# Town of Newington, NH E-Newsletter

# February 2019



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Board of Selectmen Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair Michael Marconi Kenneth Latchaw

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th in celebration of Presidents Day.

# **Upcoming Meetings:**

2/4/2019	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
2/5/2019	Police Commission	4:00pm	Police Station
2/6/2019	<b>Board of Fire Engineers</b>	12pm	Fire Station
2/6/2019	<b>Budget Committee</b>	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/11/2019	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/14/2019	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/19/2019	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
2/20/2019	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
2/20/2019	<b>Historic District Commission</b>	10:00am	Town Hall
2/25/2019	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/28/2019	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

### **Eversource Transmission Line Expansion Update:**

### NH Site Evaluation Committee Issues Decision

The NH Site Evaluation Committee issued its decision January 31st (see links below) regarding the expansion of the Eversource Transmission lines. The Town attorneys are reviewing the decision. The Selectmen will notify the residents once the review is completed and the Selectmen will hold a public meeting in order to determine how to move forward and respond accordingly. We will send out an informational mailer to all residences outlining the issues as well.

#### Order Certificate:

http://www.newington.nh.us/sites/newingtonnh/files/sec\_order\_certificate\_02\_01\_19\_final.pdf Order Decision:

http://www.newington.nh.us/sites/newingtonnh/files/sec\_order\_decision\_02\_01\_19\_final.pdf

Appendices can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/documents/a\_Appendix%20TOC%20with%20appendix.pdf

The Selectmen and Denis Hebert welcome any questions at any time. These can be forwarded to <a href="mailto:mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com">mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com</a> and she will forward them to whomever you address the e-mail to.

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.

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### Newington Road Management and Maintenance Plan

As discussed in the January Newsletter, Newington received a matching grant for a Road Management and Maintenance Plan to be completed by Rockingham Planning Commission. The plan can be viewed at the following link. The power point presentation given to the Selectmen is included in the link as well.

http://www.newington.nh.us/sites/newingtonnh/files/newington\_road\_management\_maintenance\_plan\_2019.pdf

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#### **Zoning Warrant Articles- Voter Guide**

Read about the proposed 2019 Newington Zoning Ordinance Amendments at the following link: http://www.newington.nh.us/sites/newingtonnh/files/official\_nzo\_2019\_ballot\_language\_final.pdf

### February at the Langdon Library



"Love the Home You're In" on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. with Cynthia Clark interiors. Get inspiration and advice to create a home decor that you love. www.cynthiaclarkinteriors.com

Children in grades K-6 and their caregivers are invited to Children's Game Night on Wednesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. Children will learn and play new and classic board games and card games. Crossword puzzles, word searches, and maze games may be featured as well. Participants are welcome to drop-in or stay for the entire program and may bring their own game to share.

The Morning & Evening Book Group is reading "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman in February. Two opportunities to attend: Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. or Friday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

One "Tech Talk" will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 12 with Randall Bush from 5 to 7 p.m. Tech questions about email, phones, tablets and laptops will be answered first come, first served, no appointment necessary.

The Caregiver Cafe is a collaborative effort between Cornerstone VNA and the Langdon Library. Caregivers and their loved ones are invited for a morning of support, conversation and education on the last Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m., this month on Feb. 28. Light refreshments will be served.

The Library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 16 and Monday, Feb. 18 to observe Presidents' Day.

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### **Conservation Easement Projects:**

Jane Hislop, Co-Chair, of the Conservation Commission recently reported to the Budget Committee that the Commission is interested in gathering a list of potential conservation easement projects in Newington. Anyone who has suggestions for a wetlands area or large tract of land, that should be preserved/protected, is encouraged to contact the Conservation Commission through the Town Planner, Jerry Coogan (gcoogan@townofnewingtonnh.com).

#### **Recreation News**

### Sign up for Yoga at Town Hall!



Class dates: Feb 12 & 19, March 5, 19, 26, April 2, 9 and 16

Time: 6:30-7:45pm

**Location: Langdon Library** 

#### Cost: \$20.

This eight-week course will focus on "the beginner's mind". Whether you are brand new to Yoga, or would like to return to the fundamentals of Yoga, this class series is for you! In Classical Yoga style, each class will begin with a brief sharing of Yoga philosophy, guiding our practice during class, and giving students concepts to take off the mat. In this series, we will focus on building flexibility of body and mind through exploration of basic pose alignment, and a variety of breathing, relaxation, and meditation practices.

Our instructor, Jennifer Wilhelm is certified with the Yoga Alliance and received her training in Classical Yoga through the Yoga Life Institute of New Hampshire.

# **Upcoming Recreation Events:**

Egg Hunt -April 7th- 10am -Old Town Hall

Senior Dinner -April 28th 5pm (the Fire Department will assist with transportation of residents)

Remember, the **skating rink is up and running** by the tennis courts 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 volunteers for any event. If you can help please e-mail me at: rnavelski@hotmail.com.

Rebecca Navelski, Co-Chair Recreation Committee



### **Police Department:**

January is over, February is the shortest month of the year and then comes March. Two great things happen in March. First, it's my birthday month. Second, TOWN MEETING!! This will be my third town meeting watching democracy at its best.

February and March are SCAM months for those purporting to be from the I.R.S. If you receive phone calls, emails or letters in the mail saying you owe tax money to the government or you will be arrested, please reach out to the police department. Don't respond or give any personal information over the phone or through email. Getting information out to family and friends regarding SCAMS is the best defense from being an unsuspected victim.

With the recent snow fall and more to come, take the time to fully clean off your vehicles before traveling. If you take the chance of not cleaning the snow or ice off of your vehicle, you could be charged under NH RSA; 265:79-B, Negligent Driving, which carries a fine of \$250.00-\$500.00 first offence and \$500.00-\$1000.00 second offence. If you have a senior family member who is unable to fully clean the snow off their vehicle, give us a call so we can help them out.

Deer and other critters are running around day and night looking for food under the snow. Pay extra attention, give yourself additional travel time and be aware of the speed limits.

A big Thank You to the Highway Department for keeping the roads clear this past storm!

Be Safe!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief

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# Noise Complaint Line:

The Pease Development Authority- Airport noise complaint line is working at 436-6333. Residents with concerns can also e-mail to noise@pease.org.

#### Little Bay Road/Pease Development Authority (PDA) Planting Plan:

<u>Thanks to Peggy Lamson and Lulu Pickering</u> for their recent efforts working with the Pease Development Authority, on a plan to have flowering trees and shrubs planted on a portion of the PDA property recently cleared for aviation safety reasons. You will see this area driving along Little Bay Road, on the right, just before the Transfer Station as you proceed from McIntyre Road. The plantings include magnolia, flowering dogwoods and lilacs to name a few of the varieties. This work will be completed in the spring.

### State Education Tax Legislation is being proposed once again.

House Bill 709 is a bill relative to the formula for funding for an adequate education which would require excess SWEPT (State-wide Education Property Tax) collected by municipalities to be paid to the Department of Revenue Administration for deposit in the Education Trust Fund <u>rather than</u> <u>being retained by municipalities as it is now. This would have close to a \$1 million impact on the <u>Town of Newington</u>. The Selectmen issued a letter to the State Education Committee opposing this bill and are working with Portsmouth and other Donor towns to retain a lobbyist to fight this legislation.</u>

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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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