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Board of Selectmen

Timothy “Ted” Connors, Chair
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Michael Marconi

The Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. / Civil Rights Day holiday.

Upcoming Meetings:

1/6/2020	Board of Fire Engineers	6pm	Fire Station
1/7/2020	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
1/8/2020	Board of Selectmen & Library Trustees	5pm	Town Hall
1/8/2020	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/9/2020	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/13/2020	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
1/15/2020	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/15/2020	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
1/20/2020	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
1/22/2020	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/29/2020	Budget Committee (if needed)	6:30pm	Town Hall
1/30/2020	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

Highway Department:



Reminder: During these icy months there is sand and salt at the Town Garage salt shed for your use. Just bring a shovel and bucket!

Snowshoeing at Great Bay Wildlife Refuge



Follow this link to Fosters News and find out how to sign up for snowshoe tours at the Great Bay Wildlife Refuge!

<https://www.fosters.com/news/20191224/snowshoe-tours-offered-at-great-bay-refuge>



Fire Department

How to Handle a Power Outage at Home

BEFORE A POWER OUTAGE

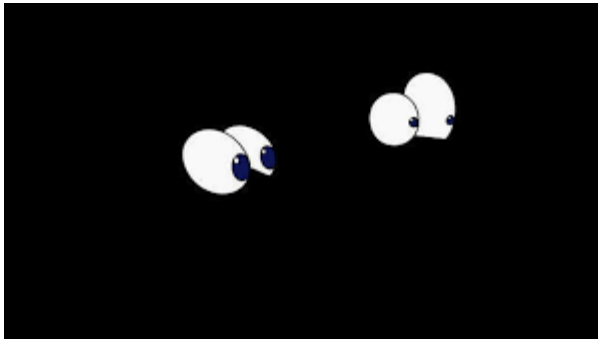
- Build or restock your [emergency preparedness kit](#), including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.



- Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices. Make sure you have [alternative charging methods](#) for your phone or any device that requires power.
- Consider purchasing a generator to power critical equipment during a blackout. Choose a generator that produces more amps than you need – because some machines draw up to 3 times as much power when starting up, and others lose efficiency over time. For information on how to choose a generator, check out [this guide from the American Red Cross](#).
- If you have a generator, install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every floor of your home. This will help provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- To keep your food from spoiling, freeze water-filled plastic containers ahead of the storm and place them inside your fridge when the power goes out. Filling a cooler with ice to store your refrigerated goods can also help keep your food cold for a longer period of time during a prolonged blackout.

- Items such as fruit bars, peanut butter, nuts and trail mixes, crackers and canned juices are great to stockpile.
- Fill your bathtub with water for sanitary purposes. Bathtub water should not be used for drinking. Have plenty of bottled drinking water in case your water supply gets contaminated.
- Keep your car's gas tank full as gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. It is also worth getting extra containers and filling them up with gas. If the power is out for an extended period of time, gas supply may be limited and service station lines could be long.

DURING A POWER OUTAGE



- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting as candles can cause fires.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full). Eat the perishable food from the refrigerator first and then use the

food from the freezer. Save you non-perishable dry goods to eat after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.

- If it appears that the power will be out for more than 24 hours, prepare a cooler with ice (or snow!) for your freezer items. Keep the cooler in a dry, cool spot and covered at all times. And though storing your frozen food outside in the cold weather seems like a good idea, it can attract stray animals to your outdoor food store. You may not be able to smell frozen peas through a plastic bag, but that won't stop curious, hungry animals from checking it out.
- Allowing water to drip from the faucets helps prevent pipes from freezing. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children. If needed, wrap pipes in insulation or newspaper.
- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment. Turn off or disconnect any appliances or other equipment that was on when the power went out. When the power is restored, a momentary power "surge" can damage computers and other sensitive devices.
- NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system. Only use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon

monoxide to come indoors. If the CO alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door, and call the Fire Department.

- Put on layers of warm clothing to stay warm and keep a scarf over your face/mouth to prevent cold air from entering your lungs.

AFTER A POWER OUTAGE



- If electrical power lines are down, don't touch them. Keep your family and pets away. Be extra cautious of downed electrical wires that can be hidden by snow.
- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures over 40 degrees for 2 hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. Never taste food or rely on appearance or odor to determine its safety. When in doubt, throw it out. If food in the freezer is colder than 40 degree and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Contact your doctor if you're concerned about medications having spoiled.
- Restock your emergency kit with fresh batteries, canned foods and other supplies.

Fire Department News for January 2020

The end of 2019 brought a load of good things to finish out the year.

- Acting Lieutenant Brian Berghorn and Firefighter Kayla Reno both volunteered their time to put on a sock and food drive for the homeless with the help of Newington Wal-Mart. There was a lot of support from the public and the donations were made to both the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Newington and Gather Food Pantry in Portsmouth. Both recipients were very appreciative.
- The annual Santa Parade was a hit and the food donations, received from the residents to go towards End 68 Hours of Hunger, was incredible. We were able to donate nearly 400lbs of food to the Portsmouth chapter.
- Fire Department members volunteered their time at the annual toy drive at Wal-Mart. Between there and several donation boxes throughout Town, we brought in several hundred toys. The toys that were not needed in Town were donated, in conjunction with South Berwick Fire Department and Rochester Fire Department, to the Pittsburg NH Fire Department. Between the towns, we were able to fill a 24' long trailer. Newington's Lieutenant Pat

Moynihan volunteered to drive the trailer full of toys for nearly 8-hour round trip up to Pittsburg.

- The Fire Department was also invited to be part of the first ever “Car Menorah Parade” by invitation from the Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center in Durham. The ride went from Durham to Newington at the Mall at Fox Run where they met Newington’s Tower 3 for the kids to collect chocolates dropped from the basket of the Tower. The kids had a great time and the Rabbi was very appreciative.

E.J. Hoyt,
Fire Chief

Economic Development

Newington’s Economic Development Committee is pleased to announce the launching of a dedicated portal on the Town’s website to serve as a resource for the Town’s existing business community and those considering becoming part of the Newington business community. The new site has detailed information regarding the community and current businesses and highlights opportunities / locations that may attract a business to locate or relocate to Newington. Interested residents, commercial brokers and site selection professionals will find useful information here.

The economic strength of a community depends on building the local tax base by diversifying the economy while creating and retaining jobs and encouraging sustainability. Significant changes in the way energy is produced, as well as the way people shop, are causing the Town to look at ways to maintain the strong commercial / industrial tax base Newington has long enjoyed due to the foresight of its prior citizens. The Economic Development Committee’s objectives are to retain our existing businesses by showing that they are appreciated, and to provide a welcoming atmosphere for those considering bringing their businesses to what, by geography and proper planning, is the Business Center of the Seacoast.

Please check out the new site at www.newington.nh.us/economic-development. The Committee welcomes comments and suggestions to improve its content and presentation which can be directed to Karen Anderson the Town’s special projects coordinator at kanderson@townofnewingtonnh.com

January Langdon Library Events

[Tues., Jan. 7 | 6-8 PM](#)

Winter Warm-Up

The Winter Warm-Up is the library’s annual celebration of the Newington community. Sandwiches, snacks, cupcakes, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are served.

[Thurs., Jan. 9 | 3-5 PM](#)

[Tues., Jan. 21 | 5-7 PM](#)

Tech Talks with Randall Bush Do you have a question about your phone, email, computer or tablet? We can help! Randall Bush is available for drop in questions. First come first served.

[Tues., Jan. 14 | 6:30 PM](#)

[Fri., Jan. 17 | 10:30 AM](#)

Book Group To join our monthly book group, sign out your copy at the desk the month before, and tell us which date you prefer—you may come to either or both! Light refreshments and lively discussion are enjoyed. This month's selection: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple.

[Wed., Jan. 15 | 5:30 PM](#)

Kids’ Craft Night: Watercolor & Salt Paintings

Children will use watercolor paints and iodized salt to make their own colorful, textured paintings.

Saturday, 1/18: CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, 1/20: CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

[Wed., Jan. 29 | 5:30 PM](#)

Kids' Game Night is a monthly program for children from preschool through grade 6. A large selection of board and card games, chess, and puzzles are available in the children's room for children and their families and friends.

[Thu, Jan. 30 | 10:30 AM](#)

Caregiver Café is a collaborative effort between Cornerstone VNA and the Langdon Public Library. Caregivers and their loved ones are invited to join us for a morning of support, conversation and education. Light refreshments served.

[Fri., Jan. 3 | 10:30 AM, Fri., Jan. 10 | 10:30 AM, Fri., Jan. 17 | 10:30 AM, Fri., Jan. 24 | 10:30 AM](#)

[& Fri., Jan. 31 | 10:30 AM](#)

Friday Family Hour meets weekly at 10:30 AM for children pre-K and younger, caregivers and parents. Miss Amanda incorporates simple crafts, stories and songs to stimulate early brain development in the tiniest residents of Newington and their friends.

Here is the link to our most recent newsletter: <https://conta.cc/39BrRj8>

Lara Berry, MEd
Director, Langdon Public Library
NHLTA Board of Directors
MLIS Candidate, San Jose State University



Playset Christmas lights- Boston Family, Fox Point Road

Planning Department

Highlights of Development Projects in 2019

Storage Barn of Newington II, LLC, River and Shattuck: The Board granted conditional approval to the 2nd self-storage application on March 11, 2019. Construction is underway.

Riverside Marine, 34 Patterson: Altus Engineering monitored site construction, which was completed in the summer.

Fabyan Point Road Subdivision: The developer successfully completed all required site work. Altus Engineering and the Planning Board recommended acceptance of Fabyan Point Road as a Town road and the Board of Selectmen accepted the road in December.

Dennett Farm Subdivision (aka Lydia Lane): Throughout 2019, the Board worked with the property owners to ensure the developer successfully completed all required infrastructure improvements. After meetings with the property owners and developer, the developer successfully completed all required site work. Altus Engineering and the Planning Board recommended acceptance of Lydia Point Road as a Town road. The Board of Selectmen accepted the road in December.

2061 Woodbury Avenue: In 2018, the Planning Board granted conditional approval to the application for a hotel. However, in December 2018, Northeast Credit Union purchased the site and plans to construct a four story office building to serve as its corporate headquarters. The Board met with Northeast Credit representatives for a preliminary consultation in December.

90 Arboretum Drive: Construction of this 73,000 SF office building on PDA land began in late 2018.

Sprague Energy, 372 Shattuck Way: The Board approved a polymer injection facility for this site, but Sprague and its partner decided to abandon the project.

Aldi's at The Crossing: The Board granted conditional approval on August 26, 2019 and construction started in late 2019.

141 Shattuck Way, proposed hotel: As the approval (2007) for this project long expired, the owners resubmitted an application, which the Board denied in June without prejudice. The applicant applied for and received four variances from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and then resubmitted the site plan application in November. The project is currently under Planning Board review.

McGovern Auto Group Subaru facility: The applicant plans to redevelop the former Toys R Us site into a new Subaru Automobile facility. The Board accepted the application as complete in November and the project is currently under review with conditional approval expected in early 2020.

117 Gosling Road LLC: The Board approved a site plan with an upgraded parking lot, drainage and site improvements.

271 Nimble Hill Road: The landowner proposes a 13 lot subdivision. The Board and landowner had two preliminary consultation meetings in the first half of 2020. Major issues include the road length and wetlands. The Board accepted the project as complete in November and the project is currently under review.

Proposed telecommunications cell tower: The Board and Town Planner worked with Verizon and Sprague Energy to have a new cell tower co located on the existing Dragon cement tower on the Sprague site. Co-location did not require approval by the Planning Board.

Piscataqua Drive and Woodbury Ave: In December, the Board met with three property owners – Wilcox, Northeast Credit Union and Minddrift, LLC (15 Piscataqua Road) – to discuss consistency regarding site and building design, landscaping, parking and traffic flow. With these three new developments, there is the possibility for new 600 new jobs at this intersection and an opportunity to create a very attractive gateway into Newington's industrial area.

The Board reviewed new tenants at the Mooney Building, at 32 Nimble Hill Road and approved a revised landscape plan for Essential Power Newington, LLC.

Proposed 2020 amendments to the Newington Zoning Ordinance

In the fall 2019, the Board worked on the following five amendments: 1) residential solar ordinance; 2) clarification to Building Code item # 2; 3) clarification to Building Code item # 8; 4) 200 foot buffer for a major gas pipeline; and 5) clarification to Article IX Signs. Town residents will vote on the proposed amendments at the annual Town Meeting on Tuesday March 10, 2020.

Planning Projects

Master Plan Update: In September, the Board adopted the following master plan chapters: vision, existing and future land use, housing and transportation. The Planning Board previously adopted the chapter on climate change and adaptation and in late 2019 worked on the following chapters: natural resources, utilities and historic resources.

Mixed Use Study: The Board contracted with two planning consultants to study the possibility of mixed use development with a residential component in the Mall area. The study findings will be available in early 2020 and, after review and public comment, the Board will decide how it will proceed with a possible zoning amendment.

Wetlands mapping: Soil and wetlands scientist Mark West assisted the Conservation Commission and Planning Board with an update of the Town's wetlands map using information from LiDAR, a GIS satellite imaging program. The 2019 wetlands map is a planning tool that landowners and design professionals can use for a preliminary assessment of wetlands conditions. If an applicant proposes a development proposal for Planning Board approval, they will need to contract with a wetlands scientist to determine the exact location and type of wetlands that will be impacted.

Capital Improvements Program (CIP): The Board contracted with the Rockingham Planning Commission to update the Town's CIP.

Affordable Housing: In late October, the Board conducted a comprehensive discussion of affordable housing in Newington.

Seacoast Reliability Project: The Eversource project to construct high voltage power lines through the residential zone of Newington will be completed in first half of 2020.

The Town coordinates and works with the Rockingham Planning Commission on a regular basis. Learn more about the Planning Board and planning documents by visiting the Town's website at

<http://www.newington.nh.us/planning-board> or attend a meeting or schedule a meeting with the Town Planner. Normally, meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Planner Transitions to Economic Development & Grant Writing: After almost four years, Gerald Coogan, AICP, will leave his post as the Town Planner to be succeeded by John Krebs. Gerald will continue in the role of Economic Development Consultant and Grant writer for the Selectmen's Office. Thanks for your continued service Jerry!

Newington, NH Welcomes New Town Planner

The Town of Newington Planning Board is pleased to announce that John D. Krebs, Planning & Development Consultant, has been hired as the Town Planner effective January 6, 2020.

Mr. Krebs received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies/Geography from St. Lawrence University in Canton NY in addition to a Master of Science in Town and Regional Planning - APA Accredited - from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Mr. Krebs has served as a professional planner in New Hampshire for over 25 years, including as a municipal employee, a consulting planner and as a Senior Land Use Planner for Rockingham Planning Commission. The high level of knowledge relating to state and local land use regulations that Mr. Krebs will bring to his new position will certainly prove invaluable.

Mr. Krebs is regularly scheduled to be in his office at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH, 03801 on Monday and Thursday from 9AM to 5PM. Hours may vary occasionally due to the demands of offsite work or evening meetings. Mr. Krebs can be reached at 603-436-7640 or at jkrebs@townofnewingtonnh.com.

Please join us in welcoming our newest member of the Planning Department.

Denis J. Hebert, Chairman
Newington Planning Board



Police Department

In November and early December, the police department conducted a traffic/speed study based on citizens' complaints and results from directed patrols. You may remember a similar study we conducted in 2017, where we focused on Nimble Hill and Newington Road. During the first study, the Route 16 project was still ongoing through Newington and many non-residents were using back roads to get to Route 16.

In 2017, a total of 3,733 vehicles were recorded traveling on Nimble Hill Road near the school daily, with an average speed of 36.4 mph.

The 2019 study showed an average of 2,469 vehicles traveling on Nimble Hill Road near the school daily, with an average speed of 41 mph.

In 2017, a total of 1,718 vehicles were recorded traveling on Newington Road near Airport Lane daily, with an average speed of 34.6 mph.

The 2019 study showed an average of 1,217 vehicles traveling on Newington Road near Airport Lane daily, with an average speed of 43 mph.

Between the two studies, we noticed the total number of vehicles traveling on Newington Road and Nimble Hill Road decreased but the speeds increased.

This year study also focused on Fox Point Road and Little Bay Road.

A total of 329 vehicles traveled on Fox Point Road near house #133 daily, with an average speed of 40 mph.

A total of 140 vehicles traveled on Little Bay Road near house #65 daily, with an average speed of 38 mph.

We must take into consideration many vehicles traveling on Fox Point and Little Bay Roads during this study can be attributed to workers of the Eversource project.

With the study, we were able to break down specific times when directed patrols are more practical. We are still focusing on evening and morning commuter traffic, with additional patrols through a grant obtained from NH Highway Safety.

All four 2019 Traffic Studies are available at the Newington Police Department to view.

Thank you, Newington, for your unwavering support in 2019!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me 431-5461 or email me at: mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com

Be safe!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm

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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