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Board of Selectmen

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Summer Camp

"Meet 'N Greet"

**Meet the new YMCA Camp
 Newington Counselors**

June 11th at 6:30 PM
Town Hall

Upcoming Meetings:

6/3/2019	Planning Board	6:00pm	Town Hall
6/3/2019	Board of Selectmen	6:00pm	Town Hall
6/4/2019	Police Commission	4:00pm	Police Station
6/5/2019	Board of Fire Engineers	6:00pm	Fire Station
6/6/2019	Planning Board	3:30pm	Town Hall
6/13/2019	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
6/17/2019	Board of Selectmen	6:00pm	Town Hall
6/17/2019	Planning Board	6:00pm	Town Hall
6/19/2019	Sewer Commission	9:00am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
6/20/2019	Library Trustees	1:30pm	Langdon Library
6/27/2019	Economic Development Committee	6:00pm	Town Hall



It's Revaluation Time in Newington

Market value, assessed value, revaluation, statistical update.... these terms will all be heard frequently over the next few months in Newington. That is because Newington has recently started the first phase of the revaluation as required by the Department of Revenue. The goal is to have the town's assessed values at 100% of the market value. Currently, Newington's property values are at 94% of fair market value, based on the State's equalization study. The revaluation is not as simple as adding 6% to all of the property values. The values of different types of properties and neighborhoods (land, residential, waterfront, commercial, etc.) have all changed by different percentages. Smaller homes have increased in value more than the larger homes over the past five years. The last statistical revaluation was done two years ago. This revaluation is considered a full revaluation, meaning that the town's assessing company representatives (Susan and Jay) as well as the Department of Revenue will be in the neighborhoods looking at properties, taking pictures and carefully reviewing the sales of properties over the past couple of years.

When people hear that their property value is increasing, it does not mean that a higher tax bill will occur. We know that Newington's average values are slightly lower than they should be. When the value of property increases, the tax rate decreases, and the amount of taxes one pays remains approximately the same. Some may see a higher bill, others a lower bill, and the majority seeing only a very slight change. As the work progresses, residents will receive a letter with their proposed new value and an opportunity to meet with the assessing team to discuss the new value. The Department of Revenue will do a random selection of approximately 35 properties to verify the town's accuracy of data. Residents receiving Elderly Exemptions or Veteran's Credits may be contacted to verify their qualifications. Properties in Current Use will be reviewed for accuracy as well. When DRA is satisfied that Newington's revaluation is correct, they will certify the values. The certified values will be used to determine the 2019 tax rate, which is based on the budgets that were approved at the Town and School District meetings in March of 2019.

In New Hampshire, the assessed value of individual properties do not change each year, values are only adjusted during periodic revaluations or when physical changes are made to the property. To determine the "market value", recent sales in the community and the factors that affected the value of the property, such as the location, type of construction, size, etc are analyzed. The assessor then evaluates supplemental data such as commercial reports on the cost of construction for the region, circumstances regarding particular sales and any other information that may impact property values. It is not a scientific, exact process. It is a logical process that uses the best information available at that time to determine the fair market value. It is important to recognize that "market value" is as of a certain point in time, April 1st, 2019 for this current process.

Planning Report:

Planning projects

1. Wilcox Industries, 25 Piscataqua Drive, Tax Map 27, Lot 22: Wilcox Industries will submit a site plan for an expansion in the next few months.
2. 188 Little Bay Road,: The Board approved a two-lot subdivision for this 11-acre parcel. In recognition of the Applicant's proposal that there shall be no further subdivision of the property if this application is approved, the Planning Board granted the Applicant's waiver request for a shared driveway;
3. 141 Shattuck Way, Tax Map 20, Lot 4: Doloma Investment of Portsmouth, Inc. proposes to construct a 4-story, 83-room hotel with a footprint of 13,600 sf, with related paving, utilities, landscaping, drainage, and associated site improvements. The property lies within the Office, Shattuck Way Overlay, and Wetlands Overlay Districts. The property has extensive wetlands, which will lead to a change in the hotel's location. The applicant needs additional time to complete the new wetland flag locations, add the buffers, revise the concept to move the building further from the wetlands and wetland buffers, and have the architect update the building elevations for review at the June 17th Planning Board meeting.
4. The Storage Barn II of Newington, LLC, River and Shattuck Way: The owner is working to complete the requirements of the conditional approval for a 2nd self-storage facility at River and Shattuck, Tax Map 19, Lot 7 A.
5. 90 Arboretum Drive, Pease Tradeport: On September 10th, the Newington Planning Board approved the site plan application for the proposed 73,000 square foot office space at 90 Arboretum Drive at the Pease International Trade Port, Tax Map 33, Lot 1 with several recommendations. Tighe and Bond is addressing the recommendations. For land in Newington under the jurisdiction of PDA, the Planning Board's role is advisory
6. Seacoast Helicopters: Seacoast Helicopters received approval from the PDA board for construction of a building at the North Apron. Construction has not yet begun.
7. 117 Gosling Road,: The applicant submitted a site plan for site improvements, which the will hear on June 17th. On April 15th, the ZBA granted approval to have a 38-foot yard setback for parking and a side yard setback of zero to allow expansion of an existing non-conforming property.
8. The Crossings: On June 3rd, the Board will conduct a public hearing. to consider a site plan at 45 Gosling Road (aka The Crossings), Tax Map 34, Lot 3 to demolish the existing vacant Bugaboo Steakhouse and construct a new 22,000 SF + or – Aldi market. A copy of the site plan application is available for inspection at the Newington Town office.
9. 271 Nimble Hill Road, Tax Map 18, Lot 3 A: On March 25th and May 13th, the property owner met with the Planning Board for a preliminary consultation on a proposed 13 lot subdivision. The proposed road length is 2,700 linear feet, which exceeds the Town requirement of 1,500 feet.



RECREATION REPORT:

Attention ALL School-Aged Newington Kids!

Rec Committee Announces: "JUMP INTO SUMMER 2019"

What better way is there to kick off your summer vacation than by jumping off the dock into Little Bay for a swim and sharing a dockside picnic with your friends on the last day of school?

For the past few years a number of kids in town have been celebrating the start of summer vacation together, with splashing, food and fun at Fox Point on the last day of school. This year, the Newington Rec Committee is again happy to be giving the kids some support! Rec will be providing a light picnic* to all town kids (and their guests & parents).

Swimming at Fox Point has been a fun summer tradition for many generations here in town, but remember, the tide comes and goes, the water can be cold and there is NO official lifeguard on duty. This is NOT a "drop-off" event - it will be the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise their own kids, at all times, both in and out of the water. As always when enjoying life in our great outdoors, have fun, but play safe and know your limits.

No need to RSVP, just show up! Rec will be supplying the picnic lunch*; everyone else is on the hook for bringing the fun!

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WHO: All school-aged Newington kids (and their guests & parents) are invited

WHAT: Swimming & Light Picnic*, (NOT a "drop-off" event)

WHEN: Thursday, June 13 (The last day of school at Newington Public School), from early afternoon until whenever...

WHERE: The Dingy Dock at Fox Point

*- The Newington Rec Committee will be providing a small grill, grilled hotdogs & fixings, assorted chips, cookies and drinks - while supplies last. If you have any other specific food desires, BYO. And like at the beach, don't forget your own chairs, towels and sunscreen!

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

We are running at full swing now as warmer and sunnier weather sets in, busy are the days of the people mowing grass and trimming shrubs, planting gardens, cleaning out the attics and garages and barns after a long winter and wet spring. Later in the month I've got a friend from EcoMaine coming down on the 22nd and setting up a tent full of information about recycling. Her name is Vanessa Berry and she's the education director at their facility. If you have a question concerning recycling, she is the one to ask! It'll be great fun! Also the brush has been chipped and the area is clear, please if you bring in brush if you could take it to the back if possible, we would appreciate it. Also our compost pile is ready for the taking if you're interested in planting a garden (mix 50/50) with your soil , or add as a top dress to existing trees , shrubs etc. It's a great soil conditioner as its all organic material and a great nitrogen source.

We're still waiting on our recycling compactor as we have received some bids. It will be a learning experience for all and will come with some safety rules. It won't have as many points of deposit like the hoppers have so we may have to be a little patient, but it is needed to keep the costs down.

Again let's have a great June, from Craig, Frank and Victor!

Take care for now and see you next month,
Craig Daigle
Superintendent, Transfer Station





Police Department:

With the warm weather upon us, residents and visitors are spending more time outside walking, running or riding their bicycles throughout town. Let's not forget the critters that are also crossing the roads, who can't move fast enough to get out of the way. Use caution when driving and take your time. Observe and follow all speed limit and traffic postings.

Officers will be out using different techniques this spring and summer to monitor and enforce motor vehicle violations. We will also be monitoring pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Now that the speed trailer has been updated, we will be placing it in high traffic areas to remind drivers of the speed limit and their speed. If you have an area of concern and would like to see the speed trailer out on a specific road, please contact me and we will set it up.

The last couple of months, I have been working with Melissa Prefontaine, who volunteered her time, in putting together a Power Point presentation with the results of the survey and last year's crime statistics. The department plans to have a Strategic Planning Session here at the police department with members of the community, to go over the results of the survey. The day will consist of a tour of the department, meeting officers who will discuss their individual responsibilities and in-depth conversations of the needs of the town and how we can improve policing in the village.

Officer Adin Sobel is once again organizing the Seacoast Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics. The run starts in downtown Portsmouth and ends at UNH. Officers will be participating in the run and cruiser parade at UNH. If anyone is interested in donating to the Special Olympics, reach out to Officer Sobel, 431-5461.

We are already receiving calls for pets being left in cars during the hot days. Your officers are taking appropriate action by enforcing NH RSA 644:8 Cruelty to Animals. Last Year PetSmart donated "heat readers" so we are be able to get a reading of the temperature inside the vehicle. We will be putting pamphlets out to local businesses from the Working Dog Foundation educating the public on the dangers of leaving pets in vehicles.

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

Have a great month of June. Be safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief

A Universe of Stories

2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



LANGDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Songs & Stories of World War 2

TUES. JUN 11 @ 6:30 PM

Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz pay tribute to veterans with original and traditional songs from the WW II era as well as Korea, Vietnam, and contemporary conflicts.

Pontine Theatre: Tales of New England

TUES. JUN 25 @ 6:30 PM

Stage adaptation of stories by NH author, Alice Brown portraying traditional simplicity and goodness of country life.

Nocturnal Animals

WED. JUN 26 @ 1 PM

Join us and Dover Children's Museum for an exploration into the world of nocturnal animals. NOTE: there are no live animals at this event.

Take Me to Your Reader

WED. JULY 3 @ 1 PM

Get crafty with a space-themed upcycling project building your very own UFO, and meet some extra-terrestrial friends and use coding to guide them.

Chemistry

WED. JULY 10 @ 1 PM

Learn about temperature, color and matter experimenting with slime and thermochromic pigment, and finish by "blowing up" Death Stars!

Lou Ferland: Along the Piscataqua

TUES. JULY 16 @ 6:30 PM

Former Portsmouth police chief Lou Ferland recounts the history along the Portsmouth Waterfront since the days of the Abenaki Indians.

Star Engineers

WED. JULY 17 @ 1 PM

Learn about stories behind constellations, and choose a pattern to string one together. You may also create a 3D model at our building station.

Kids' Acting Workshop

WED. JULY 24 @ 1 PM

Hampstead Stage Company teaches us about Greek Myths and constellations, followed by an acting workshop.

Meteor Shower

MON. JULY 29 @ 8 PM

We will view space footage from NASA then gather on the lawn to view the Delta Aquariids meteor shower using the library's Orion StarBlast telescope.

Fun with Magnets

WED. JULY 31 @ 1 PM

Examine magnetic dough to find out how magnets work! Participants will also be able to create their own space-themed magnets to take home.

NH Stories of Home & Heritage

TUES. AUG 6 @ 6:30 PM

Hear from storyteller Michael Lang (presentEr of The U-Boats Come to Portsmouth) about NH stories, and share your own story of finding home.

Library Explorers

WED. AUG 7 @ 1 PM

It's time for a Space Mission! Take part in a library scavenger hunt, as well as listen to a real astronaut read us a story from outer space!

Adult Craft: Constellation Coasters

MON. AUG 12 @ 6:30 PM

Elegant outer-space themed Adult Craft Night. Make your own constellation-patterned ceramic drink coaster. Please call 436-5154 to RSVP.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14:

Turn in Logs to Win Prizes!

328 Nimble Hill Rd. Newington, NH www.LangdonLibrary.org

Eversource Upgrades

The work on the Distribution Line Upgrade has started on the replacement of many existing wooden telephone poles to metal poles. The work will impact Fox Point Road, Beane Lane, Little Bay Road, Coleman Drive, Old Post Road and Nimble Hill Road. Some tree trimming and tree removal will be necessary and abutting property owners will be contacted. Trees that need to be removed because they are a danger to the system are marked with green ribbons. Poles that are being replaced are tied with red and white ribbons. There will be short, temporary power outages (20 - 30 minutes) necessary and residents will be notified in advance.



The major project, the Seacoast Reliability Project-Transmission Line Expansion will involve the removal and replacement of poles and the transfer of some of that infrastructure from above ground to underground began last week with equipment being mobilized. During May and June residents can expect to see survey work being done, with markings placed on the roadways and ribbons on trees and poles. Access roads will have some trimming and tree cutting taking place; Work will be taking place in the parking lot of the Crossings at Fox Run Mall and proceeding to Little Bay Road with structure foundations being installed.

Eversource has designated a community project contact for residents to communicate any concerns with. Lauren Cote can be reached at lauren.cote@eversource.com or by phone at (603) 634-2409. Additional information is available at: <https://www.eversource.com/content/nh/about/projects-infrastructure/projects/new-hampshire-transmission-projects/seacoast-reliability-project> .

Hunting Season is Coming

Newington is home to abundant wildlife and the Great Bay National Wildlife Preserve is a location favored by hunters. Changes have been proposed to the hunting that takes place in the refuge and important testing of deer is in the final planning stages.

The Board of Selectmen met with Glenn Normandeau from NH Fish & Game in February to talk about the PFAS chemicals that have been found in the streams and brooks within the refuge. That contamination concerns Newington and the Board solicited help from the state to determine if the contaminants could be having an impact on the deer and wildlife that drink contaminated water. Many hunters come to Newington to hunt deer and there are concerns regarding the safety of eating the deer meat. The PFC chemicals are known to accumulate in the system and cooking the meat would not remove the chemical. Testing deer tissue for contamination from PFAS chemicals is very new and the results found in Newington may be helpful for contaminated areas around the country.

The Board was pleased to learn that the testing will very likely take place and NH Fish & Game has been working very hard to make it a reality. Last week we heard that negotiations were underway with UCONN to do the testing of approximately 13 PFAS chemicals. During the two day annual hunt in the Fall all deer killed in Newington, including those in North Newington where high levels of PFOA have been found in some brooks, would be required to be registered at that site so that tissue sampling could be accomplished. On average, 14-18 deer are killed during that hunt. There are a lot of logistics and protocols remaining to be worked out, including finding the funds to do this. Thank you to Glenn Normandeau for his efforts in this regard.

Other changes that are being finalized include the addition of archery hunting of deer with 25 permits being issued; waterfowl hunting area expanded to include 20' upslope of the mean high tide and the addition of turkey hunting. It is important to note that the hunting is completely excluded from Fabyan Point, the area near the William Furber Trail and within 1600' of Stubbs Point to prevent the disturbance of resting waterfowl. Eight permits are being considered for turkey hunting. The actual hunting area for waterfowl and turkey is smaller than the area for deer. The U.S. Wildlife officers explained at a recent public hearing that the reason given for the changes is population management of the species. Habitats for some birds and other species are being destroyed as a result of the over-population of the deer. Best guess estimates for the deer population were that 25 deer per square mile were living in an area that is more appropriate for 15 deer based on the food supply.

More information on the changes can be found at

https://www.fws.gov/uploadedfiles/Greatbay_hunting_proposal.pdf

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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