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Board of Selectmen

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September Town events!

Don't forget that September is packed with events for residents! See the schedule below:

September 7th..... Sunset Road Race
September 14th.....Septemberfest
September 21stTown Wide Yard Sale

Upcoming Meetings:

8/6/2019	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
8/7/2019	Board of Fire Engineers	6pm	Fire Station
8/8/2019	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
8/19/2019	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6:30pm	Town Hall
8/19/2019	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
8/21/2019	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
8/21/2019	Historic District Commission	10am	Town Hall
8/22/2019	Library Trustees	1:30pm	Library
8/26/2019	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
8/29/2019	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall



Thanks to Lillian Thompson!

Lillian planted many of our annual flowers in the Town pocket gardens this summer. We sincerely appreciate her jumping in to take on this task!

Fire Department:

Just a quick Safety Note about sky lanterns from Newington Fire & Rescue

Sky lanterns have become increasingly popular as a way to celebrate. However, they pose a serious fire safety hazard and their use is prohibited by the State of NH Fire Marshal's office, unless the lantern is tethered and unable to become loose.

Sky Lanterns Information & Safety:

- The lanterns are usually made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo or wire frame, some of the materials can easily catch on fire.
- A candle or wax fuel cell is used with the device.
- The lit flame heats the inside of the lantern, causing it to rise into the air.
- Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile in distance. The main reason they **MUST** be tethered.
- Wind can affect the sky lantern, blowing the sides, forcing the hot air out and sending the flaming lantern back to the ground.
- These lanterns have the potential to cause fires.
- A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, field, trees or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished.
- A destructive fire can result when a flaming lantern reaches the ground during dry conditions.
- Sky lanterns shall not be used if not tethered and completely secured.

The Department recently was made aware of several sky lanterns that landed on a home's roof and in a neighboring houses' tree. Several more were found down the street from those houses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the station Duty Officer at 436-9441
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New piece of equipment enhances Newington Fire Department's capabilities

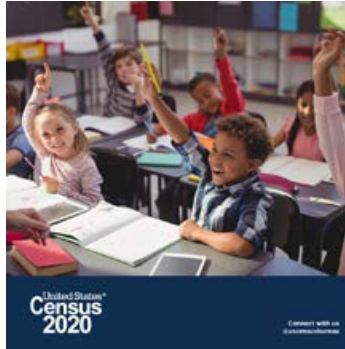


The Newington Fire Department recently took delivery of Tower 3 on June 6, 2019. You've probably seen it around town as the members have been completing required training prior to it being put into service. Tower 3 was officially placed into service July 19th.

Tower 3 is a 2004 E-One model truck with a 95-foot ladder and platform. The truck is equipped with a pump capable of flowing 2000 gallons per minute with a 300-gallon water tank. Tower 3 allows Newington personnel much safer access to the taller buildings in Town by working from the platform instead of a straight ladder like the previous one.

The fire department purchased the 2004 E-One vehicle from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for \$325,000 trading in the department's 1999 Seagrave 100' Ladder truck at a value of \$290,000 with the remaining \$35,000 withdrawn from the *Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund*.

2020 Census



The once every ten year census will be taking place next year and Newington has partnered with US Census 2020 to help insure that our town is accurately represented. A complete count of every person has tremendous impacts for the country, specifically the number of representatives each state has in Congress is determined by the number of residents in those states and can result in the redrawing of congressional district boundaries. The number of people is used as the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states.

At the local level, the state uses the census count of Newington residents in formulas to determine the amount of revenue we receive for schools, roads and from the Rooms & Meals Tax. Newington has a very small population and it should be easy to have a totally accurate count. This census is the first that can be done electronically! There will be a lot of publicity about how and when to respond and we will try to keep you updates as well. Beginning in March, 2020 residents can begin responding online at www.2020census.gov . There will be mail and phone options as well. Residents that do not respond by June 1, 2020 will be visited by the door to door census takers in order to gather the necessary information.

The Census Bureau is looking for people in each community to work for them, and if you have an interest you can contact them at www.2020census.gov/jobs .



Tennis Lessons a Big Success!

Thanks to the Recreation Committee for a very successful Children's Tennis Lessons Camp this summer. Many children enjoyed the lessons. We look forward to next summer!

General John Sullivan Bridge



The General Sullivan Bridge has been a beautiful and historic part of the Newington landscape since 1934. The bridge is historical, not only for its age but also because it was one of the earliest water crossings in New Hampshire and one of the first built as a continuous truss highway bridge. For a bridge to have built like this in 1934 numerous challenges had to be overcome, including the fact that the location is subjected to some of the strongest tidal currents along the eastern seaboard. The construction of the replacement bridge is nearly complete and the removal of the old bridge is scheduled.

Removal of any state historic structure requires the state to mitigate the loss in some fashion. The state has requested the town Selectmen to provide suggestions as to what Newington would like as mitigation for this historic loss. Included in the list of mitigation suggestions made to the state earlier in July are the transfer of the property known as "Bloody Point" containing the historical train station to the town of Newington in its entirety with the single restriction that the property immediately surrounding the train station be retained by the Town of Newington for recreational/historical use. In addition to the property, the town has also requested funds to restore the train depot and grounds.

Mitigation for a historic structure can also be accomplished on the site of another historic property and the town has also requested a significant amount of money to be used for the restoration of the Old Stone School property in Newington. The building is currently vacant and plans were developed a few years ago to bring this historic resource back to a vibrant center of town activities. There are drainage issues on the property that are impacting the grounds and the cemetery and we hope to be able to rectify those problems as well.

The Board of Selectmen will continue to work hard to see that Newington is fairly compensated for the loss to the historic character of the Newington landscape

Police Department:

It was brought to my attention some of the residents don't know the officers who serve the community. So for the next couple of months, the department will be showcasing your officers with a photograph and a brief biography.



Sergeant Brandon Smart

I have been in Law Enforcement for 11 years. I spent the first 4 years of my career with The Rockingham County Department of Corrections before coming to the Newington Police Department. I have been with Newington for the past 7 years. In 2017, I was promoted from patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant and am responsible for overseeing day to day patrol operations. My duties as a Sergeant include, reviewing all arrest reports, accident reports, scheduling patrol and detail assignments, and heading up the Filed Training Officer program. I am one of the departments Use of Force Instructors. I hold certifications as a Baton Instructor, Field Training Officer and Physical fitness Instructor. Prior to my career in Law Enforcement, I was in the United States Army for 8 years, serving with Charlie Company 3-172 Infantry (Mountain). I was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 for 11 months.



Master Patrol Officer Sean O'Reilly

I have been in Law Enforcement for 15 years. I am a Master patrolman and have been working for the Newington Police Department for 7 years. I am a Use of Force Instructor in the disciplines of firearms, OC spray, handcuffing and hands on defensive tactics. I helped develop and implement an Emergency Operation plan for the Newington Public School and am currently working on a plan for the Town Hall. I am a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Instructor. I assist with making sure that the evidence that is collected, is properly packaged and placed in the evidence room, according to National and State standards. I also make sure that the cruisers are properly maintained. I have instructed the Newington Public School, Birch Tree School and several businesses on the use of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) to ensure the best practices of safety during an active shooter situation.



Officer Andrew Wood

I started Police work in 2011 working part-time for the Madbury, N.H. Police Department. I came to the Newington Police Department in 2016 to work part-time. January 1st 2017 I started working full-time for the Town of Newington. At the Newington Police Department I am one of the Field Training Officers (FTO) who trains new officers. I am a certified O.C. (pepper spray) Instructor, Background Investigator, and Physical Fitness Instructor. I am the Business Liaison Officer and put on quarterly trainings for the Retailers in town. I honorably served in the N.H. Army National Guard for 6 years, separating from the Army in May of 2019. In the Army I was a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Specialist. I reached the rank of Sergeant and was the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of the CBRN section for my Battalion. I served overseas in the Middle East for a year from 2015-2016.



Detective Patrick Costin

I attended Norwich University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2015. While at Norwich University I was a member of the Corps of Cadets and played on the football team my first two years. I was hired by the Concord, NH Police Department in August of 2015 and worked as a patrolman until I transferred to the Newington Police Department in November 2017. I am currently working as the Detective for the Newington Police Department. I am also a high school football coach at York, ME High School.

Have a great August!! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate contact me at 603-431-5461 or email me: mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com

Be Safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief

NEW KAYAK RACK CONSTRUCTED!

The Selectmen have built a new kayak rack for residents to store their kayaks on at Fox Point. Feel free to lock them in place. Due to its popularity, a second rack is in the works!



[Selectmen from left to right- Mike Marconi, Ted Connors and Ken Latchaw taking a break after moving the new rack into place.]

Langdon Library:



The Langdon Library is proud to share that the NH Library statistics for 2018 have been compiled and for the second year in a row Langdon Library has the highest per capita circulation (also known as checkouts) of libraries in towns our size. Jackson Public Library had the highest number of visits,

with Langdon in second place. For the second year in a row we had a high number of visits and checkouts in comparison to seacoast libraries as well – second only to Portsmouth. Thank you to all of our loyal patrons for using our library!

There are just two weeks left to keep track of your reading to earn raffle tickets to potentially win passes to Diversions Puzzles & Games, Lago's Ice Cream, Story Land and more. Kids should keep track of *each day they read* by putting a sticker on a circle on their Summer Reading Log, and teens and adults should log their reading on special bookmarks. Logs and bookmarks must be turned in on or before Wednesday, August 14. We will have an “Intergalactic Ice Cream and Movie” event at 1 PM for kids to celebrate the finale of our Universe of Stories theme – though adult summer reading participants are also welcome! We will also present two more programs for adults in August. On Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM hear from storyteller Michael Lang (former presenter of The U-Boats Come to Portsmouth) about NH stories, and share your own story of finding home. And on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 PM Miss Amanda will guide you to make a Constellation Drink Coaster. Please call 436-5154 or email the library at programs@langdonlibrary.org if you wish to register for this program.

The library will be closed Saturday, August 31 and Monday, September 2 for Labor Day weekend. See you at the library!

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Lara Berry, M Ed
Director, Langdon Public Library

[Police Commissioner Resignation and Appointment](#)

Steve Prefontaine has resigned as Police Commissioner recently after serving since 2012. We thank him for his dedicated service to the town. The Police Chief pointed out recently that Steve was very philanthropic. He gave to the many non-profit causes that were supported by the Police Dept., Birchtree Center and Special Olympics to name a few. Please join us in thanking him for his service.

The Selectmen have appointed Bill Wright to replace Steve as our next Police Commissioner. Bill currently serves on the Town Budget Committee, is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, US Army and has an extensive background in Emergency Management. Welcome Bill!

Roads Update:

Crack Sealing and Paving:

McIntyre Road and the Town Hall Parking Lot have been crack sealed in accordance with the Road Management and Maintenance Plan completed for the Town by Rockingham Planning Commission. Swan Island Lane, a portion of Hannah Lane and the Fire Department parking lot are expected to be paved in early fall.



Woodbury Avenue/Piscataqua Drive:
As you drive on Woodbury Avenue and Piscataqua Drive you will see many improvements under way. It is anticipated that the town will take over the road in October and start plowing this winter.

Renaud Trucking has been awarded the plowing bid for Woodbury Avenue.

Planning:

On-going projects

1. Wilcox Industries. 25 Piscataqua Drive, Tax Map 27, Lot 22: Wilcox Industries submitted an amended site plan for an expansion, which the Planning Board will hear on August 26th. They are going up, but no expansion of the footprint. Adequate parking is a concern.
2. 141 Shattuck Way, Tax Map 20, Lot 4: On June 3, 2019, the Planning Board DENIED, without prejudice, the application of Doloma Investment of Portsmouth, Inc. 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 initial location of the proposed hotel changed due to wetland issues. The applicant needs zoning relief from four items. If the ZBA grants the relief on August 19th, the applicant will submit a new application. The

applicant is a member of the extended Patel hotel family which owns and operates many hotels throughout the U.S.

3. Storage Barn II of Newington. LLC, River and Shattuck Way: The applicant / owner received Planning Board conditional approval on March 25th and recently completed the requirements of the conditional approval for a 2nd self-storage facility at River and Shattuck, Tax Map 19, Lot 7 A. Site and construction work has started.
4. 90 Arboretum Drive, Pease Tradeport: On September 10, 2019, 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. The owner, Farley & White, submitted a building permit on July 29th and paid \$106,000 in building permit fees to the Town. For land in Newington under the jurisdiction of PDA, the Planning Board's role is advisory.
5. Seacoast Helicopters: In September 2018, Seacoast Helicopters received approval from the PDA board for construction of a building at the North Apron. The PDA site approval is good for one year. Seacoast Helicopters has not signed the lease with the PDA.
6. 117 Gosling Road: The Board approved the site improvements plan on July 8th.
7. The Crossings: The Board conducted three a public hearing regarding 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. The next hearing will be August 26th.
8. 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. To move forward, the Board would need to grant a waiver regarding the road length. The owner is considering his options.
9. Watson property, Nimble Hill Road, Tax Map 6, Lot 1: A real estate developer has proposed a 16-lot residential subdivision on this 35-acre parcel. The Board will conduct a preliminary consultation on September 9th.
10. Old Toys R Us, Gosling Road, Tax Map 34, Lot 3-1: The McGovern Auto Group has proposed a Subaru (LOL) dealership on this site and the Board will conduct a preliminary consultation on August 26th.
11. Dennett Farm, Lydia Lane, Tax Map 17, Lot 4: The Planning Board is disappointed with lack of progress in completing this residential development. On August 26th, the developer will update the Board on his progress, especially as it relates to the bioretention area.

Planning projects

1. Master Plan Update: In addition to completion of the Vision Section and Land Use Chapter of the Master Plan Update, the Board has prepared a Final Draft of the Transportation Chapter and Housing Chapter.
2. Economic Development: The Economic Development Committee (EDC) expects to finalize the new economic development webpage this month.
3. Conservation Commission: With assistance from West Environmental, the Con Com will be updating the Town's wetlands map.

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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