



The Town of Newington E-Newsletter includes information about Town-sponsored events, projects and special announcements. Visit www.newington.nh.us to join the distribution list, or to be removed.

Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair
Michael Marconi
Kenneth Latchaw

**Town Clerk Hours on week of
Christmas holiday:**

Closed:

Tuesday 12/24/18
Wednesday, 12/25/18

Open:

Thursday 12/27/18 2-6pm
Friday 12/28/18 9-1pm



In celebration of Christmas the Town Hall will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25.

Upcoming Meetings:

12/12/2018	Board of Selectmen	6:30pm	Town Hall
12/12/2018	Budget Committee	7:00pm	Town Hall
12/13/2018	Cemetery Trustees	3:00pm	Library
12/13/2018	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
12/17/2018	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
12/19/2018	Historic District Commission	10:00am	Town Hall
12/19/2018	Sewer Commission	9am	Waste Water Treatment Plant
12/27/2018	Board of Selectmen	6pm	Town Hall

EVERSOURCE UPDATE:

The Site Evaluation Committee continues their deliberations of the Eversource Transmission line expansion in Concord. They will be meeting at 49 Donovan Street in Concord on Monday, Dec. 10th from 1-5pm. The Selectmen encourage anyone who can attend to go to these meetings and listen to the Committee discussions. Following is a link to a recent press release the Selectmen issued: <http://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/selectmens-press-release-eversource-transmission-lines>

Water Contamination Concerns:

The Selectmen have met with representatives from the federal and NH state government as well as representatives from Senator Shaheen’s and Hassan’s offices and US Representative Shea Porter’s office regarding water contamination concerns due to the USAF Firefighting foam leaking into the town water supply. They have included funding in the 2019 budget to help eligible residents with blood and water testing. Click on the following link for detailed minutes of this meeting.

http://www.newington.nh.us/sites/newingtonnh/files/minutes/minutes-file/bos_minutes_11-15-2018.pdf

Tax Rate:

The tax rate has increased in 2018 by \$.17 See the breakdown of the rate below:

<u>Government Unit</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Town	\$5.11	\$5.05
County	\$1.05	\$1.03
School	\$.41	\$.78
State Education tax	<u>\$2.53</u>	<u>\$2.41</u>
<u>Total Tax Rate:</u>	<u>\$9.10</u>	<u>\$9.27</u>

Town Planner Report:

On-going projects

1. 2061 Woodbury Ave, LLC, Tax Map 27, and Lot 2: The Planning Board granted conditional approval to this Holiday Inn Express application in June 2018. It appears the project is “on hold.”
2. Pickering Marine LLC (formerly Frizzell site plan), 34 Patterson Lane: The applicant is constructing the project.
3. Convertible Castle (aka Bernie & Phyl’s), 30 Fox Run Road: Bernie & Phyl’s has opened and is a great addition to Newington.
4. The Storage Barn of Newington, LLC, 2211 Woodbury Ave: The owner received a Certificate of Occupancy for units B and C. He has submitted a second site plan application for a 2nd self-storage facility at River and Shattuck, Tax Map 19, Lot 7 A.
5. Seacoast Helicopters: Seacoast Helicopters received approval from the PDA board for construction of a building at the North Apron. Construction has not yet begun.
6. 109 Gosling Road: Anytime Fitness is gearing up to use the approximate 3,800 SF formerly used by LaBeatz, a dance studio, as a fitness center.
7. The Crossings: On November 19th, the Board conducted a preliminary consultation regarding the demolition of the Bugaboo site with Alicia Busconi, KeyPoint Partners and the construction of a new grocery store, Aldi’s.

LANGDON LIBRARY NEWS:

Second Annual Winter Warm Up

**Tues. Dec. 18
6-8 pm**

**Enjoy Soup, Cupcakes,
Snacks and Assorted
Adult Beverages with
friends and neighbors at
the library**

**Children may attend and create cards for servicemembers
and holiday-themed crafts in the kids' room**

Library Report continued:

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual “Winter Warm-Up” at the Langdon Library! We’re holding this popular event on Tuesday, December 18 from 6 to 8 PM for all ages. Soup, cupcakes, snacks and treats will be enjoyed, including donations from TenderCrop Farm, Panera, Stone Face Brewery and more. Children may attend and create cards for service members and holiday-themed crafts. All ages are welcome to come and connect with the community and enjoy some seasonal treats. Please arrive early if you anticipate difficulty walking from the road or the meeting house parking lot.

Have you noticed some empty shelves in the library? Nothing is missing, we are just rearranging. Due to the popularity of programs such as the “Warm-Up” and “Meet the Candidates” in March, as well as some other programs throughout the year, the “old library” is becoming our programming room. We will gain more space and also better show off the beautiful rug in that room donated by John Welch.

Our book group takes a December break but copies of the January book, “The Nest” by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney, arrive mid-month. Email us at info@langdonlibrary.org if you want to be added to the email list for notifications when they are available for check-out.

Happy Holidays! See you at the library!
Lara

Lara Croft Berry,
Library Director

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. Selectman Latchaw spoke at a recent PDA Board hearing about noise concerns with the Seacoast Helicopter operation. The company is proposing to relocate to the Newington (north side) of the airport and expand their operations. He has heard from residents about the Seacoast Helicopter noise and has asked that this announcement be sent to all in case there are others that are concerned.

Economic Development Update:

The Town’s Economic Development Committee (EDC) is working to create a new economic development webpage. Committee members are visiting local businesses to learn of their concerns and to explore how the Town can be of assistance.

Planning Board projects

1. **Master Plan Update:** The Planning Board continues to work on the update to the Master Plan with assistance from the Rockingham Planning Commission.
2. **Amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance:** The Planning Board has identified the following potential amendments to the NZO for action at the March 2019 Town Meeting. The Board recommended items a, b and c. On December 17th at 6:30PM, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider items d, e, f and g.

a) **NZO Article II Definitions** -Add the following two new definitions:

- 1) **Warehouse** – “A structure or room for the storage of merchandise or commodities or other items related to a principal use in the zoning district. This does not include a self-storage facility or the like.”
- 2) **Self-storage** – “Buildings that are used for private storage. Typically, a single self-storage facility will contain a variety of individual units that are rented out for the purpose of storing personal belongings.”

b) **Article VIII – Air Pollution Mitigation** – Delete this Article as federal and state authority preempts the Town from acting in the area of air quality / air mitigate

c) **Article III Section 1 – Residential “R” A – Description and Purpose**, – Change the last sentence to: Any future development which does not perform a neighborhood function is not allowed. ~~may require additional conditions of approval imposed by the Planning Board on a case by case basis.~~

d) **Article III, Section 6, Waterfront Industry and Commerce District “W”, B Uses Permitted:** Delete all of 9) Residential uses for watchman, caretaker or janitor. The industry or business shall annually certify NOT PERMITTED.

e) Add a new provision to **Article IV General Provisions:**

Section 13 – Existing Residences in Nonresidential Districts: For existing residences established in nonresidential districts as a caretaker, watchman, manager or the like for a particular business, the industry or business shall annually certify by April 1st using certified payroll that the resident is a bona fide employee of the business or industry and works as a caretaker, watchman, manager or the like. If the resident is no longer an employee of the business, the building shall no longer be used as a residence

f) **Article XVI – Small Wind Energy Systems:** In Section 2 Procedure: A – Location: Add the following new language – “except in the Residential District “R” zone.” Now reads: Small wind energy systems and MET towers are an accessory use that is permitted in all zoning districts, *except in the Residential District “R” zone.*

g) **Article IX Wetlands Overlay District:** The amendments include updated definition of Vernal Pool, Delineation Requirements, clarification to Driveways by Conditional Use Permit and clarification to Section 7 – Structural Setbacks.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me at the Town office or by e mail at gcoogan@townofnewingtonnh.com.

Thank you.

Gerald Coogan, Town Planner

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!!

Please join us in congratulating Darin Sabine on his appointment as Fire Chief! The Fire Engineers have also appointed E.J. Hoyt as Assistant Fire Chief. Both individuals grew up in Newington and we are proud to have them. Another new member of Newington Fire is Lieutenant Patrick Moynihan who has recently transferred from Dover Fire. Congratulations!

RECREATION HOLIDAY PARTY!!



Sunday, December 9th 4-7pm at the Town Hall

Join in! We have events for all ages! Crafts, gingerbread house making, ice skating, food and drink and Santa!

A good time will be had by all!



Police Department

We have recently mailed out a survey to all Newington homes. We would appreciate your input to make our service to you as effective as possible.

If there is anything we can do for you, just let us know.

Be Safe!!!!

Michael Bilodeau, Chief of Police

Highway Projects Update

Little Bay Road Washout (by Captain's Landing): The new guardrail and remainder of the reconstruction project is expected to be finished by the end of December.

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 **New hours** - Mon & Tues 2 - 8pm, Wed 12 - 7pm, Thurs & Fri. 10 - 5pm., Sat 10 - 2pm,

Transfer Station Wed 5 - 7pm, Sat 9 - 3pm

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