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Board of Selectmen

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**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



The Town Hall will be closed in celebration of Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4th.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

7/2/2018	Board of Selectmen	9am	Town Hall
7/9/2018	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
7/11/2018	Board of Fire Engineers	12pm	Fire Station
7/12/2018	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
7/17/2018	Historic District Commission	3:30pm	Town Hall
7/18/2018	Sewer Commission	9am	WWTF
7/23/2018	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
7/26/2018	Economic Development Committee	6pm	Town Hall

*Note: As always, these meeting times are subject to change. Please check the website to confirm.*



## Police Department

This month has been busy for the Newington Police Department. Members have been involved in charitable events such as the Special Olympics, Crimes against Missing and Exploited Children, in conjunction with Kohl's, and supporting an Officer from Rollinsford, NH who was diagnosed with cancer. We are working with The Birch Tree Center and Texas Road House for a fundraiser and awareness for autism.

I have completed a three year Strategic Plan for the Police Department to highlight a path of continuous improvement. The plan will be reviewed by the Police Commission and given to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. This plan is a living document and over the course of the ensuing years, the plan will be revised in cooperation with the community, Police Commission, Board of Selectmen and department staff.

We are in the process of hiring the eleventh officer, which was approved this budget season. Through advertisement, we had 58 people apply for the position, with 18 completing applications and 25 solicited from the Great Bay Police Alliance Testing, who scored a minimum of 80% on the written test. In reviewing resumes, applications and written test scores, we invited 32 candidates to participate in the physical ability test. Out of the 32 candidates, 13 participated and 9 successfully completed the test. Those who passed the test were invited to the oral board phase of the hiring process.

The oral board was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Newington Police Department. Members of the board were comprised of members of the community, business district, Air National Guard and officers from the department. Out of 8 candidates, the top 3 were chosen to meet with the Police Commission for final selection. Once the top candidate is selected, he will go through a rigorous background, polygraph and psychological investigation. Thank you to the members of the community who participated in the Oral Board process!!

A reminder with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up and everyone enjoying the sunny weekends outdoors, please be responsible and considerate of others.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 431-5461, email; [mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com](mailto:mbilodeau@newingtonnhpd.com) or stop by the station.

Be safe!!!

Michael Bilodeau,  
Chief of Police

## Recreation Committee Report:

Don't forget to take advantage of the: *Recreation Voucher Program*

Background: Many area cities and towns offer recreational activities to their residents for a set fee. They often offer these same programs to non-residents at a higher fee. Due to limitations, Newington is unable to offer many of these programs, so any Newington resident who wishes to participate is required to pay the higher fee. To enable its residents to have the same opportunities as that offered to other cities and towns at the same price as their residents pay, Newington has created a voucher program as follows:

1. The Town of Newington will reimburse residents of Newington, the difference in cost of recreation programs offered by other cities and towns for residents and non-residents where the same programs are not offered in Newington.
2. The resident wanting reimbursement must provide a receipt to the Newington Town Hall, showing the amount paid and evidence of the rate difference. For allowed reimbursements, the Rec Committee will fill out a Purchase Order and submit it to the Town Hall for payment.
3. Any golf related activities or memberships are not eligible for this program.
4. Funds are limited and will be dispersed on a first come first serve bases regardless of the date on the receipt. When the funds are depleted, no more reimbursements will be provided unless the Newington Recreation Committee has available and approves additional funds.
5. Reimbursements will be limited to \$300 per individual per year.

## Ballroom Dancing:

Ballroom Dancing Lessons will be held

at the Old Town Hall on

September 5, 12th, 19th and 26<sup>th</sup>

6:20pm

(\$55. per person)

Sign up at Town Hall!



## Library Report:

The Library's new year-round hours begin this week! We will be closed on Wednesday July 4. Our normal weekly hours will be Monday and Tuesday 2 -8 p.m., Wednesday 12 - 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 - 5, and Saturday 10 - 2.

On Wednesday, Jul. 18 at 6:30 p.m., the Sea Brass Quintet will play a mix of sea ballads, ragtime, Dixieland, Disney, Beatles, and blues. This program will be outside on the library patio, weather permitting. Light refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, Jul. 25 at 2 p.m., Bryson Lang presents an interactive, family-friendly Comedy-Juggling show, with ball-spinning, flying sombreros, giant bouncing rings and more. This program is partially funded through a 2018 Kids, Books, and the Arts grant: Funding for KBA is provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and in part by a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more July events at the library, visit our newsletter here: <https://conta.cc/2Kx6DWN>

See you this summer at the library!

Lara

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## TOWN PLANNER REPORT:

### On-going projects

1. 2061 Woodbury Ave, LLC, Tax Map 27, and Lot 2: On June 11, 2018, the Planning Board granted approval to this Subdivision application and Site Plan Review application for the proposed 100 room hotel (Holiday Inn Express) and subdivision with 16 conditions.
2. Pickering Marine LLC (formerly Frizzell site plan), 34 Patterson Lane: On May 11, 2018, the Planning Board granted approval to the Site Plan Review application.
3. Convertible Castle (aka Bernie & Phyl's), 30 Fox Run Road: The new store will be coming soon.
4. The Storage Barn of Newington, LLC, 2211 Woodbury Ave: On February 12, 2018, the Planning Board granted approval to the Site Plan Review application with seven conditions. The applicant is considering a second storage facility on land between Shattuck and River Roads.
5. 90 Arboretum Drive, Pease Tradeport: The Newington Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday July 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at the Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington NH, to review the subdivision plan and site plan review 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.

6. Seacoast Helicopters: Seacoast Helicopters wishes to construct an 8,000 SF by the North Apron. The parcel is in PDA's Airport Zone and the process involves a Technical Review Committee's consideration of the request. Officials from Portsmouth and Newington participate on the TRC.
7. 109 Gosling Road: Anytime Fitness will use the approximate 3,800 SF formerly used by LaBeatz, a dance studio.

Planning projects

1. Site Plan Review: New procedures for Site Plan Review and Lot Line Adjustment applications are online at <http://www.newington.nh.us/files>
2. Master Plan Update: The Planning Board continues to work on the update to the Master Plan with assistance from the Rockingham Planning Commission. The Board will hold a ½ day workshop on July 11 beginning at 8 AM to 12 Noon.
3. Economic Development: The Town's Economic Development Committee (EDC) had a very worthwhile meeting with Karen Pollard, the Economic Development Director for the City of Rochester. The EDC is considering a Business Visitation Program. See the Town's economic development video at <http://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/newington-economic-development-video-newington-is-open-for-business-check-us-out-on-youtub>
4. Amendments to the Newington Zoning Ordinance (NZO): In the fall, the Planning Board will consider potential amendments to the NZO for action at the March 2019 Town Meeting.

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**\*\*THE TRASH PICK UP AND TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE  
WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> INSTEAD OF JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**



## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

### RUTH L. GRIFFIN BRIDGE

On Thursday, June 28, 2018 Governor Christopher T. Sununu came to the Newington Town Hall and signed Senate Bill 300 naming the bridge from Newington to Dover, the Ruth L. Griffin Bridge. Ruth, her family members and over 250 attendees were on hand for the momentous occasion.



Ruth L. Griffin Bridge Naming Ceremony

(From left: Ruth L. Griffin, Ted Connors, Governor Sununu, Ken Latchaw and Mike Marconi)



Governor Sununu with Ruth Griffin signing Senate Bill 300



The Kent Auditorium was packed for the Bridge Naming Ceremony & Reception

**Quick Facts about the Ruth L. Griffin Bridge:**

- 1,639 feet long
- Longest bridge entirely in New Hampshire (3<sup>rd</sup> longest after I-95 High-level, and Sarah Mildred Long)
- 72 foot wide roadway (4 lanes) will carry over 35,000 vehicles per day
- Provides a marine channel opening of 200 feet by 45 feet over mean high water.

**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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