been published in *Academic Emergency Medicine*. The study highlights the potential of low-dose ketamine as a valuable tool in pain management, providing a safe and effective option for emergency medicine physicians managing acute pain. Pain remains one of the most common and challenging complaints among patients presenting to the emergency department (ED). For individuals with opioid tolerance, achieving effective pain relief can be particularly difficult, as they often require higher doses of opioids, which increases risks of hyperalgesia and withdrawal symptoms. The study concluded that LDK may be an effective short-term adjunct analgesic to morphine for managing acute pain, offering relief to both opioid-tolerant and opioid-naïve patients. Importantly, the findings open the door for future research to refine low-dose ketamine administration methods, such as bolus or continuous infusions, to achieve longer-lasting pain relief.

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Letters to the Editor



The H-D School District rushed to build a \$122,000 greenhouse, with the promise of hands-on learning for the students.

Dear Editor:

As a concerned taxpayer, I have, for some time, voiced significant concerns regarding the funding of the Hillsboro-Deering School District's greenhouse project. Now, a recent audit has provided confirmation of those concerns. At Monday night's school board meeting, Interim Business Manager Rebecca Minichiello read portions of a letter from Roberts & Greene, PLLC, where the auditor's findings directly confirmed that the project's funding and accounting methods violated New Hampshire state law.

Specifically, the auditor's letter to the school board stated that the primary construction costs for the greenhouse "should have been reported as a capital outlay function." Noting that "the School District did not have a budget for capital outlay and would not have been able to transfer budget funds to those lines (a violation of NH RSA 32:10)." Simply put, the way the greenhouse was funded directly disregarded state law governing municipal finance.

I've frequently raised concerns about this project at various school board meetings. I specifically mentioned the absence of appropriated funds for a new building structure within our budget. I maintained my position that the budgeted transfer and accounting practices were in violation of state law, even taking my concerns to the NH Dept. of Education. Now, the independent

findings from the auditor have confirmed these concerns.

NH statute RSA 32:12, titled "Penalty," states: "Any person or persons violating the provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to removal from office on proper petition brought before the superior court. Such petition shall take precedence over other actions pending in the court and shall be heard and decided as speedily as possible." This means that individuals found to be in violation of these financial statutes can face consequences, including removal from their positions.

While this audit opinion doesn't immediately put money back in our pockets, it represents a big step toward ensuring fiscal responsibility and proper adherence to New Hampshire's statutes and rules by our school district. This clear documentation confirms that using surplus funds to construct the greenhouse constituted a misuse of taxpayer money.

This audit finding is not just about the greenhouse project; it emphasizes the importance of transparency and accountability in how our school district manages our tax dollars. It sets a precedent for future financial decisions, reinforcing that the spending must comply with state law and established budgetary procedures, while also ensuring that those responsible for financial mismanagement are held accountable.

Riché Colcombe, State Representative, Hillsboro



On May 16th, 2025, Chief Parson and members of the Hillsboro Police Department attended the Law Enforcement Memorial in Concord to pay tribute to the brave men and women of New Hampshire law enforcement who gave their lives in service to our communities. Among those honored was Officer Bohanan, whose sacrifice and dedication will forever be remembered. (From Left to Right: Officer Finley, Chief Parsons, Lt. McSweeney, Sgt. Bannister)

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The Hillsboro Lions Club was one of many groups participating in the recent H-D Fun Fest.

 **Sports**

BASEBALL

Bow 12, Kennett 0, 5 inn: The Falcons put the game away with four runs in the second inning and five runs in the fourth.

John Stark 4, Hollis-Brookline 1: The Generals bounced back from their first loss of the season. John Stark drew seven walks, which contributed to all four runs.

John Stark 6, Hanover 4: Stark score game-winning runs with two outs in the seventh on RBI singles by Brown and Williams.

Bishop Brady 10, Kearsarge 0, 5 inn.: Bishop Brady jumped on top in the bottom of the first at Rollins Park with three runs and the Giants added four more in the bottom of the second.

SOFTBALL

Hopkinton 9, Fall Mountain 6: Paige Boudette's home run in the fifth inning put the Hawks up by two runs and Hopkinton plated four runs in the sixth inning with outs.

Bishop Brady 17, Hopkinton 3: The Giants had 24 hits in the game and Bryson threw four scoreless innings of one hit ball in relief.

Hopkinton 5, Kearsarge 0: Zoey Freitas allowed one hit in the sixth inning and Boudette made several clutch plays in center field in the shutout victory.

Bishop Brady 12, Kearsarge 4: The Giants had 12 hits in the game and Abby Tyrell was stellar in the circle.

John Stark 26, Hanover 6, 5 inn.: John Stark took an early 10-1 lead after the first inning and plated another seven in the second inning.

BOYS LACROSSE

Hopkinton 20, Trinity 7: The score stayed close early, with Hopkinton up 4-2 after the first quarter and 10-5 at

half, but the Hawks outscored the Pioneers 10-2 in the second half to secure the victory. Each team had several minutes of penalties and capitalized well in extra-man offense.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hopkinton 13, Lebanon 8: Sydney Westover was master of the draw circle and the Hawks' defense held Lebanon to two goals through three quarters on the way to a 10-2 lead.

John Stark 9, Bow 7: Rowin Ledy had several big saves that shifted momentum in John Stark's favor, and the Generals' defense caused turnovers that allowed them more opportunities.

Bow 15, Milford 0: Brad Ekstrom completed his first career shutout performance in goal.

Hopkinton 18, Pelham 10: The Hawks and Pythons traded goals early, with the score tied 4-4 after the first quarter and Hopkinton up 8-7 at halftime. The Hawks adjusted their match ups in the second half and their offense solved Pelham's zone defense to pull away.

Hopkinton 19, Belmont 1: The Hawks scored 10 goals in the first quarter against a Belmont team with no subs. Belmont worked hard throughout the game and scored with two minutes left.

Kearsarge 18, Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough 3: Kearsarge came out strong and continued to build momentum throughout the game. Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough scored all three of its goals in the second half.

Kearsarge 13, Campbell 4: Kearsarge led 3-0 at the end of the first quarter and 7-2 at halftime thanks to energy and determination right from the start. Campbell worked hard under pressure in the second half, but was only able to score one goal in each quarter the rest of the way.



WMS choir students L to R: Kyla N., Kaidren S., Aimee L., Brynn D., Sofia G., Ellie L., Abby O., and Aubree C.



WMS band students L to R: Rose V. (bassoon), Amelia G. (tuba), Lilly U. (alto saxophone), Megan H. (oboe), Brandon B. (clarinet), Riley L. (baritone saxophone), Silas H. (battery and auxiliary percussion).

Weare Middle School students perform in NH Music festival

Students selected from Weare Middle School participated in the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Southwest District Festival earlier in May.

Hosted at Keene Middle School, the NHMEA Festival includes students who are recognized as excellent musi-

cians from their schools' music programs.

Over 15 districts participated, sending their students to the Saturday festival where they combined to create a new band and chorus. They then performed a concert with only six hours of rehearsal time.

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Bus driver on leave after Antrim accident

No one was injured after a school bus carrying a baseball team went off the road in a New Hampshire town. Antrim police said it happened after 3:30 p.m. Monday on Route 9. The bus, driven by an 88-year-old man from Salem, was carrying the Windham baseball team, police said.

The bus had 23 kids and one adult on board, police said. Video of the incident shows the bus go off the right side of the road, go back on the road and then come to a stop on the right side of the road.

The fire department said the school bus went off the road, struck a rock and was able to stop in the breakdown lane.

The bus was operated by First Student, which said, “At First Student, there is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of the students we transport. We are thankful no one was injured in the incident. We are cooperating with authorities and conducting our own internal review of what happened. The driver has been placed on administrative leave.”

Town to pay additional \$400,000 for Water/Sewer projects

During a recent meeting of the Hillsborough Board of Selectmen and the Hillsborough Water/Sewer Commission the two discussed the money that is needed for the Whittemore, Park Street and Park Place water projects, as well as 80 feet of Henniker Street.

Originally the Board of Selectmen thought that they were committing \$700,000 by the Town, but they didn’t realize that this didn’t include an additional \$400,000 for drainage. It was noted that the

lines are very old and need to be replaced before they become an emergency situation. Selectboard member Iris Campbell stated that she wished she had known prior to Town Meeting so a warrant article could have been included. As the Commission has enough money to pay up front for now, it was left that the board would put in a warrant article in 2026 to ask the Town to reimburse the Water and Sewer Department for \$400,000 for the drainage.

New London indefinitely postpones new police facility

There were 396 voters present at the meeting where a new police facility was discussed. After hearing the explanation about why the Selectmen had withdrawn their support for Article 3, a motion to

indefinitely postpone Article 3 was made and passed overwhelmingly by card vote.

Article 9 also passed by an equally large margin in a card vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.



The Antrim Fire Department rescued two young ducklings from an Aiken Street storm drain and transported them to Fish and Game. Fish and Game took them to Wings of Dawn, which is taking care of the ducklings.

Sunapee Select Board makes \$800,000 in budget cuts

The town of Sunapee has laid off two full-time town employees and public services are being reduced in order to make the nearly \$800,000 in cuts required for the municipality to operate under a default budget.

At Town Meeting in March, Sunapee voters rejected the proposed \$11.03 million budget, 516-494.

Instead of going before voters with a new spending proposal, the Select Board opted to adopt a default budget of \$10.1 million, plus certain adjustments required by law, for the remainder of the calendar year.

To stay within the default budget, the board has approved laying off two administrators proposed by Town Manager Shannon Martinez. The land use office staff and Martinez will pick up the tasks.

Staffing at Dewey Beach will be reduced this

season, which begins May 25 and ends on Labor Day. Georges Mills Beach will go unstaffed.

Town officials planned to close the bathrooms at Georges Mills Beach for the season, but after residents voiced objections at an April 21 Selectboard meeting, the board moved to allocate dollars from the Recreation Revolving Fund to keep the bathrooms open.

The information booth located on Route 11 will be closed for the season.

The highway department will no longer partner with the school district to plow. Also, the police officers' training budget is being reduced.

Had voters approved the budget in March, it would have resulted in an estimated municipal tax rate of a little over \$3.02 per \$1,000 of property value, a 24% increase over the prior year.

New Boston Police and Fire Departments to use drones

The New Boston Police Department, in partnership with the New Boston Fire Department, intends to collaboratively purchase a drone for uses within the Town. There will be two operators from each department and multiple uses across many departments.

Chief Brace stated that this idea has been on his mind for a while and the cost is approximately \$6,000.

Town Administrator Weber stated there is money within the budget to potentially use toward this. Bill McFadden asked if this should have been on a Warrant Article in order for the public to know about it.

Town Administrator Weber stated that this is being discussed in a public forum and will continue to be discussed with the public. He does not believe a Warrant Article should have been used to fund the drone. Bill McFadden suggested taking funding from each of the Town Departments that will be using the drone in order to fund it.

Town Administrator Weber explained that this is only a preview for the Board and the exact funding sources have not yet been determined. There is funding available in many of the Town's Departments in order to fund this.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

David Hackett Souter

Hopkinton - David Hackett Souter, Associate



Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (Retired), died at his home in Hopkinton, N.H., on May 8, 2025. David was born in Melrose, Mass., on Sept. 17, 1939. He joined the Office of the N.H. Attorney General and served as

deputy attorney general under then Attorney General Warren B. Rudman and as attorney general from 1976 to 1978. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1978, and the N.H. Supreme Court in 1983, where he served until being nominated by President George H.W. Bush to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in May 1990. Just a few months later, President Bush nominated him to the Supreme Court of the United States. At David's request, there will be no public memorial service. To honor and celebrate his legacy, consider making a donation in his name to the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness in Concord, N.H., <https://concordhomeless.org/> or Mayhew, Inc. for the Mayhew Program on Newfound Lake in Bristol, N.H. <https://www.mayhew.org/>.

Lou Sawyer

Newbury - Mary Louise "Lou" Gilman Sawyer,



96, died peacefully at Woodcrest Village Assisted Living in New London, NH, on April 21, 2025. Lou was born February 20, 1929 to Mary (Henry) Gilman and Raymond Gilman in Concord, NH.

Lou is predeceased by her parents, Mary and Raymond Gilman; son, Richard D. Sawyer, Jr of Diamondhead, MS; brother, Robert Gilman of Los Angeles, CA. Surviving family members include husband, Richard D. Sawyer, Sr. of Newbury, NH; daughter, Karen Sawyer of Telford, PA; granddaughters, Carly Sawyer (Ben) of Charlottesville, VA, and Kaylyn Sawyer of Columbia, SC; former daughter-in-law, Catherine (Jeff) Satterfield, of Yorktown, VA; brother, Richard Gilman (Carmen) and niece, Janet Gilman of Fredonia, NY; and nephews, Jeffrey Gilman (Valerie) of Mount Airy, MD, and Marcus Gilman of Los Angeles, CA. A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in the Old Chapel at St. Paul's School, Concord, NH. The family will greet friends prior to and following the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Doctors Without Borders or Ausbon Sargent Land Trust or the charity of your choice.

Barry Whittemore Sr.

Peterborough - Barry Whittemore Sr., born May 7th, 1951, in Peterborough, NH to George (Chub) and Phebe Whittemore, left us on May 13th, 2025, to be reunited with family and many friends. He attended Hillsborough and Antrim High School. He leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Sfa Whittemore (Foote), and his sons and their families, Barry Whittemore



Jr. (Heidi) and Matthew (Michelle) of Antrim and his grandchildren, Kyle, Matthew, and Loretta and many other relatives. Please join us to celebrate the life of Barry Whittemore Sr. Saturday, May 24, 2025 for a graveside service at 11:00 a.m.

in Evergreen Cemetery on Old Stagecoach Road in Bennington, NH. A celebration of life will follow from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 59 Pavillion located at 538 W Main St, Hillsboro.

Margaret Warner

Peterborough - Margaret Warner, 84, died peace-



fully in her sleep on the morning of January 11, 2025, in Peterborough, NH. Born in 1940 in Exeter, NH. She is survived by her sons, Jason (Needham, MA) and Jeremy (Bethesda, MD) and her grand-

daughters, Melissa (Medford, MA), Asha (Lansing, MI), and Sarah (Needham, MA). A memorial gathering will be held at the North Branch Cemetery in Antrim, NH on June 5th at noon. There will be a reception at 3 Old Concord Road, Antrim NH following the memorial.

Jeannette Edith Hersey Walsh

Hillsboro - Sadly, our beloved mother, Jeannette E. Walsh, 89, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Jeannette was born in Hillsboro Upper Village, New Hampshire, on June 13, 1935, the daughter of Charles S. Hersey, Jr., and Edith I. (Swett) Hersey. She is predeceased by her sister, Barbara Hersey, of Hillsboro Upper Village, NH. The family includes her husband, James W. Walsh (deceased), her soul mate, Paul Carriere (deceased), two daughters, Patricia A. Roche of Hudson, MA, and Susan M. Walsh of Freeport, ME, two sons, James W. Walsh Jr., and his wife, Joan of Barnstable, MA, and John C. Walsh and his partner, Susan Regan of Cape Elizabeth, ME and Berkeley, CA; eight grandchildren: Kristen Roche and her fiancé Kevin Jameson of Warner, NH, Sean Roche and his wife Kayla of Acton, MA, Susan Elmer Daigle of North Carolina, and James Daigle (deceased), Hannah and Summer Walsh of Cape Elizabeth, ME, and Jason Walsh of West Springfield, MA, and Steven Walsh and his fiancée, Alexandra Enrique of San Diego, CA; and three great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Titus, and Lucas. On June 14, 2025, the family will hold a graveside service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a gathering of family and friends in the Washington Congregational Church reception hall in Washington, NH. Memorial donations may be made to the Washington Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 233, Washington, NH 02380.

Please send Obituaries to: PO Box 1190,
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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY MAY 24

MISSING MAN TABLE: A missing man table, also known as a fallen comrade table, is a ceremony and memorial that is set up in military dining facilities of the United States Armed Forces and during official dining functions, in honor of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service members.

PLANT SWAP: from 10 am to 1 pm. The Deering Library is hosting a Seed and Plant Swap. Bring your extra seeds and any over abundance of plants, then take home new seeds and plants for your gardens. All is free!

VENDORS WANTED: Welcome to Summer Flea Market. May 24, 2025 at Lempster NH History Hall, 8am-2pm. Inside table space -\$20 Outside table space - \$15. Contact Pat McCabe for an application 603-863-9130.

CHURCH YARD SALE: The 33rd Annual KCPC Yard Sale, May 24, from 8:00 am-1:00 pm, at Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, 82 King Hill Rd (Route 11), NL. Rooms will have furniture, rugs, electronics, lots of kids/adult clothing, flat-screen TVs, toys and a Bake Sale. The sanctuary filled with china, pottery, housewares, and jewelry. Plus tents with tools, yard + garden equipment, sporting goods. All proceeds go to charitable donations.

FLY FISHING ON THE COMMON: The Elkins Fish & Game Club is holding its 13th Annual "Fly Fishing on the Common" event. This is an introductory class on fly fishing, to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Town Common on Main Street in New London, NH. Slots are limited and

registration is required. Full details and sign-up instruction can be found on the club web site: www.elkinsfishandgame.net/fly-fishing_details.

MAY 24, 25, 26

TOOL SALE/YARD SALE: at 288 Beard Rd., Hillsboro, NH.

SUNDAY MAY 25

CONCERT: Kearsarge Chorale will present a concert of eclectic and inspiring music at First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London in a program that will include the song giving the concert its name - "Hope for the World" by Jacob Naverud - and pieces by John Rutter and Ola Gjeilo. Tickets (\$15.00 each) or at the door (\$20.00 each). The student price is \$5.00.

TUESDAY MAY 27

LISTENING SESSION: for the NH District 30 towns of Antrim, Bennington, Hillsborough, and Windsor. State Senator Ruth Ward, State Representatives Riche Colcome, Jim Creighton, and Jim Fedolfi will attend. Come to learn what our legislators are working on and ask questions you may have. Tuesday, May 27, 6-7 pm at the James A. Tuttle Library, 45 Main St., Antrim.

WEDNESDAY MAY 28

YARD SALE AND BARBEQUE: at South Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Newport, NH. from 9 am to 2 pm. Inside table space - \$15 Outside table space - \$10. Bring your own table. South Church will host the barbeque. Contact Pat McCabe for a table space application at 603-863-9130 or mccabeepatricia@gmail.com.

PLANT SWAP: Hosted by the Monadnock Herb Society at Fox

State Forest - 309 Center Rd, Hillsboro, NH. 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall. Come ready to learn and share at this annual event. Bring plants, seeds, tools and garden items to swap. Please bring bare-root plants in water and NO soil to prevent the spread of jumping worms. Refreshments served. Annual dues are \$5.

FRIDAY MAY 30

MUSICAL JOURNEYS: at Washington Elementary School - Join SWC for a stirring musical narrative featuring virtuosic solos, explosive concerti, and dramatic arias performed by 10 extraordinary musicians of Silentwoods Collective. Discover enlightenment era composers Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre, Ignatius Sancho, Isabella Leonarda, Henry Purcell, Vivaldi, and Handel. Stick around after the show to share your impressions, for refreshments, and to meet the musicians! 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

SATURDAY MAY 31

LISTENING SESSION: with State Representatives 10-12 AM Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker. Henniker, Bradford and Warner residents are invited to a listening session with your state reps Tony Caplan, Eileen Kelly and Stephanie Payeur. Come and share your concerns regarding the budget process in Concord, national politics, local programs, etc.

FUN FAIR: Hopkinton PTA is bringing back the annual Fun Fair! 10am-2pm, at Harold Martin School in Hopkinton.

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Notice of Session
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7:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Correction of Checklist

TOWN OF HENNIKER, NH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH to discuss the merits of a Discretionary Preservation Easement renewal application for Warren G. and Bonnie C. Mattiello, PO Box 556, Henniker (Lot 5D-480-A).

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The purpose of the hearing is for discussion of expenditure from the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund of up to \$75,000 for unanticipated Special Education costs.

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