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## Dan Innis for U.S. Senate

The race for New Hampshire's open U.S. Senate seat just became more competitive after another Republican announced Wednesday he is throwing his hat in the ring. In announcing his candidacy, Dan Innis, a Republican state senator from Bradford said, "We need to get New Hampshire values in Washington, D.C.," Innis said. "I am determined to win." He is no stranger to New Hampshire politics, having served as a state senator from District 24. Innis, who is the owner of Trails End Farm, is a professor at the University of New Hampshire's Department of Hospitality Management and the former dean of the UNH Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics.

## This week in history

**JULY 19, 1799**

The Rosetta Stone is discovered

**JULY 20, 2017**

Salvador Dali's body is exhumed

**JULY 21, 1925**

The "Trial of the Century" draws attention

**JULY 22, 1894**

1st major motor car race takes place in France

**JUNE 23, 1982**

Helicopter accident kills Twilight Zone actor

**JULY 24, 1651**

Anthony Johnson is one of first Black land owners in America

**JULY 25, 1972**

Journalist exposes evidence of Tuskegee syphilis experiments



This truck rollover near Exit 9 in Warner closed I89 South for several hours.

## Town Hall Trials & Tribulations

### *Deering/Chichester Administrator Resigns Again - Warner Administrator's Restraining Order*

Upheavals continue to disrupt the operations at a pair of area town halls.

Chichester Town Administrator Jodi Pinard has resigned from her position for the second time in the span of a year.

Selectman Frank Swirko announced Pinard had declined the most recent salary and benefit offer presented to her.

Pinard first resigned in December and was rehired with a \$31,000 raise about ten weeks later, in which she was hired as Town Administrator in Deering, spurring anger from residents over municipal salaries and the function of town employees. At town meeting in March, residents voted to zero out the

executive section of the budget, thereby eliminating the town administrator and administrative assistant position. Had it gone into effect, this change could have prevented the town from spending any money on office functions, including payroll.

Pinard's second resignation is only the latest town hall shake up, following former selectman Michael William's abrupt resignation, days before the first town meeting in March, Kristy Jobin's resignation as Administrative Assistant and Planning Coordinator in February.

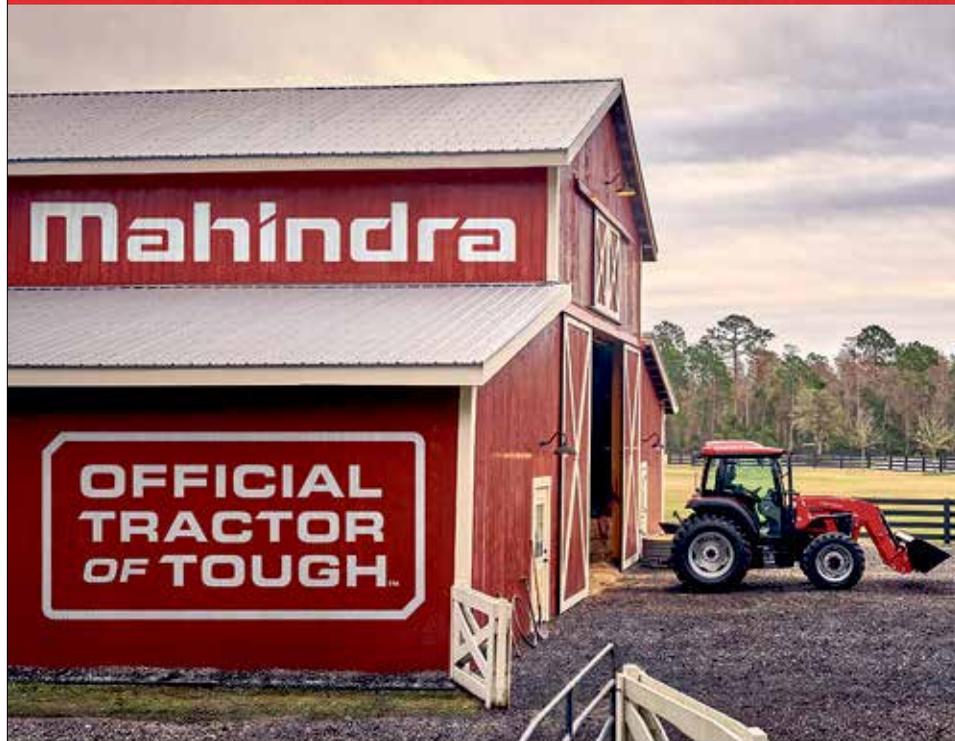
Meanwhile in Warner, Town Administrator Kathleen Frenette has obtained

a temporary restraining order against Select Board member Alfred Hanson, whom she accused of assaulting her at Town Hall in June. Hanson must remain at least 300 feet away from Frenette.

"He took hold of my right wrist and bent over to put his face close to mine," Frenette wrote. "At that time, I smelled alcohol off his breath."

Judy Newman-Rogers, the Select Board's Administrative Assistant, had previously filed a claim against Frenette, alleging a "hostile work environment, harassment, retaliation, and age discrimination," according to Frenette's petition. See related story on page 7.

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

### July 12, 2024

Beloved Methodist Pastor Paul O'Neil leaving after 6 years  
Adult and minor injured in Weare ATV crash  
New Boston Eagle Scout to build a kiosk  
The Merrimack is bringing community banking to Henniker

### July 14, 2023

Release of water from Stoddard dam causes Antrim flooding  
Two victims die in early evening Sutton house fire  
Newport para-educator charged with sexual assault  
Missing Hopkinton woman found in car stuck on Warner OHRV trail

### July 15, 2022

Weare Drag Racing Legend Rodalyn Knox dies  
Jay Lucas' Sunshine Initiative purchased several newspapers  
Major mid-use development proposed for Antrim Mills  
Weare Fire Chief Robert Vezina retires after 40 years

### July 16, 2021

U.S. Space Force takes control of New Boston Station  
Washington Fire & Rescue present Lifetime Awards  
Multiple accidents keep Hillsborough Police busy  
Steven Shepherd named Kearsarge Assistant Principal

### July 17, 2020

Greenfield's original Blacksmith Shop reopened  
Fracestown Board dealing with junkyard violations  
Henniker Select Board approves road improvements  
A special tribute to Deering's Brian Houghton

### July 19, 2019

George & Estelle Arvanetaki "Community Builders"  
Major renovations at New London Shopping Center  
55 acres of Hopkinton riverfront farmland preserved  
Russ Roy named Interim Town Administrator - again

### July 20, 2018

Dunbarton taxpayers sue to block special meeting  
Franklin Mill renovation receives PlanNH's top honors  
Medical emergency causes Goffstown accident  
New Boston to receive \$1.1 million school tax refund

### July 21, 2017

Goffstown man killed in Mass construction accident  
Boscawen raid seizes crack cocaine, opioids & guns  
Bow celebrates completion of Public Safety Complex  
Newport approves 294 LED streetlight replacements

### July 15, 2016

New London Police Stuff The Cruiser for food pantry  
Henniker Planning Board approves Dollar General  
Suspected Goffstown arsonist turns himself in to police  
Fenton's Landing - A great deli in Sunapee Harbor

### July 17, 2015

Weare settles another Police Department lawsuit  
Bow's Public Safety Committee extends bid deadline  
Goffstown firefighters receive Heart Saver Hero Award  
High Speed Internet Service proposed for New Boston

# Fracestown man assaults Police Chief - arrested after 7 hour standoff

A Fracestown man who barricaded himself inside a



Chief Frederick Douglas

Frances-town home has been taken into custody. At 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, New Hampshire State

Police was requested to assist Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office deputies with a disturbance involving a Fracestown resident and a mail carrier on Old County Road N.

The initial report received by the Hillsborough County Dispatch at around 9:30 a.m. indicated that the resident, identified as Richard Vannostrand, 47, of Fracestown, had been shouting at the mail carrier and attempting to damage the mail carrier's vehicle.

Chief Frederick Douglas of the Fracestown Police Department responded to the scene. Vannostrand refused to cooperate and physically assaulted Chief Douglas, causing him significant, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Vannostrand then barricaded himself in his home. Deputies of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and officers of the New Boston, Greenfield, Bennington, Hillsboro, Hancock, Peterborough, and Antrim police departments all responded, setting a perimeter to contain the suspect. The New Hampshire State Police SWAT and Crisis Negotiation Units were requested and responded to the scene.

Out of an abundance of caution, residents and visitors were asked to avoid the area, and traffic in the vicinity was impacted throughout the incident.

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Vannostrand was taken into

custody with the use of less-than-lethal force that resulted in minor injuries. Vannostrand was transported to a local hospital and was arraigned in Goffstown District Court on numerous charges, including fel-

ony second degree assault and resisting arrest or detention.

Chief Douglas was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. No other members of law enforcement were injured during this

incident. All roads were re-opened, and residents were able to return to their homes.

Troopers were also assisted at the scene by members of the Fracestown and Peterborough Fire Departments.



Ernest Giovelli (L) was awarded The Hillsborough Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year 2025.

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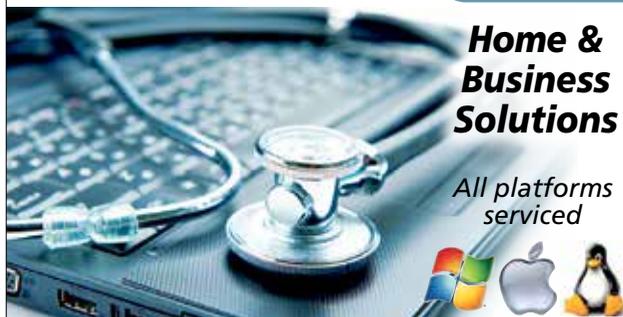
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## The Scouting Way



Day one of summer camp at Camp William Hinds is complete for the boys of Antrim's Troop 2.



Goffstown's Troop 99 had a great time at Camp Wanocksett.

# New Boston Select Board discusses future of Bunting Station

The New Boston Select Board held a hearing for public input for the Disposition of Bunting Station.

Dan Garrity stated that he would not like to see a paved parking lot installed on the site as that would come with Town maintenance and additional run-off. Additionally, it could lead to overnight parking or abandoned vehicles. Asphalt could also create higher temperatures in the middle of town, and pollution from the material is not good for humans. The existing asphalt on the site could remain, but the entire site should not be paved.

The existing building could be used for some purpose, such as storage for a Town Department. Diane Bryson stated that she would like to see a community center on the site. She also would not like to see a parking lot on the site.

Tim Stearns agreed with Mr. Garrity's comments and stated

that additional parking is only needed in the center of Town once or twice a year.

Patty Garrity stated that a parking lot adjacent to the existing parking lot does not make sense. Adding more traffic into the center of Town does not seem to be the best use of the property. There was concern expressed regarding increased traffic on Mill Street if it was made into a parking lot. Donna Mombourquette stated that there have previously been challenges with parking at Town Hall.

One way to solve this could be requiring the recreation users to park in a different lot during games. It may take significant amounts of funding to repair the existing building. A community/senior center is needed, and this could be a good spot for it. Chris Hall asked if this could be further considered, including a potential parking study for the Town. Pat Amon stated that she



New Boston's Bunting Station.

would like to see a community/senior center constructed into the existing building.

Katie Hall, 29 Mill St, stated that repurposing the building would be nice, if possible, and asked how the cost to retrofit the existing building would be addressed. Bill McFadden stated that it would be expensive to

bring the building up to compliance.

Funding could likely either be raised using private fundraising and/or a Warrant Article. Funding would also be needed for the building to be torn down.

Gail Parking stated that she would like a building on this site to echo what other Victorian

buildings nearby emulate. She stated that she would like this to become a senior center.

Bill McFadden explained that the Board will not take this decision lightly. In its deliberation, the Board will consider all of the public comments from that evening, and the responses received from the survey.



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Weare Fire Chief Mark Rodrick briefed the Select Board on the new fire truck.

## Weare Board approves \$1 million for new fire truck

Weare Fire Chief Mark Rodrick met with the Select Board to seek approval to purchase the new fire truck, which was authorized at March's Town meeting.

Chief Rodrick stated that the department had solicited seven vendors and received six bids for the new truck. The best price was \$1,126,569.00, but if prepaid

instead of a lease purchase, a substantial discount drops the price to \$1,059,508.00. He reported that the Town treasurer approved the expenditure, saying the funds are available and \$28,200.00 would be effective after the purchase.

The board approved of the purchase.

## Andover Highway Supervisor Kevin Duval resigns

Andover Highway Supervisor Kevin Duval gave his resignation on June 30th.

The Select Board had some non-public meetings with him and Highway Supervisor Duval agreed to take some time to reconsider his resignation. He returned to the board and expressed he wished to continue with his resignation.

While there is an absence of a Highway Supervisor, Selectman Fenton will be working with and supervising the highway crew and Selectman Carter will be working with and supervising the transfer station. The position

for a new Highway Supervisor was posted and will be closed Friday, August 1st. Selectman Carter is planning to meet with the transfer station crew.

The Select Board has met with all highway crew members separately to discuss the changes and plans for moving forward. Moving forward, some of the larger projects will be put on hold to address some of the smaller issues, like potholes and road signs.

Chairman Swenson shared that the board is also sad that Highway Supervisor Duval is leaving. They had meetings to try and make things better for him to stay.

## New Boston Select Board approves new ambulance purchase

New Boston Fire Chief Brian Dubreuil informed the Select Board that the New Boston Fire Department has two ambulances in its fleet which are replaced every ten years on a rotating schedule. The Department currently has a 2016 ambulance which is due for replacement next year. There is an extensive lead time of approximately 30-36 months. An estimate of approximately \$476,579 was obtained to build a new ambulance.

This ambulance would be paid for out of the revolving account, although there is concern about the health of that revolving account moving forward. In reviewing

other options, there was a recommendation to repurpose the current ambulance box and install it onto a new cab and chassis. The price for this would be approximately \$227,716 along with only a month lead time. The total project would likely cost approximately \$307,000. This would be a projected savings of approximately \$248,863 and nine months' worth of build time. The Fire Wards reviewed the information and recommended this alternative proposal. The Board thanked Fire Chief Dubreuil and agreed with moving forward with the alternate proposal.

# Hostile crowd confronts Warner Select Board over alleged indiscretions

A large and hostile crowd filled the room for Tuesday's meeting of the Warner Select Board.

Chair Harry Seidel opened the meeting for public comment, only to be immediately presented with a written complaint over his performance by resident James Gaffney. Gaffney then proceeded to launch into a pro-

longed, vicious, personal attack, alleging numerous improper and illegal acts by Seidel.

He demanded that Seidel issue apologies, not only to him, but to the entire town. Gaffney concluded by asking for Seidel's immediate resignation.

Former Selectwoman Faith Minto then spoke of the hostile work environment and personal

attacks against her by Selectman Michael Smith on January 9th. Smith interrupted, shouting back that it was a lie and demanding she retract her words, which she did not.

Selectman Hanson was then asked about the status of the

charges brought against him by Town Administrator Kathleen Frenette.

(See page 1) He explained that after an investigation, all charges were dropped. When Frenette tried to speak, she was immediately cut off by the

Board.

Questions were asked about the need to hire new auditors, to which Seidel replied that Ploznic and Sanderson had decided that Warner was not a "good fit for them," citing a hostile audit environment in Town Hall.



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It was a full house at Tuesday's Warner Select Board meeting.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Despite a fall in the number of people with asthma over the past decade who say that cost has stopped them taking their meds as prescribed, financial hardship still remains a deterrent for 1 in 6 with the condition, suggests research published online in the respiratory medicine journal *Thorax*. Failure to stick to their drug treatment was associated with a near doubling in the risk of an asthma attack and a more than 60% heightened risk of an emergency department visit, the findings indicate. In 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that around 20 million adults (8%) had asthma in the USA. Although the condition can be well controlled with medication, the prevalence of non-adherence to treatment is high, note the researchers.

New research published in the journal *Advances in Therapy* has shown that the biologic dupilumab improves signs and symptoms of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (eczema) in young children whether or not they have another inflammatory condition, such as asthma, allergic rhinitis or food allergies. Dupilumab had previously been shown to be effective in the treatment of atopic dermatitis, but this research is the first to examine the drug's efficacy in children with atopic dermatitis and co-morbid conditions. Atopic dermatitis is the most common chronic inflammatory disease of the skin. Skin barrier abnormalities, along with underlying immune dysregulation and altered microbial skin colonization, contribute to the disease process. In some patients, atopic dermatitis is the first manifestation of a progression of atopic diseases, including allergies and asthma, termed the "atopic march." Atopic dermatitis affects an estimated 15% of children who experience persistent difficulty controlling pruritus or itch with associated scratching, further skin barrier damage, secondary skin infections and sleep disturbance.

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On July 10th New London Dispatch transmitted a First Alarm Structure Fire Assignment for 32 Upper Bay Road in Sunapee. Initial Sunapee crews encountered heavy fire in the residence's attic. The fire went to a third alarm assignment, bringing mutual aid from Newport, New London, Goshen, Sutton, Springfield, Croydon, Newbury, Lempster, Grantham, and Bradford. Crews spent just under two hours fighting the fire until it was declared under control.



Peterborough Firefighter training involved overcoming malfunctions, missing equipment and other challenges encountered while working on the fire ground and overcoming those issues.



On July 10th New London Dispatch transmitted a 1st Alarm Assignment at New London Hospital for a working fire with a smoke condition in the emergency room. Sunapee Ladder 5's crew went to the hospital's roof and located a rooftop HVAC unit that was causing the smoke condition inside the building. Crews from Sutton, Wilmot, Sunapee, and New London worked to vent the smoke from inside the hospital.

# Hometown Heroes



Hillsboro Police Chief Christopher Parsons (C) welcomed Officer Matthew Meatley (L) and Officer Christopher Dustin (R) to the Department.



The Hopkinton Police Department provided a delicious Senior Lunch at the Slusser Center.



Weare Police Chief Christopher Moore (L) welcomed Christopher Davies (R) as the Department's newest officer.



Franklin Police brought a special visitor—River, the comfort dog for a visit at the Peabody Home.

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We strive every day to present full, fair and accurate news reports. We will correct, in this space, factual inaccuracies in our coverage. We encourage readers to tell us if we have made a mistake.

## Letters to the Editor

### Letter to the Editor:

Bad Behavior doesn't win the day. Facts and figures (in perspective) count mightily.\*\* How could the Messenger headline read 'Supreme Court wants \$500,000,000 more.' Bring us back to reality. The Supreme Court ruled in ConVal vs State of NH that state funding of public education should rise to \$7,400 per student. NH State government will spend \$7108.79 per pupil in FY26 direct to public schools.

The ruling requires an increase of \$247.22. About 38 million; not 500 million. It can be garnered with a modest rise in the NH State property tax. The ruling does not validate our NH Constitution must fully fund

education. That debate will continue. ConVal declared in the law suit a cost of \$9929.00 per student. Far below what ConVal spends and far below the average district spending in NH of \$26,320.12 per student. Who's fooling who?

I expect a more balanced response from the Messenger. Both sides lost the ConVal School funding case. Will quality education magically appear with millions of new dollars? Any bettors on that? The education lobby will keep gas lighting the taxpayer. \*\*How both sides lost the ConVal school funding case – 7/1/2025 Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy.

*Stephen Pierce, Bradford*

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The Henniker Food Pantry held a successful golf tournament.

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## Around Our Towns



The Hopkinton Rotary Club had a great guest speaker, Deborah Ritcey, Executive Director of Granite State Independent Living talk with the group. Also, the club traded Rotary flags with a short term exchange student from Austria.



Henniker Area Rotary Club President Ed Carignan welcomes the attendees to the week's concert, sponsored by the club.



The Hickory Horned Devils rocked the New Boston Common. What a beautiful night and a great crowd.



Heavy rains caused major flooding to Hancock roads.

## Bradford Select Board approves new fire truck purchase

The Bradford Select Board recently opened fire apparatus bids.

a. Outback Fire Apparatus, Inc. 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 Alpine Series Brush Truck - \$197,995.00, Shipping - \$3500.00 Doc Fee - \$399.00 TOTAL - \$201,894.00

b. Desorcie Emergency Products, LLC, 2024 Chevy

4X4 Super Single Brush Truck - \$388,100.00 Option #2 – CET Mini-Pumper Truck - \$397,295.00

Josh Allen made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire apparatus per bid from Outback Fire Apparatus, pending favorable recommendations from references for a total of \$201,894.00 from Capital Reserve Funds.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## Greenfield Board searching for new Fire Chief & Police Chief

The Greenfield Select Board discussed succession planning relative to the Police and Fire Departments. At the conclusion of the discussion for the Fire Department, the Board agreed to post the position of Fire Chief to internal candidates/current members of the Fire Department. The Board reviewed the 2017 Police Chief Search Committee binder and postings and dis-

cussed succession planning at the Police Department. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board determined that they would appoint an Officer in Charge (OIC) for 90 days, and concurrent to the 90-day period would review the search committee binder in order to decide on next steps in the succession planning process.

## Bennington Select Board reviews changes at Crotched Mountain

Deidre Riley, the new General Manager at Crotched Mountain met with the Bennington Select Board. She had previously met the EMS/Fire personnel and discussed how this past season went well.

A discussion followed regarding projects for the future:

- Installing a Gaga Pit for a fundraiser dredge and fill project that will allow the pond to replenish properly with clean water
- Repairs to the parking lot LED lighting
- New drive in the rocket to power the lift
- Reorganization of the company.

## Ted Starkweather resigns from his Franklin City Council seat

Franklin City Councilors accepted the resignation of Councilor Ted Starkweather, Ward 1, at their meeting. Starkweather, who left his resignation letter at Mayor Desiree McLaughlin's place ahead of the meeting, did not attend.

In a letter read aloud by McLaughlin during the meeting at the Franklin Elks Lodge, Starkweather attributed his decision to health concerns, which he wrote that he did not make lightly.

"It has been an honor to serve the residents of Franklin, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have

contributed to our community's progress," Starkweather wrote. "I extend my best wishes to you and the council as you continue your important work on behalf of the city."

The resignation came as a shock to the council. Councilor Glen Feener, who represents Ward 2 in an unexpired term vacated by Olivia Zink last month, remarked on Starkweather's service.

Starkweather is a former fire chief and served for many years for the fire department, including as one of the city's first emergency medical technicians.

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## BUILDING A RETAINING WALL: WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START: PART II



By: Joyce Bosse

Here are more tips to insure the success of your wall-building project:

4. Mark off, measure and photograph the project area. In addition to giving details about your project to your landscaping supplier, you might need advice to determine soil conditions or stormwater requirements. For example, clay soil retains water so it may need amendment, or the wall might require drainage pipes based on soil and other factors. You can discuss the content of your soil with landscaping store staff, who can offer ideas on remediation if needed.

5. It is all about the base. The base is the most important course. Retaining wall manufacturers and landscape suppliers can offer product-specific details on how to excavate and prep the base. After excavating a trench for the base, the subsoil should be compacted before a few inches of gravel is added and compacted. Make sure the area is level before starting the base course, which should be embedded half of the block's height at a minimum.

6. Finishing touches to consider: After each unit is placed and leveled, fill and compact the gravel placed behind the wall. Finish off your wall with capstone units that can be secured with adhesive; be sure your adhesive has elastic properties as modular walls are flexible so they can withstand freeze-thaw cycles.

Another important point to consider is the weather! Bad weather can hinder your installation. With a little planning, know-how and a trusted landscaping store that shares advice throughout your project, you can build successfully with retaining wall units.

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## Alma Mater

### Plymouth State University Graduates

**Ralph Babcock** of Frankestown, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

**Connor Buffum** of Peterborough, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science and a Certificate degree in History & Social Studies Ed.

**Erin Cammarota** of Goffstown, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science and a Certificate degree in Biology.

**Holly Carson** of Warner, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.

**Coral Chamberlin** of Goffstown, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management.

**Corinne Cloutier** of Goffstown, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sustainability Studies.

**Wendy Corbyn** of Newbury, NH, graduated with a Teacher Certification degree in Educator Certification.

**Lea Crompton** of Dunbarton, NH, graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in Physical Therapy.

**Julia Donovan** of Antrim, NH, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

**Cara Easter** of Goffstown, NH, graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in Physical Therapy.

**Parker Fey** of New Boston, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.

**Rebecca Gagnon** of Contoocook, NH, graduated with a Certificate of Adv Studies degree in Educational Leadership.

**Gabrielle Gardiner** of New Boston, NH, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health Sciences.

**Olivia Griffin** of New London, NH, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

**Elizabeth Hanson** of Dunbarton, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

**Abigail McGee** of New London, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Adventure Education.

**Theodore Meagher** of Warner, NH, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commun. and Media Studies.

**Ethan Meeker** of Contoocook, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science.

**Kevin Newton-Delgado** of Contoocook, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisci-

plinary Studies.

**Jessica Nitzschke** of Henniker, NH, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science & Policy.

**Michael Oberheim** of Hopkinton, NH, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

**Avery Opland** of Antrim, NH, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

**Justin Orr** of Peterborough, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology.

**Marcia Pirone** of Warner, NH, graduated with a Master of Education degree in Library Media.

**Benjamin Valliant** of New Boston, NH, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Adventure Education.

### Tufts University Dean's List

**Max Aframe** Class of 2026, of Contoocook

**Lila Kelsey** Class of 2025, of Contoocook

**Adelaide Meehan** Class of 2028, of Henniker

**David Newsom** Class of 2028, of Contoocook

### Roger Williams University Dean's List

**Grady Chretien** of Goffstown, NH

**Olly Hristache** of Peterborough, NH

**Kendall McCabe** of Goffstown, NH

**Temple Nightingale** of Dublin, NH

**Bobby Schaefer** of Goffstown, NH

**Evan Sidmore** of New London, NH

**Joe Trzepacz** of Goffstown, NH

**Sarah Vickery** of New Boston, NH

### Roger Williams University Graduates

**Grady Chretien** of Goffstown, NH

**Alex Cross** of Dunbarton, NH

### University of Tampa Dean's List

**Lauren Anzalone** of New London earned dean's list honors as a Sophomore. Anzalone is majoring in History BA.

**Mia Carlson** of Goffstown earned dean's list honors as a Senior. Carlson is majoring in Management BS.

### Other Colleges & Universities

**Lila Kelsey** of Contoocook graduated with a degree in Political Science (BA) from Tufts University.

## Sports

### GIRLS LACROSSE ALL-DIVISION TEAMS

#### Division II First Team

Mia Brissette, midfielder, Goffstown; Amelia Cole, defense, Goffstown;

#### Division III First Team

Zoe Lawson, attack, John Stark; Ella Gray, attack, Bow; Sydney Westover, attack, Hopkinton; Maeve Owens, attack, Hopkinton; Kylie McKee, midfielder, Bow; Abby Foote, defense, Bow; Giana Trott, goalie, Bow;

#### Division III Second Team

Kaycie Rhodes, attack, John Stark; Ryan Mucci, attack, John Stark; Natalie Lawson, defense, John Stark; Tori Wooten, defense, Kearsarge; Ryan Lang, defense, Hopkinton.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club presents Shane Harris with a Paul Harris award.

# Colby-Sawyer's accelerated nursing program scholarship fund gets \$800,000 injection

Colby-Sawyer College has received an infusion of \$800,000 in scholarship funding for students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

The college's 16-month ABSN program provides a fast track for people with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing who want to become registered nurses.

The Helene Fuld Health Trust, the country's largest trust devoted exclusively to student nurses and nursing education, awarded Colby-Sawyer a \$550,000 grant. Of that, \$110,000 will be used for current scholarships, and \$440,000 will establish the Helene Fuld Health Trust Endowed Scholarship Fund for Nursing.

The value of the gift increased to \$800,000 thanks to The Davidow Challenge for Endowed Scholarship, which will contribute \$250,000 in matching funds.

"The Helene Fuld Health

Trust has had a remarkable impact on nursing education in the United States, and Colby-Sawyer is grateful for this opportunity to launch the Helene Fuld Scholars program on our campus," said Dan Parish, vice president for college advancement at Colby-Sawyer.

"We also sincerely appreciate Bill and Sonja Carlson Davidow '56, whose generous match will help even more nursing students reach their goals."

The fund will support ABSN students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need with scholarships up to \$10,000. Most of the program's students and graduates live within 25 miles of the college. Many are first-generation students and nearly 70% are from rural communities. Eighty percent are women and 2% are veterans.

Dr. Dean McCurdy, president of Colby-Sawyer, said the scholarships will make a meaningful

difference in the lives of students and propel them toward high-wage, high-demand positions across the region. "The timing for this support is ideal because it complements the new facilities we've opened in the past year," he said.

Peter White, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, said the scholarship fund will make it possible for more students to follow their calling of becoming nurses.

"Our talented faculty and staff, state-of-the-art nursing and health sciences center, and partnership with the world-class Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center allow our graduates to make an immediate and significant impact in healthcare for the state, region and beyond," he said.

Colby-Sawyer's next-generation clinical and academic facility is the Janet Udall Schaefer '52 Center for Health Sciences. Features include: two fully



equipped, 12-bed laboratories; a four-room simulation center for medical/surgical, pediatric, intensive care, and labor and delivery education; a control room and debriefing rooms; and an anatomy and physiology lab with a human-based 3D anatomy and medical education system.

ABSN students complete their clinical education nearby in Lebanon, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the state's only Level 1 trauma center. Colby-Sawyer and Dartmouth Health have a dynamic, longstanding partnership, and

Dartmouth Health consistently offers employment to 100% of the college's graduating nurses.

Joan G. Loftus, DNP, RN, the director and chair of nursing at Colby-Sawyer, said the scholarships will also address the nursing shortage that affects every state in the country.

"The Helene Fuld Scholars program will allow Colby-Sawyer to expand student capacity in our ABSN program," she said. "In turn, that will help replenish our region's growing need for registered nurses and ensure a strong nursing workforce for the future."



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## Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

### David F. Whitney



Hillsboro - David F. Whitney, 87, a lifelong resident of Hillsboro, NH, joined his bride Patricia A. (Wing) Whitney in Heaven Thursday June 26, 2025. Born September 10, 1937 to Harry L. and Harriett S Whitney. David is survived by his children, Gary D. and Kimberly Whitney of Hillsboro, Alan M. Whitney of Nashua, and Michelle and Norris Dozois of Washington; his 9 grandchildren, Jeoffry, Chris, Heather, Jason, Katie, Amanda, Greg, Samantha and Hannah; and 21 great grandchildren and one on the way. David is predeceased by his parents, his wife, daughter-in-law Patty Whitney, grandsons Jonathan M. Whitney & N.J. Dozois, siblings Lillian Titcomb Harry Whitney Jr., Walter Whitney, Charles Whitney, Robert Whitney & Ernest Whitney. Please join the family for a graveside service on Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Harvey Memorial Cemetery, 18 Shedd Rd., Hillsboro. Directly following the graveside service there will be a Celebration of Life at the American Legion Post 59 in Hillsboro.

### Sharon Mitchell Sargent



New London - Sharon Mitchell Sargent of 33 Christian Avenue in Concord passed away on July 11, 2025 following a brief illness. Born on October 18, 1944 in Lynn, MA, Sharon, a long-time resident of Gilford, NH was the daughter of Paul Mitchell of Kingsland, AR and Jane Livingston of Bellshill, Scotland.

Before and after her retirement Sharon enjoyed bingo, yard sales, Caribbean cruises with family and friends, playing board and card games with her family, spending time with her grandchildren, and working for her son-in-law, Peter, at Fenton's Landing in Sunapee. Sharon, a loving and devoted wife, was predeceased by her husband, Steve in 2013, for whom she was the primary caregiver throughout his battle against Parkinson's Disease. She is survived by her children, Steven, Beth and her husband, Pete, and Scott, her grandchildren, Sophie and Sadie, and her sister, Paula and her husband, Geoff. A memorial service was held on Wednesday July 16, 2025 at Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH. Memorial donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the National Kidney Foundation are all welcome.

### Sallie Knowlton Hill



Hillsboro - Sallie Knowlton Hill passed away at age 98, on July 7, 2025, after 10 years of loving care at the Hillsboro House Nursing Home. Sallie was born on May 9, 1927 in Boston, Mass. She arrived in Hillsboro, NH at age 12 under the care of Hamilton and Barbara Rumril. Sallie is survived by her two children, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren,

and four great great grandchildren. At her request there will be no service or memorial.

### Matthew Ryan Shaw,



Goffstown - Matthew Ryan Shaw, age 28, passed away peacefully at home on July 7, 2025, in Goffstown, surrounded by his loving family and his girlfriend Allison, after a courageous 14-month battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. Born in Manchester, N.H., on January 9, 1997, to his loving parents, Anthony (Tony) and Kristin (Hill) Shaw. In addition to his parents, Matthew is survived by his brother, Connor and his girlfriend, Beth Castantini; his beloved grandmother, Maria Shaw; his aunts and uncles, Richard (Patty) Shaw, Jr., Karen (Alcide) Clement, Margaret Champion, James (Marsha) Hill; and many loving cousins and wonderful friends. He is also survived by his girlfriend of four years, Allison Taylor, with whom he shared a deep and enduring love. Matthew was predeceased by his grandparents, Richard Shaw, Sr., and James and Gertrude Hill; and an uncle, Gerard Champion. Burial will be privately held at St. Joseph Cemetery in Bedford, NH, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a Memorial donation to The Glioblastoma Research Organization at [www.gbmresearch.org/donate](http://www.gbmresearch.org/donate), or to Caring for a Cure at Mass General at [www.caringforacure.org](http://www.caringforacure.org).

### Anna Marie O'Reilly



Contoocook - Anna Marie O'Reilly, 21, of Contoocook, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, July 4, 2025. She was born on June 10, 2004, in Concord, NH to her parents, Joseph P. O'Reilly and Donna M. (Phillips) O'Reilly. Anna is survived by her parents Joseph and Donna O'Reilly of Contoocook, NH, her grandparents Lawrence and Maxine Phillips, her uncle Michael Phillips, her aunt Carolyn Phillips, all of Canterbury, NH, her great-aunt Kate Gomes of Stark, NH and her great-uncle Al Recke and great-aunt Candice Recke of Montana. She is also survived by cousins Catherine Phillips, Jonathan Phillips, Jason Boisvert and Joel Smith. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Joseph P O'Reilly Sr. and her grandmother Lauretta Recke, as well as her aunt Sharon O'Reilly and aunt Donna O'Reilly. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, starting at 11:00 a.m. at 23 Mountain View Dr., Canterbury, NH. Please consider a donation in Anna's memory to a local mental health charity that specializes in suicide awareness and prevention of your own choosing.

### Gregory E. Lofgren

Washington - Gregory E. Lofgren, age 56, of Washington, NH passed away unexpectedly on July 4, 2025. Greg was born in Quincy, MA, the son of William L. Lofgren, Sr. and Ann Marie Caulfield Lofgren. Greg is survived by his beloved wife, Donna Lofgren, as well



as by her sons, Christopher Guay of Swanzey, NH and Kyle and Jackie Guay of Hillsboro, NH. One of Greg's greatest and unexpected joys during his last three years being Grampy to Kyle and Jackie's son, Liam. Greg is also survived by his older brother, William Bates-Lofgren and his wife, Anisha of Roslindale, MA, his sister, Karen Lofgren of Concord, NH, and his other brother, Herb Belmonte of Portsmouth, NH. Greg also leaves behind his memories in the hearts of many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who were as close to him as family. A memorial service and visiting time will be held on Saturday, July 26 from 12:00-2:00 at Holt-Woodbury funeral home in Hillsboro, NH. If your life was touched by Greg, please come share a story of Greg, as well as laughter, dark humor, and memories with us. Memorial donations in Greg's memory may be directed to the ASPCA, [www.aspc.org/ways-to-give](http://www.aspc.org/ways-to-give).

### Celebration of Life JULY 20, 2025

The family of **John L. Voorhees**



would like to invite you to please join us at Pine Hill Cemetery, 2nd NH Turnpike Hillsboro NH at 11:00am. Followed by a Luncheon at the American Legion Hillsboro NH beginning at 12:00.

### A Celebration of Life



We invite you to join us in coming together to celebrate the life of **Reggie Cleveland** who departed this earth on March 29, 2025.

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**WARNER CONCERT:** Now's The Time 6:00-8:00pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free. Donations accepted.

**DEERING CONCERT:** The Pine Hill Boys, 6:00pm at the Town pavilion. Bring your own chair or blanket. Come early 5:30, Ice Cream Social.

**SATURDAY JULY 19**

**DEERING CONCERT:** The Pine Hill Boys, 6:00pm at the Town pavilion. Bring your own chair or blanket. Come early 5:30pm Ice Cream Social.

**DEERING'S DAYS:** of Wild Weather, 1930's & 40's: At the Deering Library at 10:30am. Join history enthusiast Tim Finn as he discusses how some extreme weather events changed Deering and the surrounding area almost 100 years ago. Everyone is welcome.

**ATTIC TREASURES SALE:** July 19th at Our Lady of Fatima church, 724 Main Street, New London, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. You'll find household appliances, artwork, books, electronics, and much more.

**SUNDAY JULY 20**

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** Clint Pecot. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm. On The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

**TUESDAY JULY 22**

**MUSIC ON THE COMMON:** Amherst Town Band at Greenfield's Oak Park at 6:30pm. Free to the public.

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Blues, Brews and BBQ Fest at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Join us for a great evening of blues.

**NEW BOSTON CONCERT:** The Slakas 6:00pm-7:30pm. New Boston Common. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a summer evening of music, friends, and fun!

**THURSDAY JULY 24**

**HANCOCK CONCERT:** Claudia Schmidt and Jane Miller. The concert runs from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Gazebo, and is free to the public.

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** East Bay Jazz, 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

**FRIDAY JULY 25**

**NEW LONDON CONCERT:** Chasing Ghosts, 6:30-8:00pm at Mary D. Haddard Bandstand.

**PAINTING FOR KIDS:** At the Deering Library at 10am, with resident and artist Pat Finn. This is recommended for ages 6-12. Supplies are provided, so come to have some fun and bring home a work of art!

**SATURDAY JULY 26**

**PAINTING FOR KIDS:** At the Deering Library at 10am, with resident and artist Pat Finn. This is recommended for ages 6-12. Supplies are provided, so come to have some fun and bring home a work of art!

**SUNDAY JULY 27**

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** The Ferns. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm On The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

**TUESDAY JULY 29**

**MUSIC ON THE COMMON:** The Boogie Men at Greenfield's Oak Park at 6:30pm. Free to the public.

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Not Fade Away will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Celebrate Jerry Garcia's birthday with NH's premier Grateful Dead tribute band. Co-sponsors: Edmunds Ace Hardware and Country Spirit Restaurant. In case of rain, the concert will be in the Community Center.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 30**

**COLONIAL GARDEN HERBS:** Hosted by the Monadnock Herb Society at Fox State Forest - 309 Center Rd, Hillsboro, NH 7:00pm. Join us as we take a look back at the plants that were a staple of life at home in the New England colonies.

**THURSDAY JULY 31**

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** North River Band, 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 1**

**WARNER CONCERT:** Trade 6:00-8:00pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free. Donations accepted.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 3**

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** East Bay Jazz. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 5**

**MUSIC ON THE COMMON:** Stone Hill Station at Greenfield's Oak Park at 6:30pm. Free to the public.

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Shana Stack Band, one of New England's top country bands will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm-8:00pm. In case of rain, the concert will be at the Community Center.

**NEW BOSTON CONCERT:** The Bel-Airs, 6:00-7:30pm. New Boston Common. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a summer evening of music, friends, and fun!

**THURSDAY AUGUST 7**

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** Bullzye Band Endless Skies Band 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 8**

**NEW LONDON CONCERT:** The Flames 6:30-8:00pm at Mary D. Haddad Bandstand.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 10**

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** Straight A's. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 12**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Princess Kikou will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a NH based world beat group with strong Afro-Caribbean influences mixed with pop and roots rock. Sponsor: Henniker Chamber of Commerce, Henniker Pharmacy, and White Birch Center. In case of rain, the concert will be in the Community Center.

**THURSDAY AUGUST 14**

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** Will Hatch, 6:00-7:00 pm at Butler Park.

**HANCOCK CONCERT:** Keith Murphy and Becky Tracy. The concerts run from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Gazebo, and are free to the public.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 15**

**NEW LONDON CONCERT:** Kearsarge Community Band

## Events: Community Bulletin Board

6:30-8:00 pm at Mary D. Haddard Bandstand.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 16

**SUMMER SING:** The Area Choir announces a return of their Summer Sing from 9:30-11:30am at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street, Newport NH. There is no fee or audition and Summer Sing is open to everyone. It is made possible by a donation from The Choral Arts Foundation of The Upper Valley. You can register by emailing us with your contact information at TheAreaChoir@gmail.com or call Karen Little at 603 863-4007.

**WARNER CONCERT:** Manning & McBrain 6-8pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free, donations accepted.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 16-17

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### SUNDAY AUGUST 17

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** Party Crashers, FREE. 6:00-7:00

PM on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

### TUESDAY AUGUST 19

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Dwayne Haggins Band will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Get ready for blues and soul singing rising star, Dwayne Haggins! Sponsor: New England College. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

**NEW BOSTON CONCERT:** Endless Skies Band 6:00 – 7:30pm. New Boston Common. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a summer evening of music, friends, and fun!

### THURSDAY AUGUST 21

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** Skip Philbrick Blues Band 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 23

**THE 27TH ANNUAL NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND MILITARY RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY:** will be held from 8:00am until 1:00pm at the New Hampshire National Guard, Army Aviation Support Facility, 26 Regional Drive, Concord, NH.

**DEERING CONCERT:** The Jazz Sanctuary House Band.

6:00pm at the Town pavilion. Bring your own chair or blanket.

### SUNDAY AUGUST 24

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** The Flames FREE 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

### TUESDAY AUGUST 26

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Macrotones will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The Macrotones are a 10-piece band steeped in offbeat funk and soul rhythms from across the globe. Sponsor: Dunkin 89. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 28

**HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT:** Sheep Dip 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 30

**NEWPORT CONCERT:** Sirsy FREE 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Nick's Other Band will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This band covers rock and soul legends.

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### Deering Withdrawal Study Committee Interest Form

On April 1, 2025 the Deering Select Board informed the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School Board that at its duly convened Town Meeting on March 15, 2025, the Town of Deering voted to direct the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District School Board to initiate a review of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of the Town of Deering from the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District, pursuant to Chapter 195:25 of the New Hampshire Statutes regarding Education and Cooperative School Districts.

The statute states that the review will be conducted by a committee composed of one member of the school board from each of the pre-existing districts, one member of the board of selectmen from each town within the cooperative district, and such other members as may be appointed by the committee.

If you are a resident of Hillsboro or Deering and interested in serving on this committee please fill out this form by July 21, 2025.

<https://forms.gle/RmtqrdunikDkA5D57>

The committee will select additional residents to serve on the Deering Withdrawal Study Committee at the July 22, 2025 meeting.

All interested persons are encouraged to review the materials related to the committee which are posted in the Hillsboro-Deering School Board section of the SAU 34 website at [www.sau34.org](http://www.sau34.org).

If you have any questions, please contact the Hillsboro-Deering School Board Chair, Chris Bober at [cbober@hdsd.org](mailto:cbober@hdsd.org).



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