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Upcoming Meetings:

4/6/2021	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
4/7/3021	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
4/12/2021	Board of Selectmen	5:30pm	Town Hall
4/12/2021	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
4/19/2021	Historic District Commission	10am	Old Town Hall
4/19/2021	Board of Selectmen	4pm	Town Hall
4/21/2021	Sewer Commission	9am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
4/29/2021	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Via Zoom



Eating Out?

Our restaurants need us! Newington is home to several restaurants and a brewery and they need our support to continue to be resilient during this pandemic. Real estate, construction and some other Newington industries have surged during this past year, while lodging, restaurants and movie theaters suffered immeasurable losses.

Stoneface Brewery, IHOP, Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Chipotle, and Buffalo Wild Wings are just some of the many restaurant owners that dug in, pivoted to takeout services, outdoor dining and stayed positive. IHOP has been in Newington since 1999 and deserves our support! Fox Run Mall has several restaurants in the food court that are suffering from the pandemic as well as the restrictions that were put on retail shopping. How about a slice of pizza, Japanese stir-fry or tacos for lunch in the food court. Masks are still required – even if you have been vaccinated. The State has adjusted the regulations and capacity can be increased as well as some of the popular activities such as pool, darts and karaoke can resume with restrictions in place. If you feel comfortable dining in – enjoy your dinner in a Newington restaurant knowing that the restaurant is doing everything they can to keep you and their staff safe. Order take-out and enjoy the meal in the safety of your home or car. Please remember your server and tip appropriately, they have been working harder with less business. If you plan to return to indoor dining at a later date – purchase a gift certificate now and save it for later.

The Economic Development Committee is carefully monitoring the actions being taken by the State in regards to the businesses and industries in town. Businesses need to continue to be creative and adapt because no matter how many people are vaccinated, business will not go back to "normal" for a while. SB 66-FN is legislation regarding outdoor dining and has passed the Senate to extend outdoor seating for dining through 2023. We want to help our Newington restaurants; they have worked hard to stay open for us and deserve our appreciation.



Happy Spring! April is the "National Month of Hope" and this year that feels particularly appropriate. April will be a month of transition at the library, including adding an additional day of appointments and opening access to the stacks. Unless there are changes in Governor Sununu's [Safer at Home Universal Guidelines](#) for libraries, which are still in effect, we will continue to offer a "curbside" option for no-contact pick-up, self-checkout, a book drop-off location rather than returns in person, and require appointments so that "at least 6 feet of physical distancing can be consistently maintained between people." Meeting rooms, the children's room and public computers will remain closed for the time being. We are closely following information about Covid variants, some of which are more contagious and vaccine resistant, meaning that caution remains warranted regarding fomite transmission on high touch surfaces as well as via airborne droplets. More details **including our new schedule** will be released when procedures are finalized and implemented.

We appreciate your patience, as we continue to serve as many of our Newington patrons as possible, as safely as possible. Our staff has worked in separate "team" shifts for a year, in order to ensure that appointments could be kept even when an employee had to stay home due to minor but potential Covid symptoms. Due to our staff's commitment and flexibility, we only had to cancel and reschedule one day of appointments, in the last eight months! Monitoring Newington cases and having stringent safety policies in place allowed us to stay open throughout the spike during the holidays, while Portsmouth and many other libraries in the area reverted to curbside pickup from November until now. National Library Week is April 4-10 this

month. Please consider thanking your library staff for the way they have risen to the challenges of serving the community during the Covid 19 pandemic.

We are excited to host the Welcoming Library from the NH State Library for the month of April. The Welcoming Library is a display of multicultural picture books which encourage family learning and discussion about immigration. Cardholders can check out 5 of these books at a time from the library for a one-week period via an in-library or curbside appointment. A booklist will be available at

<https://www.langdonlibrary.org/welcoming-library>

on Friday, April 2.

The library still has KN-95 masks available for Newington residents. We will now give additional masks to households who have already received them, up to two at a time. To answer a couple of inquiries about the masks: we have distributed two kinds. Both manufacturers are on the FDA Emergency Use list here:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-euas#surgicalmasks>

under the heading: Appendix A: Authorized Imported, Non-NIOSH Approved Respirators Manufactured in China (Updated February 18, 2021.)

The manufacturers are Dongguan Sengtor Plastics Products Co. and Chengde Technology Co. I am happy to answer more questions, but am not an expert and am relying heavily on the FDA recommendations!

For more programs and resources, visit our website at www.langdonlibrary.org

See you online--and at the library!

Lara Berry, Library Director

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Newington Fire & Rescue

Happy Spring to everyone. Although I would like to say that winter is behind us, we all know living in New England that could come back to haunt you. In the following page, we here at the FD, would like to remind you all of some basic safety tips for working outdoors during spring cleanup. Town Meeting was safely held at both the town hall and fire station and went off without a hitch. Thanks to Larry and Mary Wahl for all the continued A/V support. Big thanks to the town hall members for their flexibility and commitment this past voting and town meeting season. I would also like to thank all of the residents that came out to vote and have their voices heard, along with the various Boards and members for their time and dedication to the Town and its respective Departments. I would also like to thank the various businesses in Town that have supported the Fire Department and the Town through the years.

Now that spring time is here and the yard cleanups have started some of you will want to burn the collected brush or have outside fires in a fire pit or commercial device. This can all be done safely and legally by obtaining a NH State burn permit. This can be done in a couple ways. The State has changed a few items in the process but it is relatively easy. The first option is to go online to, <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/> and answer some questions, pay a fee, print off a copy and you're good to go. The fee for the online permit has increased this year to \$5.50. None of the money charged for the permit goes to the Town or State. All fees collected go to a 3rd party company for the permitting software. The second option is to swing by the fire station to request one. There is no fee for coming in to get it. If you are the property owner, we will request your NH driver's license to confirm the address and name. If you are a renter/tenant, we will still request a driver's license but you will also have to have written permission with a signature from the property owner each time you request a permit. We will not "keep the letter on file" for the next time. For recreational purposes, you can obtain a seasonal category 1 or 2 permit for cooking, properly constructed fire pits or commercially produced devices that will be good until the end of the calendar year. A typical brush pile is considered a category 3 and is only good for 7 days once obtained. The specific rules for all permits will be on the State's webpage. As always, with a category 3 permit, we just ask that you give the station a call to let us know that you are lighting off your pile(s). If you are concerned about the location of the pile(s) or proximity to a structure, please give us a call and we can come out and review the best options.

As always, we are here and available if you have any needs or questions. Stay safe.

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Spring Yard Cleanup Safety Tips

Blue skies, chirping birds, warming temperatures — April is prime time for getting home exteriors, yards, and gardens back into shape. But before you get started on your outdoor to-do list, make sure you take appropriate safety precautions.

Dress for the job

- Wear shoes or boots, not sandals, to protect your toes.
- Properly fitting gloves can not only improve your grip on tools but also help keep skin safe from blisters, sunburn, bug bites, poisonous plants, and chemicals.
- Hearing protection is a must-have when using loud equipment.
- Safety glasses keep flying objects out of your eyes.
- Bug spray keeps the pests away. Shower after use to remove the chemicals from your skin. And while you're at it, take a minute to look for ticks. If you find one, gently pull it out with tweezers.
- Apply SPF to any exposed skin. Don't be fooled by cloudy days; you can still get a sunburn.

Work smart

- Take time to stretch and warm up before the work begins. Weeding, trimming, and raking are repetitive motions — change your posture or stance every few minutes and switch activities every 30 minutes.
- Lift properly by bending at the knees and hips and using leg power rather than bending at the waist and putting the strain on your back. Instead of carrying heavy or unwieldy loads, employ a cart or wheelbarrow.
- Drink water and take breaks in the shade. Even if it's not hot or humid, yard work is exercise, and staying hydrated is important to avoid heat-related illness.
- Don't drink and drive. Don't text and drive. The same rules that apply to vehicles apply to power tools, including lawn mowers. Say no to distractions and anything that might cloud judgment.

Ready the tools

- Familiarize yourself with power tools and how they work. Read owner's manuals (many are available online) and know about various switches, modes, and required maintenance.
- Check cords on tools and extension cords for cuts, cracks, and frayed wires — and do not use them if damaged. Also check the label to make sure you don't use an indoor extension cord outside.
- Make sure tools are in the "off" position before plugging them in or unplugging.

- Use ladders safely: Set on a firm, level surface; never stand on one of the top three rungs; and use a utility belt to hold tools so you can properly climb facing the ladder.
- Call 811 before you dig. This notifies local utilities to check your property before you plant a tree, dig a trench, or set fence posts.

Protect loved ones

- Be sure children and pets are inside (or well supervised if out) while you work.
- Store sharp tools, weed killer, fertilizer, and other dangerous items in a locked cabinet out of reach of curious hands and mouths.
- Before allowing any child to operate a mower, sound judgment, strength, coordination, and maturity are necessary. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children should have these characteristics and be at least 12 years old before operating any type of mower — and at least 16 years old to operate a riding mower. Be sure to educate and supervise kids as they learn how to safely use the equipment.

VACCINE INFO.



We have a vaccine site right in town!
Still need your vaccine? Look for the Fox Run Mall location when you sign up.

<https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/state/2021/03/29/nh-covid-vaccine-site-mall-fox-run-newington-replaces-exeter-high-school/7042967002/>

The Town's Waterfront Industrial Zone's Potential Role In Offshore Wind Initiatives



Newington is gifted with many natural assets, including the deep water of the Piscataqua River which allows for the location of multiple port facilities in the Town's specially designated Waterfront Industrial (WI) zone east of Shattuck Way. Located between Boston and Portland with highway, rail and airport access, Newington's marine terminals and facilities, complimented by the State Pier facility and sister terminals down river in Portsmouth, serve as NH's global gateway. In the months of January and February alone over 50 ships and large fully loaded barges required the services of the Portsmouth Pilots to deliver or load cargoes as varied as gypsum, multiple petroleum products, undersea cable, tallow, cement and aggregate. Newington also receives direct benefits. The Town Report reflects that 5 of the Town's top 10 taxable properties are in the WI zone.

Outreach to the facility operators and a comprehensive presentation provided by Capt. Geno Marconi Director of the NH Ports & Harbors Division of the PDA, informed the Economic Development Committee (EDC) that there remains significant potential for further development of maritime industrial uses in the WI zone. Expansion projects include Little Bay Lobster, approved for the addition of a 6000 sq ft special purpose building for the vertical storage of over 200,000 lbs. of fresh lobster, and GP Gypsum, for proposed and needed renovations, including a replacement smokestack. The EDC has reached out to other property owners in the WI zone to encourage further beneficial activity that will help address the reductions in the Town's tax base caused by the declining value of the Town's fossil fueled electric generation facilities.

The EDC is also closely following the corresponding economic development potential created by the shift to renewable energy sources. Within the next ten years the State expects to see the development of the substantial far Offshore Wind (OSW) resources in the federal waters of the Gulf of Maine. In a unique collaboration, encouraged by the Bureau of Offshore Energy Management (BOEM), Maine,

New Hampshire and Massachusetts committing to require that substantial amounts of power be generated from renewable energy sources and encouraging the development of the required (due to depths in the Gulf of Maine) floating wind turbine technology necessary to tap the resource. Building upon European efforts, there will soon be a demonstration floating turbine deployed off Monhegan Island. Designed by the University of Maine and funded by grants from the US Department of Energy, the project has the assistance of a major participant in the European wind industry.

There are potential environmental impacts on fisheries, sea birds and sea life generally that are being identified and studied through BOEM's elaborate multi agency permitting process that will stretch over years. Preliminary studies indicate that the significance of the resource and its potential to meet climate goals warrants all best efforts to determine if it's possible to minimize and/or mitigate those impacts. Unlike land based or near shore wind facilities in state waters, there is likely to be minimal visual impact. Wind velocity is far greater and consistent in the Gulf of Maine than anywhere along the eastern seaboard, which increases the generation potential.

Unlike solar, there is no downtime or storage issues, so OSW is very reliable, with highest volume in winter when electric demand is at peak. Advances in technology allowing for larger turbines and blades bring efficiency to OSW generation, resulting in the need for fewer turbines with a reduction in operating costs. These factors are expected to make the cost of the Gulf of Maine OSW power highly competitive, which meets a fundamental goal of NH's participation.

The OSW industry, though nascent now, is expected to grow into a multi-billion-dollar sector of the economy, generating high paying employment opportunities. Major U.S. companies, like GE, are now focusing on the development of larger and more efficient turbines and blades and other equipment; they will need suppliers, particularly with the growing return to American Made content requirements for any projects that receive federal assistance. Efficiency and the avoidance of transportation costs for larger components will cause these activities to be located close to the deployment site of the equipment.

High paying marine jobs associated with the assembly, deployment and tethering of the floating turbines as well as their operation, maintenance, and ultimately replacement will be created. Being at sea, there will be the need for the equivalent of offshore oil rig support vessels, and shoreside piers and other maritime support facilities, with adjacent lay down areas and buildings to accommodate large turbine components, replacement blades, and other machinery and equipment. Those special purpose vessels are under design by major US shipbuilders as they are required to be US built, flagged, crewed, and based, in accordance with the Jones Act.

Another source of significant economic activity with resulting jobs and facilities is the construction of the required underwater transmission network and any onshore improvements to the power grid to transmit the OSW power to consumers in metropolitan areas. Because its use would eliminate the impact on sea life of emissions associated with AC current, it is possible that the required marine distribution cables may be designed to operate on DC current. DC would also eliminate some cost of armoring (protecting) the cable; but it will require the construction of on shore conversion facilities to transfer the power into the distribution grid.

What is the relevance of OSW to Newington?? Newington naturally, and by virtue of the foresight of its past leaders and citizens, has resources that may well be essential to support OSW: appropriately zoned land with existing facilities and infrastructure including public water and sewer, with deep water access and surrounding land for lay down and related support facilities. Depending on the height of the vessels or their cargoes, (e.g., turbine blades carried vertically), the bridges over the River might limit clearance and we will be competing w/ deep water ports in Maine and Massachusetts as we do now, but for the reasons outlined above, Newington warrants serious consideration.

It's the objective of the EDC, with the encouragement of the Board of Selectmen, to continue to monitor OSW developments by continued attendance at NH's OSW Commission monthly meetings led by State Senator Waters and any future meetings of the regional OSW task force convened initially at Governor Sununu's initiative by BOEM at UNH, are likely to resume soon. The undersigned also serves on the NH Ports & Harbors Advisory Council. Together w/ Peter Welch of the Planning Board (who often attends the Council's meetings), we and the entire EDC will strive to ensure Newington's opportunity to participate in any OSW related economic development opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J Donahue, Vice Chair

Economic Development Committee

PFAS STUDY



The Agency for Toxic Substances in conjunction is conducting the PFAS Health Study to investigate the possible health effects of drinking PFAS contaminated water in the drinking water, coffee, tea and even in baby formula. It is important that we better understand these health effects for our families, our community and our nation.

Newington residents that are on a private well with confirmed PFAS contamination, or if you or a loved one worked on the Tradeport between 2004 and 2014 you are eligible for the testing. If your children or grandchildren attended daycare there, they are eligible for the testing. Please consider joining the Pease Study and telling others too.

Participating in the study is important. If interested, please call 603-846-6192 to sign up.



Newington Police Department.

April showers bring May flowers!! Although I am partial to the month of March since so many great people were born in March. Yes, I am one of those people. Thank you to all who wished me Happy Birthday! For those who did not, I am watching!!

Great News on the Augie front. Last month K9 Officer Wood and Augie were invited to train and be certified by the Federal Agency, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms). Augie assured me with this new recognition, he will not be going federal because he loves Newington.

As a reminder, the K9 program is donation based. All donations can be made out to the Newington Police Officers Association, with a memo for the K9 program. The association is a 501-c (3), which residents or businesses can use as a tax exemption.

It appears every day there is a new SCAM trying to solicit money from the generous residents of Newington. The most recent was from an organization purporting to be from the New Hampshire Chief's of Police Association. The Chief's of Police Association does solicit donations. However, they would request an authorization from me to do so in Newington. I do not like cold calls for donations and will not authorize it. If you feel charitable, do your research on the organization you want to donate to. If you have any questions or suspicions about an organization soliciting, give us a call and we will authenticate the group for you.

We are looking for volunteers to be mentors in our Juvenile Diversion Program. Individuals interested will be fully vetted with a background and fingerprint check through the state and FBI. If interested and for further details of the program, contact Detective Patrick Costin at 431-5461 or email,

pcostin@newingtonnhpd.com



Congratulation to Taylor Cooney, the departments new Executive Administrative Assistant. Taylor joined us on March 29th, 2021. She graduated from Epping High School and joined the United States Air Force shortly after graduation. She served in the New Hampshire Air National Guard from 2012-2021 as a Personnel Specialist. Prior to joining the Newington Police Department, she worked full time as an Administrator for the Command Section, and also as the NCOIC of Wing Staff Personnel Programs, Pease Air National Guard Base, NH. When you have the

opportunity, stop by the police department, or give Taylor a call, welcoming her to the Newington Family.

If you have been paying attention to newsletters, Executive Administrative Assistant Keri Wareing accepted the Accreditation Manager position with the Portsmouth Police Department. Congratulations Kerry.

The Fire and Police Departments have been working closely with the State of New Hampshire, Air National Guard, and the Army National Guard, to help things run smooth at the new vaccination center at the old Sears Building at Fox Run Mall. The Exeter Vaccination location is closed as of March 29th. If you currently have a vaccination scheduled for the Exeter location, you should have received an email or text directing you to the Newington site.

March monthly statistics as of March 29.

Motor vehicle stops	283	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	9	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	29	Reports taken
Arrests	8	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	1	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	2	Felony/Misdemeanors

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

Be Safe!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

Langdon Library Hours:

Curbside and In-Library Appointments Available:

Tuesday 1 to 7 PM
Friday 9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM

Call 436-5154 to make an appointment



Sue Philbrick presenting a Proclamation to Brian Short of Custom Pools

Congratulations to Custom Pools- 50 years in Newington!

SAVE THE DATE!!



Spring 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, May 22nd, 2021

Household hazardous waste must be brought to:
**Portsmouth Public Works, 680 Peverly Hill Road, between the
hours of 8 AM and noon.**

Newington residents must show proof of residency.

SEE MORE DETAILS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE: www.Newington.nh.us

Spring Peepers



Spring peepers are to the amphibian world what American robins are to the bird world. As their name implies, they begin emitting their familiar sleigh-bell-like chorus right around the beginning of spring.

Habitat

Next time you drive down Newington Road towards Greenland or by Mott Pond listen for these little creatures.

Found in wooded areas and grassy lowlands near ponds and swamps in the central and eastern parts of Canada and the United States, these tiny, well-camouflaged amphibians are rarely seen. But the mid-March crescendo of nighttime whistles from amorous males is for many a sign that winter is over.

Coloring and Size

Spring peepers are tan or brown in color with dark lines that form a telltale X on their backs. They grow to about 1.5 inches in length, and have large toe pads for climbing, although they are more at home amid the loose debris of the forest floor.

Behavior

They are nocturnal creatures, hiding from their many predators during the day and emerging at night to feed on such delicacies as beetles, ants, flies, and spiders.

They mate and lay their eggs in water and spend the rest of the year in the forest. In the winter, they hibernate under logs or behind loose bark on trees, waiting for the spring thaw and their chance to sing.

Fun Fact

Spring peepers are very tolerant of cold conditions. They can withstand freezing during winter hibernation due to a natural “antifreeze” in their blood.

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon – Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-4:30pm
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 6:30am- 4:30pm
Planning Dept. – Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
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