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Board of Selectmen

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Upcoming Meetings:

06 01 21	Board of Selectmen	3:00pm	Town Hall
06 01 21	Police Commission	4:00pm	Police Station
06 02 21	Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
06 03 21	Safety Committee	2:00pm	Town Hall
06 14 21	Planning Board & Conservation Commission	5:00pm	Town Hall
06 16 21	Sewer Commission	9:00am	Wst. Water Trtmt. Facility
06 21 21	Board of Selectmen	5:00pm	Town Hall
06 24 21	Economic Development Committee	6:00pm	Town Hall



So just like that, May is over and June is here. The trees have greened up, the flowers are blooming and the temperature is rising. As this is a great time of year to go for a nice walk on the trails at Fox Point or the Wildlife Refuge, don't forget your bug spray, suntan lotion and make sure to check yourself and others for ticks. They appear to be really bad this year due to last years droughts.

Things around the FD are getting busy. Emergency calls are increasing with the good weather and the Inspections Division is just as busy. Even the boat has been busy. Department members took time out of their busy schedule to replace the 52 warn firefighter memorial flags at the cemetery in time for the Memorial holiday. Except for a few, the flags fly on the graves of past Newington Fire members.

We have brought on a couple new part time members, so if you see a face you don't recognize feel free to introduce yourself.

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

EJ Hoyt

Fire Chief

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Town of Newington

Fireworks Ordinance No. 15-01

A. Fireworks Generally - Statement of Purpose

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish standards for the control of New Hampshire Permissible Fireworks within the Town of Newington. It is the intent of the Town of Newington to promote an environment free from danger or excessive noise which unnecessarily jeopardizes the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town and degrades

the quality of life in this community, without unduly prohibiting, limiting or otherwise regulating the function of certain noise producing equipment which may be essential to the quality of life in the community.

B. Fireworks Regulations

1. The use of Permissible Fireworks in the Town of Newington is regulated by Town Ordinance. Fireworks permits are required and issued by the Newington Fire Department under the conditions specified in the ordinance. There is no fee for the fireworks permit. Permits will be issued 24-48 hours prior to the fireworks display and shall be valid only for the display date listed on the permit.
2. The sale of fireworks within the Town of Newington is prohibited.
3. Applicants for fireworks permits must be 21 years of age and the owner of the property, or have written permission for the display from the owner of the property where the display is being held. The applicant shall provide a valid photo identification upon request of the issuing authority.
4. Permits will not be issued in conditions of high fire danger when outside burn permits would not be issued or when the Fire Chief or his designee determine that conditions are not appropriate. Fireworks displays shall only be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or federal holidays between the hours of 10:00 am and 10:00 pm. No fireworks display shall be ignited within 100 feet of any structure, overhead utilities or woodlands. Any fireworks display shall be restricted to the property listed on the permit unless written permission of the adjoining property owner is obtained prior to the display. Persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from igniting fireworks and any person igniting fireworks shall not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. *Fireworks shall not be ignited when aircraft approaching or departing Pease Airport can be seen or heard.*
6. The permit applicant shall be required to have a means of fire extinguishment readily accessible.
7. Only New Hampshire Permissible Fireworks purchased from a licensed fireworks retailer in New Hampshire shall be permitted to be displayed and a copy of the sales receipt is required for permitting.

C. Town Property

1. Fireworks displays on or over property owned by the Town of Newington is prohibited without the written permission of the Board of Selectman and the issuance of a Fireworks Permit.

D. Enforcement

1. The Fire Chief or his designee reserves the right to inspect the permitted location and the fireworks to be discharged at any time during the period for which the permit is issued. Failure to allow such inspection shall result in the immediate revocation of the permit.

2. The applicant shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town of Newington for any costs associated with the mitigation of any fire or other emergency which is the result of the applicants use of fireworks.
3. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance is a violation punishable by:
 - First Offense: \$50.00 fine and revocation of permit, if applicable
 - Second Offense: Up to a \$1,000.00 fine and revocation of permit, if applicable
4. Persons found guilty of a second offense will be prohibited from obtaining any further Permissible Fireworks Permits.
5. Any sworn law enforcement officer shall be empowered to enforce this ordinance.

E. Pease Airport Fireworks Restrictions

1. The ignition/display of fireworks within the common path of approach and departure to Pease Airport is strictly prohibited. No fireworks permits will be issued for properties within this restricted space. A map of the restricted space will be maintained by the Fire Department and referred to at the time a fireworks permit is requested.
2. No fireworks shall be ignited when aircraft approaching the Pease Airport can be seen or heard.

F. Other

1. No permit issued under this ordinance shall relieve the permit holder of any responsibilities or liabilities associated with any other rule, ordinance or law governing the conduct of the permit holder, and no permit issued under this ordinance shall provide for any exemptions to any other rule, ordinance or law.



Recreation News!

Camp Newington Summer Camp dates :

June 21st to August 20th

SAVE THE DATE:

Septemberfest is September 18th.





Police Department

Summer is here!! Pools are opening, we are seeing more cyclists in and about town, and people are out walking/running enjoying the beautiful weather.

As operators of vehicles, we must use caution when approaching a cyclist or pedestrian. Even while operating your vehicle at the posted speed limit, use extra caution and slow down when approaching. Give the safe distance of 3 feet to the cyclist and an additional foot for each mile per hour over 35 mph.

Cyclists and pedestrians also have responsibilities while sharing the roadways. Stay furthest right of the paved portion of the road, wear bright colors, and follow the rules of the road.

Most recently I have seen walkers walking with traffic, not against traffic. Walking/running against traffic gives you the ability to see what is coming towards you, so you can react, if the operator of the vehicle is distracted.

We all share the responsibility of being safe on the roadways. If you see any violations, please contact us, so we can correct the behavior and educate the violator.

I know we love our pets and want to bring them with us every where we go. More and More businesses in town, including the Fox Run Mall are becoming pet friendly. There is no excuse for leaving your pet in your vehicle during hot or cold temperatures. Each summer we field numerous calls of dogs left in a hot vehicle. Officers are equipped with temperature gauges to test the temperature inside vehicles, which helps in prosecution but to also educate the violator.

In May we had our MOCK review for National Accreditation. Falling short last year, we passed the MOCK with some minor revisions needed. On June 4th, CALEA will be reviewing our files remotely. Once we pass this review, which I know we will, CALEA will be coming out in July for our Onsite. Captain Smart and Keri have done an excellent job getting us to this point within the last six months. Great Job!!

May monthly statistics as of May 31.

Motor vehicle stops	196	Summons/warnings issued
Accidents	13	Reports taken
Incidents/calls for service	17	Reports taken
Arrests	13	Felony/Misdemeanor offences
Field Interviews	0	Suspicious person(s)
Warrants	2	Felony/Misdemeanors

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

Be safe and healthy!!

Chief Michael Bilodeau

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

Tues – Wed - Thurs – 9AM to 2PM

Email or Call for Appointment if needed.

Lcoleman@townofnewingtonnh.com or [603-436-7640](tel:603-436-7640)

**BUSINESSES – Please Make Appointments or Drop Off for
Fleet Renewals and Multiple New Vehicle Registrations**

Town Clerk's Office Will Be Closed

July 27, 2021 – August 5, 2021

All Renewal Letters for June and July will be mailed out shortly.

August Renewal Letters will be mailed out Aug. 6, 2021.

Info for Paying Tax Bills & Car Registrations

PAYMENTS – May be made by CHECK, CREDIT CARD, ACH, OR CASH

May be Paid By:

- 1.) **Check** – By Mail, Drop Box or In-Person During Office Hours
- 2.) **Cash** – Drop Box or In-Person During Office Hours
- 3.) **Credit or Debit Card** – **At the Counter for Car Registrations Only**

For Tax Bills: Can only be used on the Town's Website

- Top of the Home Page, Property Tax Button

USER FEES of 3 % will be added – approximately \$3 per \$100 added.

OR Use ACH for Both Taxes and Vehicle Registrations

- 4.) **ACH Payments** – Made on Town's Website, Property Tax Button

These payments come directly out of your checking account and only add a small user fee.

Keep for Future Reference

Information we need to register a new vehicle.

Leasing Company info. and/or All Owners' Names, Address (legal & mailing if different) Dates of Birth

Year of the car _____

Make of car _____

Model of car _____

Fuel type _____

Number of cylinders _____

Number of axles _____

Color _____

Style of car _____

Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) _____

List Price (MSRP) _____

Purchase Date _____

Odometer _____

Driver's license # _____

Previous Title # and State if used _____

Current Title or MCO if new and never titled.

Seller's Name & Address: _____

(If Available) _____

Lien Holder's Name & Address: _____

Langdon Library

Welcome to the Library! You may:



Browse in the library to check out books and media

**please ask staff to retrieve Children's DVDs or Board Books*



Print with personal device and/or use fax machine



Relax outside at our picnic table/patio



Use Hoopla and NH Downloadables for e-books, music, audiobooks, and movies



Not yet:



Meeting/study rooms/children's room are closed



Public computers and seating areas are unavailable



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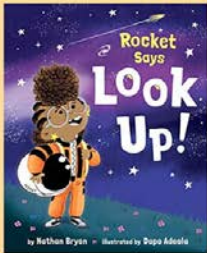
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www.langdonlibrary.org/out-loud



WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

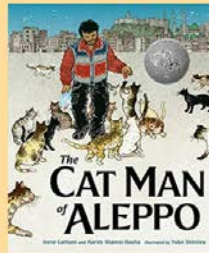
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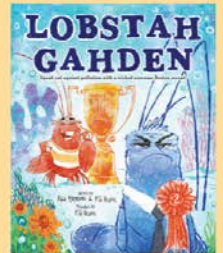
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Dragons and Damsels of New Hampshire with Pamela D. Hunt, Ph.D



Welcome to the fascinating world of the insect order Odonata! Join us on Zoom for an overview of the biology and ecology of dragonflies and damselflies, from their amazing life cycle to their incredible diversity.

Wed, June 9 @ 6:30 PM



(603)-436-5154
programs@langdonlibrary.org

Recent Bird Sightings:

These recent sightings are compiled by Sue McGrath of the Newburyport Birders. Report your sightings to Newburyport Birders at newburyportbirders@comcast.net or 978-204-2976. Visit www.newburyportbirders.com.

National Wildlife Refuge, Newington, New Hampshire: Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Northern Mockingbird, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Kingbird, Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, Savannah Sparrow



Scarlet Tanager



Eastern Bluebird

Dual Poles

After eight long months of negotiations, the Town of Newington along with 6 other towns have reached a settlement agreement with Consolidated Communications regarding the timely removal of abandoned poles within the Town. Consolidated has made a legal commitment to remove all the known dual poles in the 7 towns within a 4-year timespan. The Newington Board of Selectmen ratified their acceptance of the agreement on May 20, 2021.

To recap the issue, utility poles along our highways are commonly under dual ownership of the electric and/or telephone companies. Each company is assigned a maintenance territory to evenly distribute the cost of maintaining these poles. Companies, who do not own a pole, attach to them in accordance with an attachment agreement with these joint owners, which further complicates the

issue of ownership and responsibility of maintain these poles. When a pole is replaced, the new pole is placed beside the old one creating a dual pole. Then from top to bottom, each utility removes their attachment to the old pole and transfers it to the new pole. Invariably, Consolidated is the last utility to remove their attachments since they are usually on the bottom. They require all the other utilities to remove their attachment before they can remove their utilities and remove the pole. This distributed ownership and attachment situation can lead to long delays in the final removal of a pole, sometimes leading up to a 15-year delay in some cases.

Via this agreement, the estimated 107 dual poles located within Newington will be removed at a pace of 28 poles per year thereby eliminating the problem in a little less than 4 years. Their removal will improve the safety along our highways and enhance the esthetic beauty of our Town.

School Funding/Donor Towns

The Coalition Communities 2.0 of which Newington is a member reports that most if not all the specific legislation addressing the state’s obligation for public school funding by re-implementing a “donor” and “receiver” town property tax system have been tabled, dismissed as inexpedient to legislate, or retained in committee thereby defeating them for this year. This does not mean this issue is dead for this legislative season. The greatest unknown at the moment is how the final state budget will be passed. As currently approved by the House, the Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT) to be raised was decreased by \$100 million as a property tax relief measure in that “other” sources would be used to make up the decrease. It remains to be seen if the Senate concurs with this effort and can identify these other sources. They may determine that the other sources may be the previously defeated donor and receiver town system that makes Newington a donor town. Even if that does not happen and Newington’s SWEPT rate decreases, under the current budget plan, it would not receive any additional state aid. So, a decrease in SWEPT would result in a corresponding increase in Newington’s local education property tax rate.

There are many unknowns still as the legislature needs to finalize the state budget whereby both the Senate and House agree on a fiscal plan before the June 30th end of the State’s Fiscal Year. A lot will be happening during the month of June.

Odor Complaints

As the warmer weather becomes more common, there will an increase in outdoor activities let alone everyone enjoying the new seasons by opening their windows to allow cool breezes to enter their homes. With this, comes a greater likelihood for residents and visitors to our community to experience certain unpleasant odors that complaints have been on the rise during the last two years.

In response to the increase in complaints, the Town has been attempting to address the issue by first documenting when and where the complaints have occurred and to share that information with interested parties to include the EPA, NH Dept. of Environmental Services, and Sprague Energy. There is currently a form on the Town's website to complete to register such a complaint. Unfortunately, it does not provide timely notice of when the odor is experienced because it still requires manual processing. We are working with Sprague to create an electronically filed form that would document the experience as soon as the form is submitted. Look for the enhanced form on the Town's website coming soon.

American Relief Plan Act and Other Federal Resources for Recovery

The Town has been monitoring the evolving guidance on how to use the Town's allocation under the Federal American Relief Plan Act (ARPA). Preliminary estimates have placed the amount to be received to be just over \$80,000 paid in two installments. Half will be received this year and half sometime next year. The Selectmen are evaluating the best use of these funds as allowed under the federal rules for their expenditure. The Town is learning something new about the allowable uses of these funds each week, so no decision has yet to be made on how to wisely invest these recovery resources.

In addition, the Town became aware of a federal funding opportunity through US Senator Shaheen's Office. Under the Congressionally Directed Spending Program, the Town has applied for a \$300,000 grant to upgrade the communications equipment supporting the Emergency Operations Center. Most of the current equipment is located in the Police and Fire Departments, which has been experiencing increasing challenges in using this equipment due to its age, decreasing reliability, and limited interoperability with other emergency response agencies. If this grant is approved, the equipment upgrades will increase communications capabilities between each department, the Town Hall, and surrounding agencies thereby allowing them to better respond to emergencies as they occur in our town and region. The Board of Selectmen was enthusiastically supportive of this all-out effort by many departments to improve the safety of our residents, and of the employers/employees/visitors that frequent our community.

CURRENT USE VALUES SET BY STATE FOR 2021-2022

Each year the State of New Hampshire determines the values for land in Current Use and the Town of Newington needs to adjust the land tables accordingly. Residents with land in Current Use will see small adjustments in the value of those lands. Current Use assessments provide a property tax incentive to all qualifying landowners who agree to maintain their land in an undeveloped condition.

This assessment is based on the capacity of the land to produce income in its current use-whether it is managed farm or forest, or unmanaged open space. Current Use is the cornerstone of the state's land conservation efforts, with over half the land in New Hampshire enrolled in this valuable program.

"It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizen's, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water, forest, agricultural and wildlife resources."

- NH Current Use law RSA 79-A

For land to qualify for Current Use it must be a tract of land or a combination of contiguous tracts under identical ownership comprised of a minimum of ten (10) acres. Wetlands of smaller acreage also qualify for Current Use taxation.

When land is disqualified from Current Use due to development or because it no longer meets the minimum acreage requirement, it is subject to a land use change tax equal to 10% of the full and true value of the land at the time it is disqualified. If the land is transferred for development as a buildable lot, the value of the lot at that time is determined and the penalty is 10% of that value. Land cannot be removed from Current Use without a qualifying event, such as transfer of less than ten acres or disturbance of the land by construction of some sort.

For more information regarding Current Use, please go to the website [HERE](#).

Per RSA 79-A, the Current Use Board (Cub) has revised the Current Use value ranges for 2021-2022.

Cub 304.07 Assessment Ranges for Forest Land Categories. The assessment ranges for forest land categories without documented stewardship shall be as follows:

- (a) The category of white pine shall be \$122 to \$183 per acre;
- (b) The category of hardwood shall be \$57 to \$86 per acre;
- (c) The category of all other shall be \$40 to \$60 per acre.

Cub 304.13 Assessment Range for Unproductive Land. The assessment for unproductive land shall be \$24 per acre.

Cub 304.14 Assessment Range for Wetland. The assessment for wetland shall be \$24 per acre.

Hours of Operation: Town Offices - Mon - Fri. 9 - 4:30pm
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday 9am-2pm
Building Dept. - Mon - Thurs 6:30am- 4:30pm
Planning Dept. - Monday & Thursday 9 - 4:30pm (Planner by appointment)
Transfer Station: Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm
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