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Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair  
 Kenneth Latchaw  
 Michael Marconi



The Town offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Trash pick-up will be on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>



Upcoming Meetings:

12/9/2019	Board of Selectmen	5pm	Town Hall
12/9/2019	Sewer Commission	6pm	Town Hall
12/9/2019	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
12/11/2019	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall
12/12/2019	Planning Board	4:30pm	Town Hall
12/12/2019	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
12/16/2019	Board of Selectmen	3pm	Town Hall
12/18/2019	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
12/18/2019	Budget Committee	6:30pm	Town Hall

## FIRE DEPARTMENT:

*Open letter to the residents and business owners of Newington:*

I hope everyone had a good thanksgiving and was able to relax and enjoy the time with their families and friends. I wanted to send out a heartfelt thanks to the residents, fellow employees and committee/board members that came out for the swearing in ceremony. And also, to the residents and business owners that have stopped by or sent cards of congratulations and support. You have all been very kind in welcoming me back to Newington and it makes me proud to be back. One of the things that makes this Town great is the small neighborhood feel. The residents, and businesses, are a tight knit group of neighbors helping neighbors. And I would like you all to think of the Fire department as a neighbor too. If you have an issue or problem that you are not quite sure how to handle it or who to call, call us. We are here to help you in any way possible that we can, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

E.J. Hoyt, Fire Chief

### CANDLE SAFETY



- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that could burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

- Don't burn a candle all the way down – put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



### CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Follow these recommended safety tips.

#### Picking the Tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

#### Placing the Tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.



## Lighting the Tree

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory such as UL or ASTM. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Prosecutor Brian Newcomer

Brian Newcomer has been a part-time Officer since 2017. He retired from The Newington Police Department as a Captain after serving as a full-time New Hampshire Police Officer for over 35 years, 30 of which, were served here in Newington. He has been the departments prosecutor since 1988 and continues in that role. Brian lives in Newington and is married to Newington Native, Susan Beane.

Officer Scott Blaisdell part-time Officer in 2018. agency form 1999-2003. Scott full time for the Rye Police Lieutenant. Scott is a Field Instructor and is also a Crisis Team. Scott is a lifelong resides with his wife



Officer Scott Blaisdell

returned to the Newington Police Department as a Scott had previously worked as an officer for our has been in Law Enforcement for 21 years working Department, where he currently holds the rank of Training Officer, Taser and Defensive Tactics Negotiator on the Seacoast Emergency Response resident of the Seacoast area where he currently Stephanie and children, Chandler and Elaine.



Officer Doug Lorenz began his Law Enforcement career working part-time for Portsmouth, Greenland and Stratham Police Departments. In November of 1981, Doug was hired as a full-time Police Officer with Newington, graduating from the 59<sup>th</sup> class of the NH Police Academy. During his tenure, Doug served as a patrol officer, Detective Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant until his retirement in December 2002. After retiring, Doug worked as a Reserve Deputy with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department from 2002-2016. In 2012, Doug rejoined the Newington Police Department as a part-time officer. Doug is a Portsmouth native and a University of New Hampshire graduate. He currently lives in the seacoast with his wife Laurie.

Officer Dough Lorenz



Officer Tim McClare began his law enforcement career as a part-time patrol officer for the Hampton Police Department. He completed the 74<sup>th</sup> NH Police Academy becoming a Conservation Officer with the NH Fish & Game Department, where he served over 20 years. During his tenure with Fish and Game, Tim was a firearms, defensive tactics, baton instructor and District Court Prosecutor. From 1986-2001 Tim was assigned to the 12 member Fish & Game Law Enforcement Dive Team. In 2001 Tim was appointed Dive Master/Unit Commander. Over his 17 years with the dive team, he led hundreds of dive missions throughout the state recovering drowning victims and criminal evidence. Tim works part-time at Greenland PD and came to Newington as a part-time officer in 2016. Tim holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology with an Associates in Forestry.

Officer Tim McClare

I hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving.

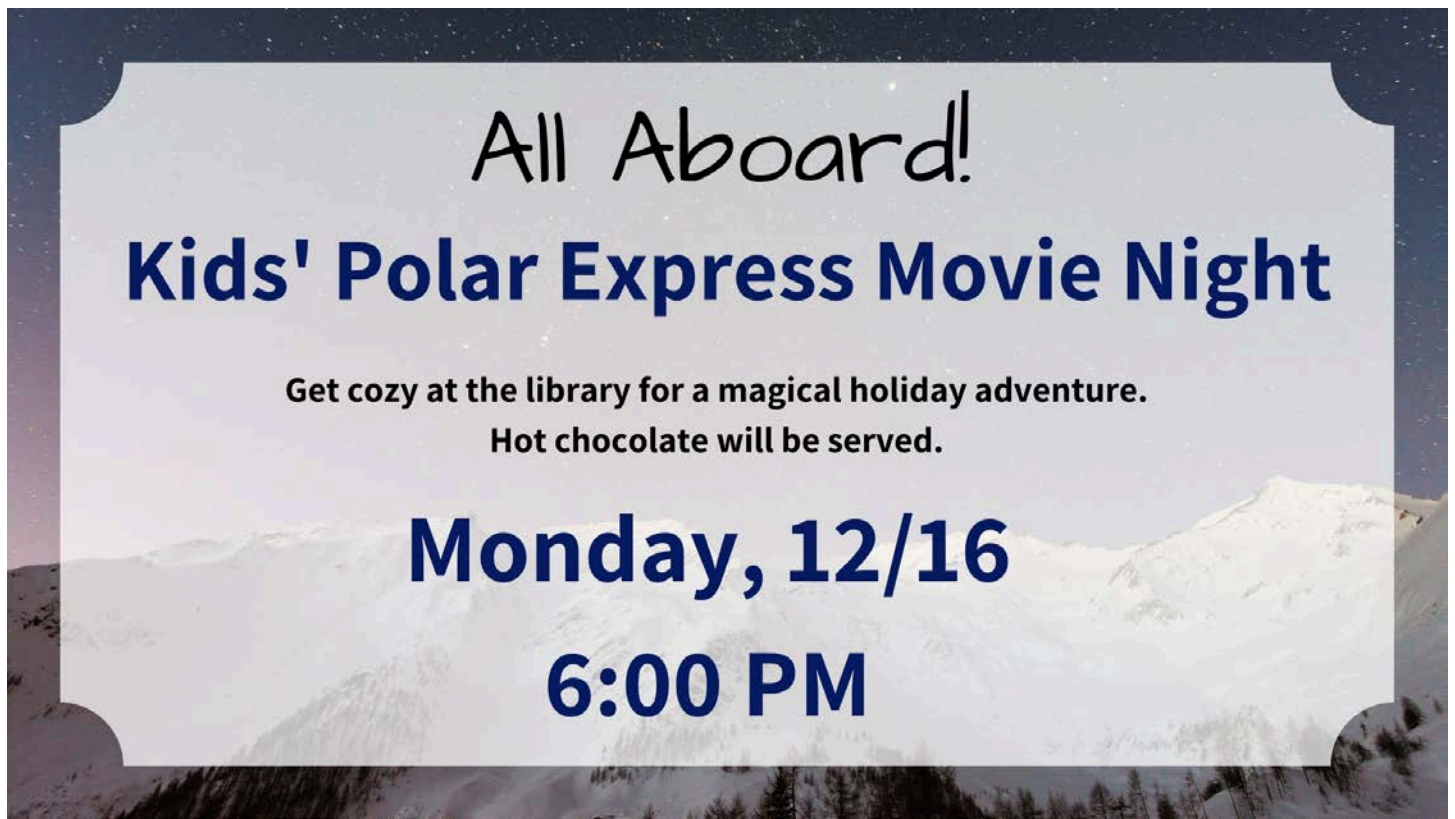
This is the time of year phone and computer SCAMS are at a high. Never give any personal information over the phone or computer to an unknown or non-reputable organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call 431-5461 or send me an email; [mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com](mailto:mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com)

Be Safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief





Planning Department

**Piscataqua Drive and Woodbury Avenue:** Discussion on December 9, 2019 of proposed developments with three property owners on Piscataqua Drive – Tax Map 27, Lot 2 (Wilcox Industries), Tax Map 27, Lot 2 (Northeast Credit Union) and Tax Map 27, Lot 1-A1 15 (proposed office building).

**141 Shattuck Way, proposed hotel:** The Planning Board accepted the site plan application as complete and scheduled a continued hearing for January 13, 2020. Altus Engineering and the TRC will review the project in December.

**271 Nimble Hill Road:** The property owner proposes a 13 lot subdivision. The property has a significant amount of wetlands. The Planning Board continued the application to January 13, 2020.

**45 Gosling Road:** The Board continued the public hearing for the McGovern Auto Group to December 16, 2019. This is the site of the “Old Toys R Us” building.

**Mixed Use Study:** The Selectmen recommended and the Planning Board agreed to conduct an

independent study on mixed used zoning in the mall area. The two independent consultants have been contracted and are working on the study and did meet with the Planning Board on December 9, 2019.

**Master Plan Update:** The Planning Board continues to work on the update of the Master Plan.

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**SPRAGUE ODOR-**

The Board of Selectmen met with representatives from Sprague on 9/16/19 about the odors coming from their plant. They continue to receive complaints about the noxious fumes.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT NEWINGTON DOCUMENTS THIS ISSUE!!

IF YOU SMELL AN ODOR PLEASE CALL (436-7640) OR EMAIL ([eboy@townofnewingtonnh.com](mailto:eboy@townofnewingtonnh.com) or [mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com](mailto:mroy@townofnewingtonnh.com)) at the Town Hall so that Selectmen can compile data to present to Sprague.

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**Deer Testing Update**

Under the direction of Glenn Normandeau, Director, NH Fish & Game testing of deer shot by hunters on the Great Bay Wildlife Refuge took place last week. The goal is to determine if the deer are being impacted by the PFAS contamination in surface water and brooks within the refuge. Testing samples were taken from the liver and tissue of 15 deer. Those samples are currently being analyzed at the University of Connecticut and results are expected in a few weeks. The town officials appreciate Director Normandeau for listening and acting on the concerns the town has.

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**Seacoast Reliability Project**

Eversource and their contractors have been working hard to complete the utility infrastructure improvements in town. The town officials understand that this is a complicated process and appreciates the efforts to complete the job quickly. The Board of Selectmen has granted permission to Eversource to work longer days and some Sunday's to assist in the completion. Weather permitting; the work at the Frink Farm to restore the site will be completed this week. The work being done by the Crossings at Fox Run is now being done at night so as to not impact the shoppers. Later in the month the structures will be set in Flynn Pit, on Little Bay Road and at the Pickering property.

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**CALLING ALL BALLOT CLERKS!**

Now that the date of the Presidential Primary has been set, I want to let everyone know the dates of all four elections to be held next year. Anyone who would like to help as a ballot clerk for any or all of the following dates can email me, Laura Coleman, at

[lcoleman@townofnewingtonnh.com](mailto:lcoleman@townofnewingtonnh.com).

**Also, we need at least 5 people to help with testing the ballot machine, usually a week before each election, dates and times to be determined.**

The polls will be open from 8AM to 7PM for all three state elections.

For the town election in March, the polls are open from 11AM to 7PM.

**March 10, 2020 – Town Election** – 2 shifts available – 10:30AM to 3:30PM

Or - 3:15PM to 8:30PM (to finish)

**February 11, 2020 Presidential Primary**

**September 8, 2020 NH State Primary**

**November 3, 2020 General Election (Presidential Election)**

Three shifts available each day – choose just one or work any two shifts:

7:30AM to 11:45AM, or 11:30AM to 3:45PM, or 3:30PM to 7:45 (to finish)

Laura Coleman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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**PFAS Contamination of Private Wells Update**

The town is aware that 5 residential wells have levels of some PFAS chemicals that exceed the State of New Hampshire’s Drinking Water Standards that became effective on September 1, 2019. The residents have been notified by the State and the Town has requested that the Air Force take action to either install treatment systems in the residents’ property or connect the property to the Portsmouth public water system. Unfortunately, the Air Force, Department of Defense follows federal laws. The official statement from the Air Force is “The Air Force will continue to address PFOS and PFOA in drinking water from Air Force activities under the federal cleanup law (CERCLA) using EPA’s lifetime health advisory. When public or private drinking water wells have PFOS or PFOA levels above the EPA lifetime health advisory from Air Force activities, the Air Force provides alternate drinking water, which includes installing treatment systems to remove PFOS/POA to below the EPA advisory levels or connection to municipal water”.

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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](mailto:noise@pease.org).

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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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