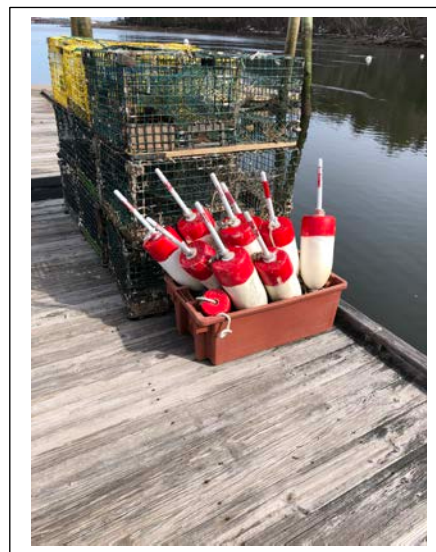




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Board of Selectmen

Timothy "Ted" Connors, Chair
Michael Marconi
Kenneth Latchaw



[Fox Point Dock](#)

Upcoming meetings:

4/2/2018	Board of Selectmen	4pm	Town Hall
4/4/2018	Board of Fire Engineers	12pm	Fire Station
4/4/2018	Library Trustees	1:30pm	Langdon Library
4/12/2018	Conservation Commission	6:30pm	Town Hall
4/16/2018	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6:30	Town Hall
4/16/2018	Board of Selectmen	4pm	Town Hall
4/18/2018	Sewer Commission	9am	WWTF Plant
4/23/2018	Planning Board	6:30pm	Town Hall
4/26/2018	Economic Development Comm.	6pm	Town Hall

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COMMITTEES
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News from the Library

National Library Week is April 8-14th

There will be a Children's book character scavenger hunt. Characters are hiding around the children's area with letters that form a secret phrase. See if you can solve the puzzle and win a prize! The hunt begins Saturday, April 7 and ends Saturday, April 14th.

April Book Group: Weds. April 18 at 6:30 PM or Friday April 20 at 10:30 AM We are reading *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin. Books are available to check out at the desk, and light refreshments will be served.

April 26 at 10:30 AM Caregiver's Cafe

The Caregiver Cafe is a collaborative effort between Cornerstone VNA and the Langdon Public Library. Caregivers and their loved ones are invited to join us for a morning of support, conversation and education. Light refreshments served. This group meets monthly at the library on the last Thursday of the month.

April 26 is Poem in Your Pocket Day

In celebration of National Poetry Month we will be displaying our collection of poetry books in the library. Stop in on Thursday April 26 to pick up a poem to carry with you!

Friday Family Hour Canceled

There will be NO Friday Family Hour on Friday, April 27th. Families are still welcome in the Children's Room to socialize, read and play!

Lara L. Croft
Library Director

Road Projects:

Little Bay Road: This project is starting again. The portion of Little Bay Road between Nimble Hill Rd and McIntyre Rd. will be closing on Monday, April 9th for up to 3 weeks. Please watch the Town website for information on when it will reopen.

Woodbury Avenue: This project is expected to be ongoing during the summer months with completion by the end of August. See the January E-Newsletter edition for details of the project.

Waste Water Treatment Plant New Sequential Batch Reactors



The new Sewer Plant reconstruction has been finished. See the Granite Shore Power, power plant in the back ground of the picture above. The next project for the Sewer Department is construction of a new forced sewer main on Woodbury Avenue. This will replace an aging main.



If you haven't had a chance to meet our new Building Inspector; take a moment and stop in at town hall. Kevin Kelley has served as Building Inspector in North Hampton and Epping and has over 40 years of experience in the building field, as well as serving in the Army Corps of Engineers. Welcome Kevin!

Police Chief's Report:

The Newington Police Department regrets to inform the Newington Community of the untimely passing of Master Patrol Officer Seth Appelbaum, on March 27th, 2018. Officer Appelbaum took his own life while dealing with personal issues. Officer Appelbaum is survived by his parents; Paula and Ralph Appelbaum of Florida, sister; Cari and brother in-law Ralph Manteiga, of Long Island, NY, wife Deborah Appelbaum and daughters; Samantha and Jessica, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. You are all in our prayers. Seth was a sixteen year police veteran, serving two years with the Farmington, NH Police Department and fourteen years with the Newington Police Department.

Services were held at the Temple of Israel, Portsmouth, NH on March 29th. The Newington Police Department adhered to the service request of the family for; family, close friends, fire department and law enforcement personnel to attend the services.

I would like to personally thank the Newington Community in all the support you have given us the last couple of days.

Be safe,
Michael Bilodeau, Chief of Police

Legislative Activity:

This season has been trying for Newington but rewarding in the end. Two NH House bills were proposed that could have had devastating effects on the town tax rate but were modified or voted down.

House Bill 1802- This bill required towns to remit any excess state wide education property tax to the state for deposit in the general fund. Over a million dollars from Newington's tax base to the state annually would be transferred to donor towns under this bill. Click on the following link to read more about the impact on Newington and other communities

([talking points HB 1802 Donor Towns 2018.pdf](#)) The Selectmen reached out to our State Representatives and House leadership to lobby against this bill.

Good news: This bill was voted inexpedient to legislate!

House Bills (HB)1381 & 324- These bills are concerning how towns assess utilities such as distribution lines and power plants to name a few. In the beginning, one of the bills called for the NH Department of Revenue Administration to take over assessing all utilities rather than the Towns assessing them. For the town of Newington this is particularly concerning as *more than half of our tax base comes from the utility industry*. We would have had the State in control of how our Newington properties were assessed or in control of more than half of our tax rate. Selectman Connors contacted House Bill 1381 sponsor Rep. Abrami and was able to have power plants (generation facilities) eliminated from the bill. By the end of the session House Bill 324 (to create a Commission to study utility valuation) was passed. HB 1381 which initially required net book value as the basis for all utility valuation would have tied town's hands on the method to assess utilities. It was tabled for this year.

Newington History Moment

The Stone School (in the Historic District)



Population growth predicted, due to the shipyard, resulted in the construction of the Stone Schoolhouse (353 Nimble Hill Road; Albert H. Dow of Dow, Harlow and Kimball, architect; Harry Wood, contractor) in 1921. Like many of the town center buildings preceding it, the Stone Schoolhouse was literally a product of the town's natural resources, with timber from the Town Forest furnishing lumber for its paneled interior and fieldstones from local stone walls used to build the exterior.

The Airforce had taken acquisition of the Stone School with the development of Pease Airforce Base in the 50's and then in 2000 the USAF deeded it back to the town.

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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