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Board of Selectmen

Timothy “Ted” Connors, Chair
 Kenneth Latchaw
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The Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th in celebration of Presidents’ Day.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office Will Be Closed On February 11 & 12, 2020 for Election Day

Upcoming Meetings:

2/3/2020	Board of Selectmen	5pm	Town Hall
2/4/2020	Police Commission	4pm	Police Station
2/5/2020	Board of Fire Engineers	5:30pm	Fire Station
2/5/2020	Budget Committee Public Hearing	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/6/2020	Recreation Committee	6:30pm	Stoneface Brewery
2/7/2020	Budget Committee Public Hearing Snow Date	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/10/2020	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall
2/13/2020	Planning Board	4:30pm	Town Hall
2/13/2020	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
2/18/2020	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall
2/19/2020	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
2/20/2020	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall
2/10/2020	Planning Board	6pm	Town Hall

Recreation Committee

Winterfest is Coming!!!

On Sunday, Feb 9th from 2-7pm come down to the Skating Rink and join us for the first annual Winterfest!



There will be:

- Ice skating
- Hot chocolate
- Snow showing (pending snow)
- Bon fire at dusk

Look forward to seeing you then!

Kids' Valentine's Day Party

at the library



Saturday, 2/8

11-1 pm (drop-in)



Crafts & Cupcakes

Police Department

February is here, which marks my third year as your police chief. I want to thank the community for your incredible support. Knowing you support us in our endeavors, makes us proud to serve you!

The last few newsletters, we were able to introduce you to the officers of the department with a photograph and brief biography of who we are. I hope this was helpful because we really want the community to know everyone at the police department who works for you. This is my introduction to you of Officer Nicholas Burns, who was hired as the replacement for Officer Adin Sobel, who left us for the big city of Dover.



My name is Nicholas Burns. I've grown up in New Hampshire most of my life. I graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, NH and continued my education at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH. I earned my bachelor's degree in criminal justice while double majoring in sociology. After graduating, I began my law enforcement career at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections in Unity, NH. After working there for a year, I began work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Police Department in Kittery, ME. In January of 2020, I was officially sworn in at the Newington Police Department and began my field training, preparing for the summer police academy beginning in May 2020.

Officer Nicholas Burns

On Tuesday, February 4th, at 2:00pm, Detective Costin and I will be putting on a Senior Fraud presentation at the Langdon Library. This is the first of many presentations we plan on doing this year for the community, to keep you informed. If you have any ideas you think we should present to the residents, let me know, and we will put something together.

The Special Olympics Torch Run is one of the philanthropic events we do as a group to raise money for Special Olympics. Each year we solicit donations from family, friends and residents to support us in the seacoast run, which ends in Durham, NH. We also raise money from "Tip a Cop," hosted by Texas Roadhouse, where a percentage of the meal and the tips we receive, goes to Special Olympics.

We will be taking our special skills and knowledge to the Newington School this year, to teach the 5th and 6th grade classes Forensic Sciences.

These are just a few of things in addition to the officers' duties, to help make Newington the best community in the seacoast. Be Safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Police Chief



Newington Police Department presents

Senior Citizen Fraud Awareness Class

Tuesday, Feb. 4

2:00 PM

at Langdon Public Library

Fire Department:

Fire Department Promotions and Swearing In Ceremony Scheduled

The Board of Fire Engineers is pleased to announce the appointment of Lt. Patrick Moynihan to the position of Assistant Fire Chief for the Newington Fire Department effective January 13, 2020.

Lt. Moynihan brings fourteen years of rank promotions and increased responsibility in his career to this position. He has demonstrated highly effective critical thinking as well as the ability to lead, train and develop individuals in firefighting and advanced emergency response techniques. He holds a significant number of fire service certifications to include Nationally Registered Paramedic. At the present time, Lt. Moynihan is furthering his education and is enrolled in a Bachelor of Science program in Fire Service Administration.

Lt. Moynihan has introduced innovation and operational improvements in his role assisting Chief EJ Hoyt throughout the past four months during which the Assistant Chief position remained vacant. The Board of Fire Engineers is confident in our selection of Lt. Moynihan to complete our fire service management team and move our department forward in the best ways possible.

The Board of Fire Engineers also announces two internal promotions within the ranks of our firefighters. These downline vacancies were created as a result of the promotion of Lt. Patrick Moynihan to the position of

Assistant Fire Chief.

Newly promoted Lt. Brian Berghorn has served Newington for approximately three years, most recently in the position of Acting Lieutenant. Lt. Berghorn is also a military member, serving as a Staff Sergeant in the New Hampshire Air National Guard Fire Department in the role of crash and rescue firefighter. His certifications are extensive and his pursuit of further education is ongoing.

Newly promoted Firefighter Kayla Reno has served Newington for approximately three years as a part-time firefighter EMT while also serving part-time as an EMT for the York Ambulance Response. Firefighter Reno started her career spending nine years at the Rollinsford Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter EMT. Firefighter Reno holds multiple certifications and is also pursuing further education having just recently participated in ice and cold water rescue training.

The Board of Fire Engineers is fortunate to have highly qualified candidates step forward seeking to support our mission while advancing their dedication to a career in the fire service. Our ongoing commitment to support training, education and career advancement opportunities is paramount in energizing and retaining a work force that is allegiant to the Town of Newington.

Please join us in congratulating Assistant Chief Patrick Moynihan, Lt. Brian Berghorn and Firefighter Kayla Reno and wish them much success in their new positions.

Swearing In Ceremony...Save the Date!

Please join us on Thursday, February 13, 2020

6:00 PM at the Fire Station

Assistant Chief Moynihan, Lt. Berghorn and Firefighter Reno will be sworn in
Meet your first responders and their families and enjoy great refreshments

All are most welcome!

GENERATOR SAFETY

When using portable generators please, for the safety of you, your family and pets follow these guidelines:



- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 5' away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as being for fuel. These containers should be stored outdoors.

Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or to heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations.



- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
 - Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
 - Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
 - Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
 - Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off should it tip over.
 - Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
 - Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Tax Exemptions and Tax Credits

The Newington voters over the years have recognized the importance of assisting our elderly and disabled residents with property tax exemptions and have honored our Veteran's with a generous Veteran's credit. The Legislature added a new optional credit for the town's to consider adopting for Veteran's. The cost of the exemptions and tax credits that are granted to qualified property owners is shared by all of the other property tax payers, which is why any changes to the States minimum requirements must be voted on at Town Meeting. Many of our property owners enjoy the benefits of these credits and exemptions while there may be other residents that are not aware of the options that are available to them. A tax credit is an amount of money that is deducted directly from the taxpayer's tax bill, and a tax exemption is the amount of money that is deducted from the assessed valuation of the real estate before the property tax is billed. The State of New Hampshire requires municipalities to provide these benefits, with the town having the option to set the limits and establish requirements that are more favorable than the State's minimums and offer additional exemptions that are not required.

VETERANS TAX CREDIT

The State of New Hampshire, through RSA 72:28 requires towns to provide a minimum tax credit to qualifying veterans of \$50 with the option for Town Meeting to increase that up to \$750. Newington residents voted to increase the Veteran's Credit to the maximum of \$750 in 2019. The requirements to qualify for a Veterans Credit are set by the State and require that the property must be the principle residence of the Veteran and the Veteran must have lived in New Hampshire for one year preceding the April 1st that the credit begins. The Veteran must have also served in a specific qualifying war or armed conflict for not less than 90 days and have been honorably discharged.

In 2016, the State Legislature added an Optional Veteran's Credit that towns may adopt that will extend the Veteran's Credit to all Honorably Discharged Veteran's with 90 days of active service, regardless if they served during one of the armed conflicts previously required. The Board of Selectmen has placed that optional credit on the ballot for approval by the voters in March. There have been several Newington Veterans that have not qualified for a credit that will now become eligible. If approved, the deadline to apply for this new credit for the 2020 tax year will be April 15, 2020. Please feel free to contact kanderson@townofnewingtonnh.com with any questions or to set up a time to come in and apply.

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

All municipalities in New Hampshire are required to offer a tax exemption for elderly residents that are 65 years of age or older and have lived in New Hampshire for the three prior consecutive years. There are minimum financial requirements that are set by the State, and town's then have the ability to adjust those requirements through Town Meeting votes. The property must be owned by the resident, jointly with a spouse, or in trust with the qualifying person shown as a trustee to qualify. If the property is owned jointly with someone other than a spouse that does not meet the age requirement, the exemption is prorated based on the percentage of ownership. Currently the financial requirements are that the tax payer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 if single or \$60,000 if married; and own assets not in excess of \$500,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The exemption amount for residents that qualify between the ages of 65 and 74 is \$200,000; for residents between 75 - 79 the exemption amount is \$300,000 and for residents age 80 and over the exemption amount is \$300,000. The net income is defined as all moneys received from any source, including social security and pensions, and then deducting proceeds from the sale of assets such as stocks. If the property is a duplex, the rental income is counted. The town is required to certify that residents receiving the elderly exemption continue to qualify and that is done periodically.

2020 Candidates for Elected Offices

Selectman	One 3 year term	Ted Connors
Fire Engineer	One 3 year term	Mike Patenaude Ann Hyland Hebert
Police Commissioner	One 3 year term	Brenda Blonigan
Police Commissioner	One 1 year term	William Wright
Sewer Commissioner	One 3 year term	Tom Hazelton
Trustees of the Trust Fund	One 3 year term	Jennifer Mulstay
Planning Board	Two 3 year terms	Russell Cooke James Weiner Chris Cross
Budget Committee	Three 3 year terms	Alan C. Wilson James Belanger Brandon Arsenault
Moderator	One 2 year term	Jack O'Reilly
Supervisor of the Checklist	One 6 year term	
Library Trustees	One 3 year term	Peter Welch
Cemetery Trustee	One 3 year term	Cosmas locovozzi
School Board Member	One 3 year term	

Dates To Remember:

February 5th 6:30pm Budget Committee 2020 Budget Public Hearing- Town Hall

February 11th Presidential Primary 8am to 7pm at Town Hall-Come vote!

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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