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Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair

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The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day.

Upcoming Meetings:

1/8/2019	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
1/9/2019	Budget Committee	7pm	Town Hall
1/10/2019	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/14/2019	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/16/2019	Budget Committee	7pm	Town Hall
1/16/2019	Historic District Commission	10am	Town Hall
1/22/2019	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
1/23/2019	Sewer Commission	9am	WWTF Plant
1/14/2019	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/30/2019	Budget Comm. (if needed)	7pm	Town Hall
1/31/2019	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

Sign up (Jan. 23rd - Feb. 1st) to run for the following offices:

Selectman	1-3year term
Treasurer	1-3year term
Fire Engineer	1-3year term
Police Commissioner	1-3year term & 1-1 year term
Sewer Commissioner	1-3year term & 1-1 year term
Trustee of the Trust Fund	1-3year term
Budget Committee	3-3year terms
Library Trustees	2-3year terms
Supervisor of the Checklist	1-4year term
Cemetery Trustee	1-3year term
Planning Board	1-1 year term & 2-3year terms
School Board Member	1-3year term
School Board Moderator	1-2year term

Road Agent Message:

Grant Award- The Rockingham Planning Commission awarded a grant of \$5,000. to Newington for a Road Surface Management System project. This provided Newington with information on their road system's condition and estimates for future maintenance costs. The main objective of this project is to identify distressed pavement manifestations such as cracking or rutting so that Newington can prioritize maintenance to maximize their return on investment and road quality. The process involved completing a road inventory, condition survey, priority analysis, repair selection, and planning/budget preparation. The final reports have been completed and will be used to develop the 2019 Highway Resurfacing budget.

Woodbury Avenue: This spring the State Department of Transportation will continue work on the improvements to the Woodbury Avenue corridor in preparation of turning the road over to the Town in the fall. The upgrades will include replacing the traffic signals with state-of-the-art integrated technology, resetting granite curbing, correcting the vertical alignment at Piscataqua Drive and Woodbury Avenue, and repaving the corridor from Fox Run Road to the Town line at Gosling Road.

In addition to the work completed by the State, the Town is incorporating additional roadway improvements into the project. Right turn slip lanes will be constructed into both Piscataqua Drive and into The Crossings Mall which will ease traffic congestion. Portions of the Woodbury Avenue raised concrete median will be removed from Fox Run Road to Piscataqua Drive to provide vegetation. Piscataqua Drive will be reconstructed from the limits of the State ROW to Shattuck Way.

Leonard Thomas, Road Agent

Eversource Transmission Line Expansion Update:

The Board of Selectmen met with the Durham Town Administrator about the Eversource Transmission Line Expansion. They discussed strategies regarding an appeal. It was agreed to wait for further discussion until the attorneys review the written SEC order.

All of the SEC transcripts are complete and available on the town website but we are still waiting for the final written SEC decision and reasoning behind it. Once the town attorneys receive this they will be able to determine what action to recommend. We expect the SEC decision to be issued in early February.

In the meantime the Selectmen have charged the town attorneys with review of the meeting transcripts.

The Selectmen and Denis Hebert welcome any questions at any time. These can be forwarded to mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com and she will forward them to whomever you address the e-mail to.

The Selectmen plan to have a public hearing as soon as the above information and analysis have been completed. We will send out an informational mailer to all residences outlining the issues as well.

Denis Hebert is available, as the Town's point person for this matter, to discuss concerns with any resident. His home number is 431-0587. He has stated that residents are welcome to call with questions.

Anticipation of Taxes Loan

In answer to some questions the Town Hall has received; tax bills were mailed out late this year and as a result cash flow was low in December. In order to meet our commitments we borrowed funds for 14 days, after discussion, at a joint meeting with the Sewer Commission. The Sewer Commission agreed to the loan with the approval of their legal counsel.

We are very appreciative and want to publicly thank the Sewer Commissioners for their cooperation.

Minutes of the Selectmen's meeting and Sewer Commission reflect this meeting and are on line to be viewed. Thanks again to the Sewer Commissioners.

Santa toured Newington on one of our fire trucks in December



Recreation News

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Recreation Committee! We have set up the skating rink by the tennis courts (with the help of our Fire Dept!) for your enjoyment. We ask that after use, please shovel the rink. We leave shovels in the warming hut for all to use- not shoveling will make for an unpleasant skating surface the next day as the "snow" will turn to ice and make a bumpy surface.

We are always looking for new committee members to join our group. If you are interested please send an e-mail to: selectmen@newington.nh.us

Langdon Library News:

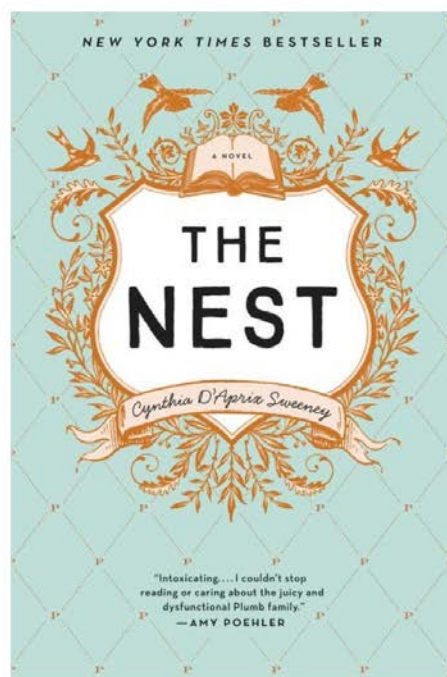
JANUARY BOOK GROUP

FRI. JAN. 18 @ 10:30 AM

OR

WED. JAN. 23 @ 6:30 PM

COPIES AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT
AT THE DESK



Recycling News:

Please make sure you follow the chart below when dropping off recyclables at the Transfer Station. We can't put bubble wrap, plastic strapping, plastic bags or Styrofoam in the recycling hopper or the town is charged a fee! Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

RECYCLE HERE

YES



rigid plastic
containers
#1 - 7



paper, newspaper,
paper bags, magazines,
envelopes, flyers and books



glass jars
and bottles



paper coffee cups and milk,
juice, dairy-free milk
and broth cartons



cardboard, paperboard
and tubes

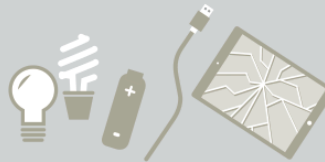


metal cans, pots
and pans

NO



plastic bags, bubble wrap
or plastic wrap



light bulbs, batteries
or electronics



food and yard waste
or demolition debris



bagged
recyclables
or trash



to-go lids, styrofoam,
straws and napkins



hoses, ropes
and textiles



diapers or
pet waste



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Message from the Police Chief:

Hoping everyone had a Happy Hanukah and a Merry Christmas.

Most of the surveys have come in with an over whelming approval of your police department. With this being said, there is always room for improvement, as some residents have pointed out. Thank you all for your input.

During the month of January, I will be calculating the numbers and sharing the results in the February e-newsletter and on our Facebook page.

There were varied answers to the question on how you rate us in distributing information. We disseminate information through the department website; newingtonnphpd.com, Facebook; Newington Police Department (make sure it is NH and not CT), and through the towns e-newsletter. My office is always open and I can be reached through email; mbilodeau@newingtonnphpd.com.

This spring we will have a Strategic Planning session; Citizen SWOT; (Strength, weaknesses, opportunity, and Threats), where residents will be invited to the police department for a meet and greet and a sit down discussion on how to proceed with the recommendations in the survey.

On December 27, 2018, we swore in 11 year old Alex from Gonic, NH as an Honorary Newington Police Officer. Through the Salvation Army, Alex requested a toy police car with lights and sirens. Detective Sergeant Harland received Alex's wish, purchased a remote control cruiser with lights and sirens and asked if there was anything else we should do for him. So of course we did. We sent a letter to Alex with our patch and invited him to the police department. Alex was sworn in and received an official special police officer badge. He was given a tour of the department, met with officers and did a ride along with Officer Sobel. This is an example of why we love doing what we do. Thank you to everyone who made this a special day for Alex!!!!



Please be safe and use sound judgment.

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief

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[All enjoyed the Recreation Committee’s Holiday Dinner in December](#)



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Town Clerk/Tax Collector Tues 2 - 6pm, Wed and Thurs 9 - 1pm,
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 8 - 4pm,
Planning Dept. - Mon - Fri 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
Langdon Library - Tues 3 - 8pm, Wed 12 - 7pm, Thurs 10 - 5pm, Fri 10 - 5pm, Sat 10 - 4pm,
Transfer Station Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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