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Police Officer Promoted



Hillsboro Police Chief Christopher Parsons has promoted Sergeant Nick Hodgen to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hodgen started his career as an officer for the Deering Police in 2004 before making the switch in 2007 to Hillsboro. Lieutenant Hodgen has been instrumental in starting the K-9 unit and has trained and certified over 25 teams. He is currently partnered with his 3rd dog, Voight. In his new role he will oversee the patrol division, as he has done as the Senior Patrol Sergeant for the past 13 years.

Chief James Brace Retires



The Town of New Boston announces the retirement of Chief James Brace, who will conclude his service as Chief of Police on March 31, 2026. Chief Brace retires during his 15th year leading the department, marking a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. A retirement celebration was held on Monday, March 23, 2026 at the Whipple Free Library. Presentations were followed by a social gathering at Molly's Tavern.

This week in history

MARCH 28, 1979

Nuclear accident at Three Mile Island

MARCH 29, 1865

Appomattox Campaign begins

MARCH 30, 1994

Horror film Cronos released in the US

MARCH 31, 1776

Abigail Adams urges husband to "remember the ladies"

APRIL 1, 1970

Cigarette ads on TV and radio banned

APRIL 2, 1902

Los Angeles' Electric Theatre opens

APRIL 3, 1860

The Pony Express debuts



Quick response extinguishes Sunapee chimney fire

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, Sunapee Fire and New London Ambulance were called to a residence on Perkins Pond Road for a chimney fire.

Sunapee arrived on the scene and reported smoke showing from the chimney. Sunapee Fire personnel entered the residence to assess the fire situation,

confirmed a working chimney fire, and determined there was no fire extension beyond the chimney.

New London Ambulance staged nearby to provide any necessary medical assistance.

Sunapee Ladder 5 deployed the ladder to the roof, allowing personnel to access

the top of the chimney. Sunapee Forestry 6 arrived on scene shortly after with additional manpower.

Sunapee Fire personnel spent approximately 25 minutes extinguishing the chimney fire, then dismantled and fully cleaned the chimney to ensure there was no active fire remaining.

White Birch Center saddles up for 7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party

White Birch Center, the Henniker-based nonprofit supporting children, families, and seniors, is hosting its 7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in the Grand Pavilion at Cold Springs Camp Resort in Weare, NH, proudly serving as the host sponsor.

"This highly anticipated event is more fun and accessible than ever, with tickets starting at just \$50 and optional add-ons that allow attendees to tailor their experience," notes Kimber Raymond, Director of Development & Community Relations. Guests will enjoy catered southern-inspired hors d'oeuvres,

themed cocktails, live music, Derby-themed contests, and live painting by a local artist, with the finished piece raffled off during the evening.

The celebration culminates with the thrilling two minutes of the Kentucky Derby on the big screen, with hats and festive attire encouraged.

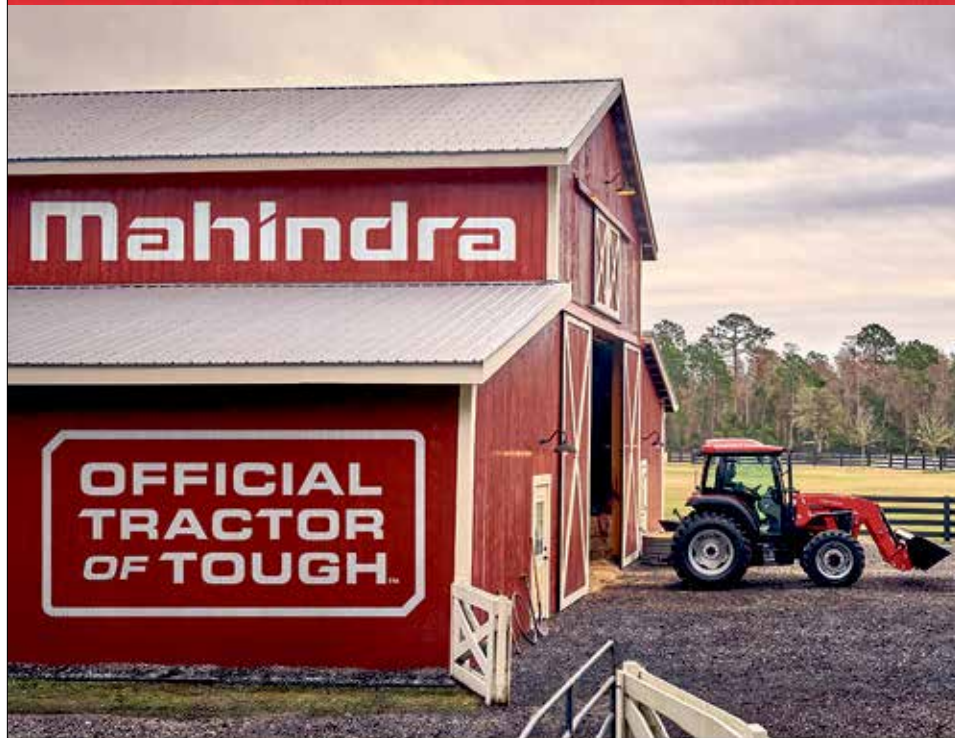
Guests can browse and enter to win an amazing array of raffle prizes such as a KitchenAid Espresso Machine, Amazon Kindle, a select Bourbon & Whiskey Basket, local Restaurant Gift Card assortment, Gardener's Delight Gift certificate, and more — including

the grand prize of a Ring Whole Home Bundle 8-Piece Security System.

Tickets are available now and make great special occasion gifts too, such as for birthdays and Mother's Day!

Don't miss this fun-filled event at a beautiful venue with friends, family, and neighbors while supporting White Birch Center's programs and services that enrich life and strengthen community. For tickets and information, visit the event link: 7th Annual Kentucky Derby Party or contact Kimber Raymond at 603-428-7860 or kimberr@whitebirch-cc.org.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

March 28, 2025

High speed chase thru Hillsboro, Henniker, Hopkinton & Weare
Sunapee police successfully locate missing juvenile
Peterborough man arrested after five-hour standoff with police
Hopkinton's young investors demonstrate their ideas

March 29, 2024

Former Bradford firefighter indicted for arson
Three families left homeless after Myrtle Street fire in Hillsboro
Antrim's new Police Chief promoted from within
Hopkinton voters reject SB2, Transfer Station fees & hand counted ballots

April 7, 2023

Hopkinton woman pleads guilty to threatening to kill neighbors
Henniker Special Olympian running in the 127th Boston Marathon
Firefighters from 12 towns respond to Hopkinton house fire
Icy road conditions contribute to Newbury & Bow accidents

April 8, 2022

Hopkinton woman indicted for attempted homicide
Subcommittee presents proposed Whipple Hall upgrades
Police report break-in at Goffstown gun manufacturer
Henniker to extend overnight parking ban on Main Street

April 9, 2021

Henniker Select Board says DOT forcing a roundabout
Ausbon Sargent adds 28 acre New London property
Fenton family provides Easter dinner to area
New Boston Postmaster retires after 16 years

April 10, 2020

Windsor man shot by Concord Police at standoff
New Boston Selectwoman chastised by Chair
Laura Purslow joins Weare Police Department
SoClean distributes 250,000 Covid-19 masks

April 10, 2019

Police searching for missing 53-year-old woman
New London Board seeking community volunteers
New Boston Fire Department adds new members
Judge denies ConVal's request for injunction

April 13, 2018

2nd head-on collision in 2 weeks at same spot
Henniker Police arrest man for attempted abduction
Weare Police understaffed with excessive overtime
Lock-down at Hillsboro-Deering High School

April 14, 2017

Student's toy gun causes alarm at ConVal
Gordon MacDonald confirmed as Attorney General
State and local officials discuss "Death Alley"
Drug Czar meets with ConVal Abuse Task Force

April 18, 2016

Colby-Sawyer senior dies on I-89
Ambulance service dominates Newport debate
Hancock Police arrest pair for multiple crimes
Henniker changes to Western Avenue project

Hopkinton Town Meeting voters demand changes in state policies

A relatively small group of Hopkinton voters attended last Thursday's Town Meeting, but those who came did so to discuss and debate the issues, taking nearly two and a half hours to pass the 7-Article Warrant.

Article 3, the proposed Operating Budget of \$10,445,074 easily passed on a ballot vote of 189 Yes to 33 No.

Article 4 originally asked voters to approve \$1,320,000 to be added to 11 established Capital

Reserve Funds. The Select Board then moved to amend it by reducing the Road/Bridge Removal Fund by \$250,000 and increasing the Transfer Station Fund by \$678,000 for a net increase of \$123,000. That amendment passed only to be followed by a motion to add back \$250,000 to the Road/Bridge Fund, which failed after a lengthy discussion. The amended article passed on a ballot vote of 197 Yes to 24 No.

Article 5 originally asked

for \$132,000 to be added to five established Expendable Trust Funds but was amended by the same \$123,000 by removing that amount from the Town facilities fund. It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Voters passed Article 6, creating a Town Forest from a parcel of land donated by Betsy and Lee Wilder.

Also approved was Article 7, which increased the tax credit for Service-Connected Disabilities

from \$4,000 to \$4,500.

Two petitioned articles, Article 8, calling on the NH Legislature to protect local taxpayers and Article 9, calling on Legislators to modify the Education Freedom Account program were passed.



Hopkinton Select Board Chair Sabrina Dunlap (L) presents at plaque to retiring Board member Jeff Donohoe (R) for his dedicated service on the Board.



Rev. Donna Vuilleumier hangs the banner signifying Smith Memorial Church's designation as a Creation Justice Church for its concern for the planet and its population.



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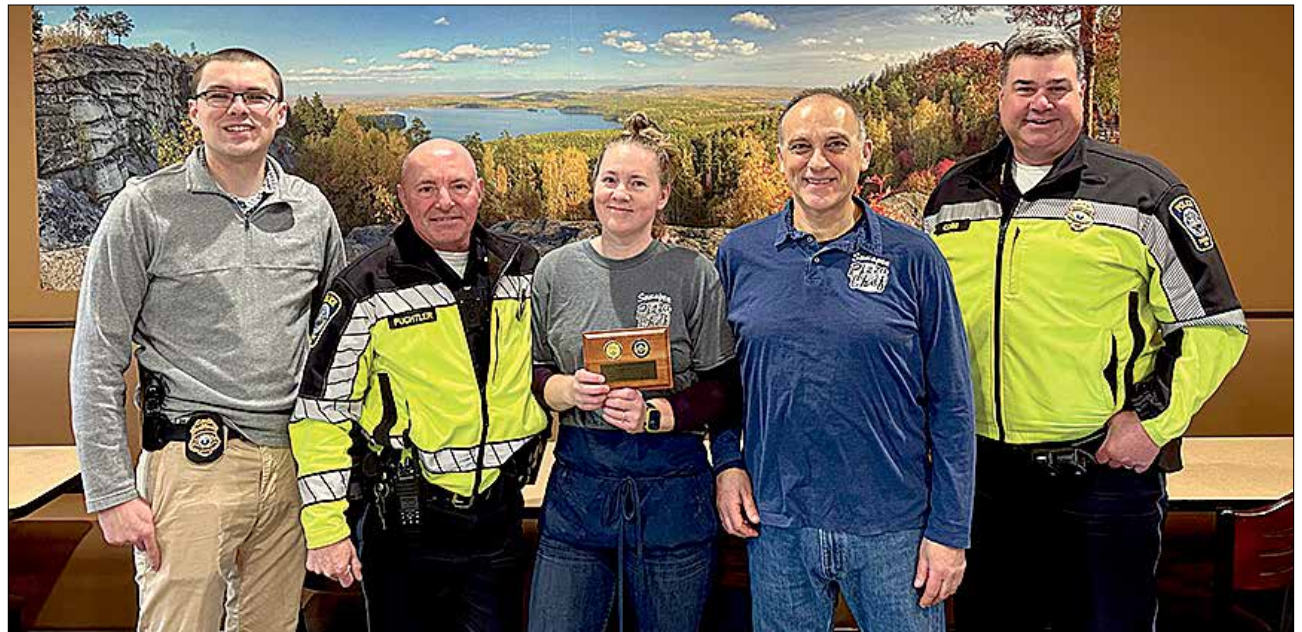
Around Our Towns



The Masons of Hillsborough's Harmony Lodge #38 have reopened the Lodge for the 2026 session.



The Antrim Bennington Lions Club helped out during the St Patrick's Day parade and ice cream social at the NH Veterans Home.



A plaque of recognition was presented to Sunapee Pizza Chef in appreciation of their outstanding generosity and continued support of the Sunapee Police Department and the greater Sunapee community. Through consistent acts of kindness and support, the team at Sunapee Pizza Chef has played a meaningful role in strengthening community relationships and fostering goodwill throughout the town.

Small group of voters approves entire Hancock Warrant

Just over 10% of registered Hancock voters attended the Town Meeting on March 14th.

Moderator Richard Haskins opened the meeting with an oversized gavel which was hardly used after that, as voters quickly approved the entire Warrant with little debate.

Articles 8 through 10 were decided by ballot, each requiring a three-fifths majority.

Article 8, requesting a bond for paved road capital improvements, and Article 10, requesting authorization for a new dump truck, passed after a presentation from Public Works Director Tyler Howe.

Article 9, seeking \$380,000 for the town's water system to comply with the federal Lead and Copper Rule, drew more attention.

After discussing an amendment to the article, which was later withdrawn, it passed on a ballot vote of 135 Yes to 2 No.

After Article 11, the Operating Budget, was amended from \$3,842,405 to \$3,797,433 it passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Jonathan Coyne explained that the decrease was due to some calculation errors discovered after the public budget hearings.

The remaining articles, 12 through 27, drew unanimous approval, most as written, although Article 15 received two amendments and Article 20 received one. The first proposed amendment to Article 15, which changed the name of the fund to the Water Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund, passed. In the second, resident David Carney moved to increase the amount to establish the fund from \$10,000 to \$40,000; although the amendment had one "no" vote, it passed.

Carney also moved to amend Article 20 by adding \$100,000



It was a full house at Antrim's 2026 Town Meeting.

instead of the proposed \$75,000 to the Fire Station Addition/Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. The amended article passed unanimously. Selectboard Chair Betsy Villaume

announced that the town was informed of further deterioration to the Windy Row Bridge, with the most recent report downgrading its condition from "deficient" to "poor." It has

been recommended to close it as soon as possible.

A public information session on the bridge was set for March 23 at the Hancock Town Offices.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Higher vitamin D levels during pregnancy may be linked to better scores on cognitive tests, according to a new study published in *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Researchers found that children whose mothers had higher vitamin D levels while pregnant tended to perform better on cognitive tests assessing skills like problem-solving and processing new information at ages 7 to 12. However, vitamin D levels were not linked to skills based on learned knowledge, such as vocabulary. The association appeared strongest among children of Black mothers, and vitamin D levels measured earlier in pregnancy seemed most important for children's brain development. Black people often have lower vitamin D levels because their skin has more pigment, which makes it harder for the skin to produce vitamin D from sunlight.

Drug treatment for people with newly diagnosed attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is associated with significantly reduced risks of suicidal behaviors, substance misuse, transport accidents, and criminality, finds a study published by *The BMJ*. ADHD affects around 5% of children and 2.5% of adults worldwide and is associated with adverse outcomes including suicidal behaviors, substance misuse, accidental injuries, transport accidents and criminality. Of the 148,581 individuals with ADHD (average age 17 years; 41% female), 84,282 (57%) started drug treatment for ADHD, with methylphenidate being the most commonly prescribed (88.4%). After accounting for factors including age, sex, education level, psychiatric diagnoses and medical history, ADHD medication was associated with a 17% reduction for suicidal behavior, 15% for substance misuse, 12% for transport accidents, and 13% for criminality.

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DENTAL SHAME STOPS PEOPLE SEEKING HELP FOR ORAL HEALTH ISSUES: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

Shame can lead people to avoid getting treatment for dental issues, potentially worsening oral health inequalities, a new study warns. A better understanding of dental shame could encourage more people to seek help, researchers and practitioners have said. It would alleviate some of the devastating consequences that oral health problems can have on overall health, disease and even risk of death.

Researchers warn that healthcare practitioners can incite shame in patients both intentionally and unintentionally. When shaming is used purposefully with the intention to attempt to motivate positive health behaviors, there is no guarantee this will result in beneficial change.

Those working in dentistry and other health care and social settings should be trained in shame competence. This approach includes addressing systemic barriers and designing empathetic and inclusive care environments.

Dental shame can stem directly from oral health issues or the aesthetic appearance of the teeth. It is often more found in those who are vulnerable because of deprivation, trauma or abuse. It is also found in relation to drinking, smoking or eating habits.

It can lead to lower self-worth, social isolation and unfavorable oral health care behaviors.

Shame can help explain why some people don't like to expose their teeth to dentists or tell them they smoke or have a poor diet.

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Andover Fire Rescue's beloved friend and honorary firefighter, Johnny G, paid a visit to Central Fire Station. He hadn't been able to visit them for some time due to dealing with health issues, but they were so glad to see him healthy and back at their kitchen table.



Webster Fire was dispatched to assist Warner with a building fire at the town highway garage. The Chief and two interior firefighters responded with Engine 2 and helped with interior fire attack and water supply. The fire is under investigation.

Francestown voters approve 7.7% increase in Town's Operating Budget

Francestown Town Meeting voters approved a 7.7% increase in the Town's Operating Budget.

The Town Meeting featured a vigorous debate over the proposed 9.8% increase in the town's operating budget.

Town Administrator Jamie Pike said that many of the increases were for items such as insurance and benefits, IT contracts, and ambulance service, that were out of the town's control.

Linda Kundhardt's proposed amendment to cap the

increase at 3% was tabled, and withdrawn, before being re-proposed at 5%, and finally defeated.

However, Select Board Chair Charlie Pyle's amendments to decrease line items for police and transfer station salaries did pass.

After discussing and debating the article for nearly two-and-a-half hours, voters approved a \$2,477,417 budget, a 7.7% increase over the current budget, on a ballot vote of 101 Yes to 46 No.

Voters also approved additional funding for capital reserves, improvements at the transfer station and the fire-house, rehabilitation of the baseball field, the purchase of Fire Department turnout gear,

service-connected disability tax credits, and the renaming of the town's cemeteries. Voters also approved purchasing landscaping equipment and granting the Select Board authority to lease town property.

The meeting celebrated the town's success of receiving approval to withdraw from the ConVal School District. The committee that spearheaded the effort was given a standing ovation.



Andover held well attended Town Meetings last week.



Antrim Police Chief John Blake (L) and the Select Board (R) welcomed Morgan Bernier as the Town's newest police officer.



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School Days



Bow High School pulled out a 350-335 win over Hopkinton High School in the latest episode of Granite State Challenge. Captain Matthew Kropp, a 12th-grader, led the Bow Falcons. The team also included 11th-grader Matthew Mampuzha and 9th-graders Ollie White and Max Lewis, with alternates Anna Mampuzha, a 9th-grader, and Jayden Kropiewnicki, an 11th-grader. Bow was coached by humanities teacher Michelle Hlavaz. Hopkinton was captained by 11th-grader Lucy Beardmore, with Tad Stokes, William Shepard, and Fin Murphy on the team, and Rebecca LeWine and Julia Martel serving as alternates. The Hawks were coached by Social Studies teacher Liam Callahan.



The New Hampshire Telephone Museum (NHTM) visited Henniker Community School first graders as part of the NHTM Traveling Trunks program. The first graders were able to explore sound, electricity, and history through hands-on experiences. The first graders will get to visit the museum later this year.

Goffstown Select Board reallocates \$240,000 from Roads budget to Safety Services

The good news: Goffstown's fire chief will still be able to crew two fire trucks because the Select Board moved some money around in its default budget Monday.

The bad news: The town needs to pay more for fire department personnel to work overtime and account for increases in other departments. Just under \$240,000 was cut from the local roads budget and moved elsewhere.

The Select Board voted unanimously to shift the money out of its road reclamation budget, with several members saying they agreed the town's emergency services needed the money more.

"I can't sleep at night as I'm thinking about our fire department," Select Board member Allison DeCesere said. "I don't lose sleep thinking about potholes messing up my tires, but I do not sleep thinking about (the fire department) pulling up — not just in front of my house, but anybody's house — and not going in. That is terrifying as a mother."

A week earlier, Fire Chief

Benjamin Selleck told the board he could only fill four positions across the town's two fire stations. If their staffing levels went any lower, they'd be able to staff only a single truck and be unable to respond to two emergencies at once, he said.

Funds for the fire department will come from the road reclamation line. Public Works Director Adam Jacobs previously explained reclamation is the most expensive type of road work and it's being done slowly in Pinardville, the part of town next to Manchester.

Although Goffstown's proposed budget was defeated in this year's town elections, nearly 63% of voters (2,019-1,197) approved a separate warrant article raising \$450,000 for the road improvement program. This was partly a reaction to the road conditions in Pinardville.

Town Administrator Derek Horne said the Select Board was not moving any money from the \$450,000 sum, which came from an unassigned fund balance and can't be moved for other purposes.

es. Instead, they moved funds around in the town's operating budget.

This still leaves the town with about \$1.36 million in road funds — about \$211,000 more than it had last year, or an 18% increase — according to a town news release.

With his additional funding, Selleck will have six emergency responders on call at a given time — three at the station near the village's Main Street in the west and three at the station in Pinardville in the east.

This also means three people per truck, which is still below the National Fire Protection Association's standard of four firefighters.

With two companies of three firefighters each, Selleck said it's less likely his staff will be burdened with excessive workloads, which will help with the department's "No. 1 problem," which is retention. Horne said the town typically needs to pay some workers overtime, but increases for overtime are not included in the default budget. "Isn't overtime

in your default budget? No, it is not. And if there was a town out there that does that, and they have a legal opinion, I would hope they would reach out and share it with us," Horne said.

Horne said most of the positions are filled, but they need staff to work overtime when other employees go on vacation, attend training or respond to weather events. Goffstown is budgeting about \$268,000 for police overtime, \$213,000 for public works overtime and \$478,000 for fire department overtime.

Some of Selleck's other concerns couldn't be resolved in just one meeting, however.

Selleck said a third of his staff are still not fully trained because they're certified as firefighters, but not as emergency medical technicians, or vice versa.

Moreover, even with a recent grant from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the department can afford to replace only two out of 50 sets of personal protective equipment, some of

which contain known carcinogens.

"We're going after everything we can, and we have to evaluate this on a monthly basis," Selleck said. "That's assuming we don't have any major issues. It also means that hopefully we don't lose two people for active duty in the military, we don't have any injuries and we don't have any large fires — up on the mountain or anywhere else." Some reclamation funds were also reallocated to cover rising costs elsewhere in the public works department, new information technology hardware and software, completing drainage work at the library, and stipends for the supervisors of the checklist, town moderator, and assistant moderators.

"We're probably going to be back in front of you every couple months, reporting on where we're tracking, and that might be an opportunity where you could throw some more back in reclamation. But I think we're trying to be safe for now," Horne told the Select Board.

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Publisher's Perspective

Inconsistent Voters

It was interesting to observe voters' reactions at the recently completed Hillsborough Town Meeting and the Hillsboro-Deering and School District Meeting.

At each meeting voters decried their high property taxes and adopted resolutions calling on the state to

provide more funding.

All the time ignoring the fact that despite relying on property taxes, NH ranks in the top ten of Student Proficiency and 48th in overall tax burden. Perhaps the following article will convince them otherwise. **LDB**

NH Ranks #1 In Lowest Tax Burden

For the 11th consecutive year, a national data analysis declares New Hampshire's state government the best deal for taxpayers in the nation.

Every year, WalletHub ranks the 50 states based on taxpayer return on investment. On Tuesday, the annual WalletHub report once again ranked New Hampshire No. 1 and credited the state's lack of an income tax as a key reason for its efficiency with tax dollars.

"New Hampshire is the state with the best taxpayer return on investment, which is due in large part to the fact that it has no state income tax," according to the report.

"The Granite State's tax resources have had a good impact on crime prevention and the environment, as the state has the lowest crime rate and the third-lowest air pollution in the country. It has one of the best public school systems as well."

The news comes amid a new debate over whether New Hampshire should adopt an income tax to shift state education funding from property taxes. A new poll from the Saint Anselm College Survey Center released Monday found Granite Staters overwhelmingly oppose an income tax — 71 percent oppose — including a plurality of Democrats.

That makes New Hampshire an outlier among states where Democrats hold most of the top elected offices, such as U.S. House and Senate seats. From Washington state to Maine, there has been a wave of state-level tax hikes over the past year, with more likely on the way.

Not New Hampshire.

"The New Hampshire Advantage is worth protecting, and we're working to preserve it every day," said Gov. Kelly Ayotte. "By keeping taxes low, spending responsibly, and staying focused on results, we are making sure New Hampshire remains the best place in America to live, work, and raise a family."

Voters aren't happy with the tax increase trend, according to WalletHub's Taxpayer Survey. It found that about 66 percent of Americans think their current tax

rate is too high.

To determine the states with the best taxpayer ROI, WalletHub compared state and local tax collections with the quality of services residents receive across all 50 states. The dataset includes 29 key metrics.

New Hampshire has consistently ranked at or near the top in measurements of economic liberty and fiscal responsibility. For example, last year, New Hampshire was again named the best place in North America for economic freedom by the Canada-based Fraser Institute. Florida and South Dakota followed New Hampshire at the top of the ROI rankings. No other New England state made the top 10, and only one, Rhode Island (No. 19), made the top 20. New Mexico was at the bottom of the list, narrowly edging out Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's California.

The rankings reveal a partisan political trend: Nine of the top 10 states are Republican or red-leaning (if you include New Hampshire in that list), while seven of the bottom 10 are blue states like Delaware, New York, and Vermont.

How does New Hampshire do it? Greg Moore with Americans For Prosperity says he gets that question quite a bit when he travels, particularly in the Northeast.

"The answer is that if you don't waste money on bureaucracy, graft, and having government do things it shouldn't, you really don't need to tax people that much. The enforcement mechanisms are structured like a true citizen legislature that can't be bought, an Executive Council that holds agencies accountable, and a citizenry that claps back at any major efforts to raise taxes.

"What we have is working for those of us who want to keep more of our hard-earned money, and those are the type of people who move to the Granite State."

This story was originally published by the NH Journal, an online news publication dedicated to providing fair, unbiased reporting on, and analysis of, political news of interest to New Hampshire. For more stories from the NH Journal, visit NHJournal.com.

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under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale."***

~ Thomas Jefferson

2024 New Hampshire Town Administrator's Salaries

Town	Salary	Population	Median Household Income
Andover	\$85,000	2,450	\$88,514
Dunbarton	\$85,997	3,186	\$124,348
Warner	\$100,000	2,970	\$94,022
Henniker	\$111,250	6,267	\$95,206
Weare	\$120,000	9,220	\$118,271
Hopkinton	\$130,000	6,146	\$137,477
Hillsborough	\$134,700	6,089	\$64,217
Bow	\$139,736	8,397	\$172,857

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Kearsarge volleyball coach needs community's help

Many of you know Meg Lane as our Varsity Volleyball coach. She continues to lead, mentor, and be a constant presence for our student-athletes. Meg has given so much of herself to this community, and now she and her family need our support.

Meg was diagnosed with stage 4 (metastatic) colon cancer at the age of 42. As she begins her treatment journey, she and her husband, Josh, are facing the unimaginable challenge of navigating this diagnosis while continuing to care for their five children, ages 12, 14, 16, 17, and 22.

What is remarkable, and deeply reflective of who Meg is, is that despite this life-changing news, she plans to continue coaching and supporting our student-athletes through the volleyball program. Her unselfishness has already made a profound impact on our school, and in this moment, she continues to model exactly what it means to be part of the Kearsarge family: to care deeply, to commit fully, and to compete, not just in sport, but in life. Meg is fighting not only for herself, but for her family and for this community she has given so much to.

A close friend of Meg shared the following message that captures both the gravity of this moment and the strength of the community around her:

"As many of you know, I've grown up around here all my life. I've met so many wonderful people, mostly through kids and my career as a registered nurse.

I want to tell you about a friend of mine. Some of you may know her, Meg Lane. She has 5 beautiful kids, ages 12, 14, 16, 17, and 22. She coached for volleyball.

My dear friend Meg has been diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer at the age of 42. As many of you know, this is a passion of mine as I was an infusion/chemo nurse at NLH.

Meg and her husband, Josh, who has been a very strong support, will be going through the most difficult thing a person can go through, all while trying to raise their children as normally as possible. Meg starts her chemo journey soon, every two weeks. Anything helps! I'm adding a website for Amazon for a few wish list items, but again, anything helps.

We are a community; let's come together when we are in a time of need!

Thank you for reading, and if you are not able to contribute, please keep them in your prayers! I know it's a difficult time for all."

As a school and as a community, we believe deeply in showing up for one another—especially in moments like this.

If you are able, we ask that you consider supporting Meg and her family through their GoFundMe:

<https://www.gofundme.com/.../support-meg-lanes-fight>.

If you are unable to contribute financially, your thoughts, prayers, and messages of encouragement are just as meaningful.

Meg has poured her heart into Kearsarge athletics and our students. Now it is our turn to rally around her.

Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and for being the kind of community that lifts each other up.



On March 22, at 1:34 p.m., the Francestown Police and Fire departments were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash near Route 136 and Bible Hill Road in Francestown. While en route, emergency personnel were advised that the vehicle had sustained heavy damage and that the airbags had deployed. When first responders arrived, they found the operator was not at the scene. "Just as Officer Julianne Wigsten arrived on scene, she was notified that the operator, who was not wearing any clothing, had returned to the vehicle," stated Francestown Police Chief Mark Philbert. After the scene was secured, EMS personnel treated the driver for cuts and bruises, and Mike's Towing was called to remove the vehicle.

H-D to hold Pre-School & Kindergarten Registrations

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School will accept applications for the Preschool lottery for the 2026-2027 school year. Please pre-register at <https://hdsd.powerschool.com/public/> and then pick up a registration packet at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Main Office 3/30/26-4/10/26 between 8am-4pm.

Children who reside in the towns of Hillsboro, Deering or Windsor and who will be three or four years of age on or before September 30, 2026 are eligible for the preschool lottery. Preschool placement will be announced by the end of June and any additional openings will be filled using a waitlist process.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026 there will be a Preschool Parent Information Night at 5:00 pm at HDES. A typical preschool day will be discussed, followed by a question and answer period. Please bring completed registration application packets. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bennett at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary Main Office @ 464-1122 or cbennett@hdsd.org.

Children who reside in the towns of Hillsboro,

Deering or Windsor and who will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2026 are eligible for kindergarten registration. Please pre-register at <https://hdsd.powerschool.com/public/> and then pick up a registration packet at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Main Office 3/30/26-4/10/26 between 8am-4pm.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026 there will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your completed registration packet. An overview of a typical kindergarten day will be presented to parents, followed by a question and answer period. Kindergarten screenings will also be scheduled at this time. We understand how unsettling it can be to parents to send their child off to school for the first time. We hope this information session will help parents feel more secure about the wonderful experience that awaits their child at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School. We are looking forward to meeting you on May 20th.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bennett at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary Main Office @ 464-1122 or cbennett@hdsd.org.

Newbury man faces additional 10-20 years in jail

A man who used to live in Newbury is facing new federal charges.

U.S Attorney Erin Creegan said Marc Jacques was indicted this week after allegedly possessing child sexual abuse material while waiting to go to prison.

That's when Jacques had already pleaded guilty to

distributing similar material and was sentenced to five years in prison.

While on release, officials say that a probation officer discovered unauthorized device activity and a thumb drive containing illegal videos. Jacques now faces 10 to 20 additional years if convicted.



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Newport police chief accused of sexual misconduct

Two Claremont police officers lied about their affair during an internal investigation. The woman told the truth, and ended up on the EES, also known as the Laurie List of police with credibility problems.

The man is currently Chief Alex Lee of the Newport Police Department.

At the same time, Officer Truesdell's accusations of Lee's disturbing behavior seem to have been ignored by the Attorney General's Office, Newport officials, and an outside agency hired by Claremont.

Truesdell acknowledges she contacted the Attorney General's Office when she learned that Lee had been named Newport's interim chief, but her speaking out is not simply a form of revenge. She now believes she was manipulated and used, essentially targeted by Lee for exploitation.

"When they made him chief, I just felt so betrayed. My law enforcement career was absolutely ruined because of him. And then they made him chief, and it was just, I had enough."

Lee was contacted by InDepthNH.org and declined to speak on record.

Truesdell was around 26 and working for Kearsarge Magazine. Her boss at the time learned Truesdell always wanted to be a police officer, and as a Christmas gift paid for a couple of classes at River Valley Community College in Claremont.

Truesdell was then 27 and the new law enforcement career was something positive in her otherwise chaotic life. That's when he started encouraging Truesdell to apply for a new opening in the unit.

"He handpicked me," Truesdell said.

Once Lee was Truesdell's direct superior in late 2017, they began flirting over text messages, and the messages became overtly sexual, according to statements made in the report written by Richard Mello. Mello, the former Lebanon police chief, operates Mello Consulting and Training and was hired in 2023 by Claremont to conduct an investigation. Truesdell said that when their affair first came under scrutiny in Claremont, Lee told her to destroy the evidence and delete messages off her phone.

In May of 2018, Truesdell and Lee were working with State Police on the still unsolved murder of Jesse Jarvis in Claremont.

Their relationship became physical, with the pair meeting at her house for sex, sometimes during the work day. There was also sexual activity in the police station, as well as in Lee's unmarked cruiser, according to Truesdell's statements to Mello. Lee denied sexual contact in the station, but confirmed to Mello the pair engaged in sexual activity in his cruiser.

Lee had nominated Trues-



Newport Police Chief Alex Lee.

dell for the "Officer of the Year" award and wrote a glowing recommendation for her while they were conducting their affair.

The 2019 internal investigation ended with Chief Mark Chase telling Lee he would be terminated for his conduct. Instead, Lee resigned from the Claremont Police Department. Truesdell kept her job, but was reassigned out of the detective's unit.

But between the end of the internal investigation when Truesdell took her children on a pre-planned vacation, Lee entered her empty home without her permission, and took photos of himself in various stages of undress and texted those to her. He also texted her a video of himself masturbating on a pair of her underwear, which he left on her bed.

This incident did not come to

light until 2023, by which time Lee was the interim chief in Newport, soon to be the permanent chief.

The Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit took a pass on Truesdell's allegations. Michael Garrity, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, provided a prepared statement "Speaking generally, the New Hampshire Department of Justice Public Integrity Unit reviews complaints to determine whether available evidence supports a criminal investigation; not every complaint meets that legal threshold. Some matters may be appropriate for internal administrative review," Garrity said in the statement.

Mello's investigation found that both Truesdell and Lee lied during Chase's 2019 investigation, and that they should both be reported to the Attorney General for inclusion on the EES. The Claremont Police

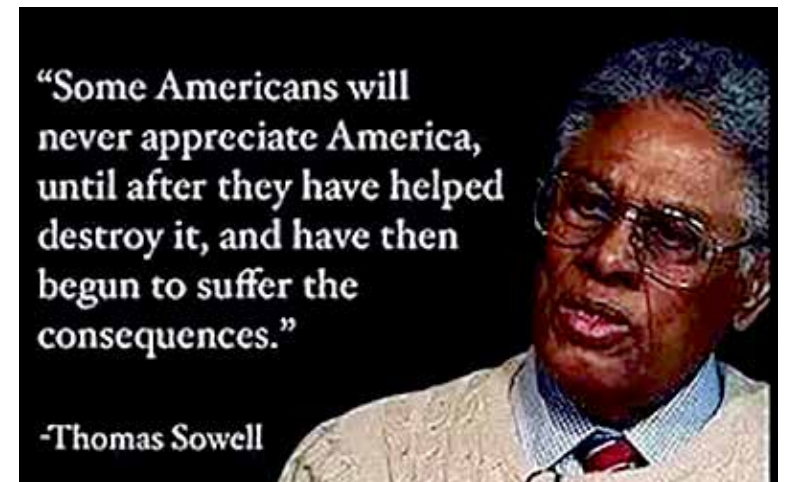
Commission voted to accept the Mello report and report Lee for the EES.

Commissioner John Hunt told InDepthNH that Wilmot did send the Attorney General's Office EES notification for Lee, and the Attorney.

Lee ended up filing a lawsuit against the Claremont Police Commission to overturn their vote. The lawsuit was resolved in February of 2025, when Sullivan County Superior Court Judge James Kennedy ruled that the commission did not err in agreeing with the Mello report findings.

"To be clear, and at the very least, the Commission had a basis to sustain the Mello Report findings that Plaintiff was untruthful relative to his on-duty sexual relations" Kennedy wrote. In the year since Kennedy's ruling, Lee is still not on the EES.

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Warner selectman arrested and charged with falsifying a public document

A Warner selectman has been arrested for tampering with public records by replacing a document in a locked file cabinet in Town Hall.

According to the complaint, Michael Smith turned himself in on charges of “knowingly making a false alteration to a document kept by the government for record, by removing writing and replacing said document with an altered copy.”

On July 23, Smith wrote

“NO F—ING WAY” on the town’s check manifest related to a request to take money from the transfer station reserve fund to pay for an invoice. In place of his signature, he wrote, “FU,” according to police records.

Footage from a Security camera showed Smith removing the original document from a folder and replacing it between 4:49 a.m. and 5:11 a.m., according to the probable cause

statement filed in court by the Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office.

He is scheduled to appear in the Hillsborough District Court on April 7 at 8:15 a.m.

Town Administrator Kathleen Frenette was put on paid administrative leave July 31

pending a criminal investigation, the status of which could not be confirmed at the time of publication.

Warner residents discussed her seven-month absence at Tuesday’s select board meeting.

Residents asked the board about Frenette’s employment

status, but Selectman Alfred Hanson, the Board’s new chair responded that he could not provide an answer.

Smith did not address the charges against him at the public meeting, but did say, “There’s no reason why we couldn’t vote to bring her back right now.”



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Mary Margaret Morehouse Rogers



Hillsborough - Mary Margaret Morehouse Rogers, 64, passed away peacefully at home on March 18, 2026, following a short but valiant battle with cancer. She was born on July 15, 1961, the daughter of Raymond and Margaret Mary (McCarthy) Morehouse of Dorchester, MA. Mary married David Rogers and they relocated to Hillsborough. Mary was predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Margaret (Peg) Morehouse; her aunt, Alice Patterson; her sister, Carole Piekos; her brother, Eddie Morehouse; and her beloved young son, William Raymond Estabrook. She is survived by her husband, David (Dave); her sons, Brian Estabrook and his wife, Eileen O'Hara; Daniel Estabrook and his partner, Margeaux Miller; her daughter, Caroline Estabrook and her partner, Daniel Sherburne; her sisters, Janet Parmiter and her husband, Bruce; Ellen Benthall and her husband, Dan; and her brother-in-law William (Billy) Piekos; and her lifelong, dearest friend, "sister from a different mother", Charlotte Gillespie. Mary is also survived by many nieces and nephews, innumerable friends, and her two cherished dogs, Bailey and Fanny. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillsborough Lions Club, in care of Treasurer Alan Ager, to the Lake Winnepesaukee Playhouse, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, or to a charity of one's choice. Additionally,

on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from Noon to 4:00 p.m., a Celebration of Mary's Life, including a time of remembrance and a potluck meal, will be held at the Stonewall Farm Inn, 235 Windsor Road, Hillsborough, NH.

Melanie Anne MacDonald



New Boston - Melanie MacDonald passed peacefully, surrounded by family, on March 18, 2026 at Concord Hospital. Melanie was born on the first full day of Spring, March 21, 1974, in Willingboro, NJ, to Daniel and Marie MacDonald. In 1974, the family moved to New Boston, NH. Melanie is survived by her parents Daniel and Marie MacDonald of New Boston, her son Logan Brown, and daughter Madelyn Brown, her brother Greg MacDonald and wife Dawn MacDonald, brother Ben MacDonald, brother Nathan MacDonald and wife Kathleen MacDonald and their daughters Gwen and Sophie, sister Allison Poore and husband Nathan Poore and children Eli, Isaac, Mackenzie, and Caleb, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the New Boston Central School, 15 Central School Rd, New Boston.

Zachary R.C. Caldwell

Franklin - Zachary Robert Charles Caldwell of Franklin, NH, passed away on March 11, 2026. Zachary was born in Manchester, NH on July 23, 1992. Zachary



is survived by his father and step mother, Clifford and Wendy Caldwell, sister, Alexis Caldwell, brothers Joshua and Clifford Caldwell, his nieces Luna and Nova Hill, his grandmother, Shelia Merrow, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Zachary also leaves behind his best friend Joe Elliot, plus many other dear friends that he loved so much. Zachary was preceded in death by his mother, Laura Caldwell, grandparents, and an uncle. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Zachary.

Linda Irene Marchant



Hillsboro - Linda Irene Marchant, 75, of Hillsboro passed peacefully at Pleasant View Center in Concord on Friday, March 16, 2026. Linda was born in Littleton on February 23, 1951 to the late Edward M. Murchie and Irene E. (Bellamy). Linda is survived by her son, Kirk Morrill and his wife Jesse of Contoocook, her stepchildren, James Marchant of Mount Pleasant MI, William Marchant III and his wife Melynda, Suzane McCutcheon and her husband Jeff and Lisa Enman and husband Mathew of Rochester, NH. She is also survived by her brother Gates Murchie and his wife Candance of Annapolis, MD, her sister-in-law Kay Murchie, and her grandchildren, David Morrill and Jason Morrill of Contoocook. She is predeceased by her husband William Marchant, her parents Edward and Irene Murchie and her brother Kirk Murchie.

Constance Appel



New London - Connie Appel, age 78, died at New London Hospital on Friday, February 27th. Connie was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Jean, by her sister, Susan, and by her beloved husband. She is survived by her son, Kevin, daughter, Lauren, and grandchildren Ian and Abby. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews Church on March 28th at 10:30. In lieu of flowers, donations welcome to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice or to New London Hospital.

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Are you a local business or artist? The Childhood Cancer Lifeline is accepting donations for this event until the end of March. If interested in supporting this event, please email info@childhoodcancerlifeline.org or call (603) 645-1489. Thank you for your support!

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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COFFEE TASTING: White Birch General Store will host a special community coffee tasting and live music event from 11am to 1pm, inviting guests to enjoy complimentary samples from Fogbuster Coffee Works while experiencing live acoustic music and a preview of the store's newest breakfast offering. In addition to the coffee tasting, guests will enjoy live music from Tyler Allgood, a self-taught, multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter from Bennington, New Hampshire. Allgood's acoustic performance will provide the perfect soundtrack for a relaxed late-morning gathering centered around great coffee and community. The event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

WHAT'S THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOUSE?: 3pm-4pm, 93 Main Street (Sutton Mills), Bradford, NH. The Sutton Free

Library is co-hosting an event with the Sutton Historical Society on Sunday March 29th at 3pm. It is a NH Humanities To Go event at Town Hall. Erin Moulton, genealogical researcher, will present "What's the History of Your House?" Using newspapers, maps, deeds, directories and more, Erin will show us how to investigate the history of a building and what insights could be discovered. The best thing about tracking down the history of a house is that your research subject usually stays in one place! The event is free and open to all, and the Historical Society will be providing refreshments.

SATURDAY APRIL 4

FRANCESTOWN PERFORMANCE: Francestown Academy Coffeehouse: performance begins at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm at the Francestown Town Hall. Variety of music with featured act Andrew Koutroubas, cellist. Also artist's display by Ellien Laramée Byers, along with snack foods. \$8 suggested donation per person.

SUNDAY APRIL 5

SUNRISE SERVICE: The community Easter Sunrise service is again at Hillsborough's Intrepid Farm. This will be 6am.

FRIDAY APRIL 17

ANDOVER CELEBRATION: Join us at the Fire District meeting as we celebrate Andover Fire Commissioners Glenn Haley, John Kenney, and Scott Kidder, Chief Steve Barton and Deputy Davis Grant for their dedication and support of the Andover Community.

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AA MEETINGS

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TOWN OF DEERING PAVING BIDS

The Town of Deering Highway Department will be accepting bids for paving in 2026. The Town will be reclaiming and paving approximately 6,050' by 21' on Reservoir Road. The Town will be looking at putting down 2.5" of base coat, 1.5" of topcoat. The Town will be reclaiming and paving approximately 1800' by 21' feet wide on Fisher Road. The Town will be looking at putting down 2.5" base coat, and 1.5" topcoat. The contractor shall supply all equipment, supplies, and labor. The Town will not supply traffic control; it will be provided by the bidder. For any questions or details, you may contact the Road Agent at 603-748-3028. Proof of insurance and W-9's must accompany bids. Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Deering Town Hall at 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244. The Town reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids close April 16, 2026. Please see the Town's website for the full proposal.

HILLSBORO-DEERING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten Registration School Year 2026-2027

Children must reside in Hillsboro, Deering or Windsor and be 5 yrs. old on or before 9/30/2026.

Please pre-register at <https://hdsd.powerschool.com/public/> and then pick up a registration packet at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Main Office 3/30/26-4/10/26 between 8am-4pm.

Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be on 5/20/26 at 5:30pm

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bennett at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary Main Office @ 464-1122 or cbennett@hdsd.org.

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TOWN OF HENNIKER PUBLIC HEARING

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AMENDMENT TO TOWN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 77 PARKS AND RECREATION ARTICLE I Riverfront Parking Areas

The Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 7, at 6:30 PM, to hear public comment regarding amendments to Town Ordinance Chapter 77 Parks and Recreation Article I Riverfront Parking Areas. The public hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting. Reference materials will be available with the posted agenda package.

More information is available on the Town website or contact the Town Administrator at 603-428-3221 x105

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL

The Hillsboro-Deering School District is accepting applications for anticipated preschool openings for the 2026-2027 school year. The program is available to children who will reach the age of 3 or 4 by September 30, 2026 and are a resident of Hillsboro, Deering, or Windsor. Please pre-register at <https://hdsd.powerschool.com/public/> and then pick up a registration packet at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Main Office 3/30/26-4/10/26 between 8am-4pm. On Wednesday, May 20, 2026 there will be a Preschool Parent Information Night at 5:00 pm at HDES. Please bring completed registration application packets. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Bennett at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary Main Office @ 464-1122 or cbennett@hdsd.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD ATTENTION: WASHINGTON RESIDENTS

The Washington School Board is seeking to fill a vacant seat on the school board from March 2026 through March 2027. If you are a Washington resident interested in serving on the Washington School Board for this period of time, please submit by Friday, April 10, 2026, a letter of interest to the Washington School Board, c/o SAU #34, 78 School Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244 or amills@hdsd.org.

TOWN OF WINDSOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & RSA 675:7 that the Windsor Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a proposed lot line adjustment for Michael and Darlene Cuddy, 427 Windsor Road, Windsor, NH.

Proposed lot line adjustment located at:
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