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THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Michael A. Drake, Eric Shaw, and Bruce Harvey

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Town of New Hampton
6 Pinnacle Hill Road
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January 6, 2023

**Attention Property Owners Affected by Extreme Storm Event
on December 23rd**

The Board of Selectmen are asking property owners that sustained damage due to the Christmas storm on Friday 12/23/22 to document the damage and obtain estimates to repair, or invoices for work performed, to allow for accurate reporting to NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management should a Disaster Declaration be made and Federal assistance be made available.

Please send your documentation to FireChief@new-hampton.nh.us or drop it off at the New Hampton Fire Department, 26 Intervale Drive.

Please note there is no funding or program in place to reimburse property owners at this time and this effort is to ensure that we can respond quickly, accurately, and fully should FEMA resources become available.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 40:13, on **Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, to review and discuss the proposed 2023 Town budget and warrant articles, at the New Hampton Fire Department training room, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton, NH.

If extreme weather requires a cancellation of the January 9th hearing it shall be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the same location and time.

The proposed 2023 Town Budget and Default Budget can be found on the Town website.

SECOND HEARING (if necessary)

If necessary, a second public hearing on the budget will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023, 6:00 pm to review and discuss the proposed 2023 town budget and warrant articles, at the New Hampton Town Office second floor Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH.

If extreme weather requires a cancellation of the January 16th hearing it shall be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the same location and time.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NEW HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
Fire Department Training Room, 26 Intervale Road, New Hampton, NH

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Snow date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 6:00 pm

The New Hampton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 to discuss the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance.

2. **Amend** the Floodplain Development Ordinance Addendum to align with requirements of FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The full text of the proposed zoning amendments is available for public review at the Town Office, Public Works Department and on the Town’s web site: www.new-hampton.nh.us.

The History Corner:

Who Knew?

A Founder of Colby-Sawyer College and Its First Principal Lived in New Hampton

Susan Farnham Colby (1817-1919) was born in New London, NH to Mary Everett and her husband, entrepreneur Anthony Colby, who later became governor of New Hampshire. For a more advanced education, Susan and several local friends including Sarah Burpee and Martha and Mary Greenwood enrolled as boarders in the New Hampton Female Seminary (NHS). Susan attended the Seminary from 1829 through 1831, and returned to finish in 1834, studying Latin and French as well as standard academic courses such as history, English, algebra, science, economics and moral philosophy.

Not satisfied with being a graduate, Susan returned to NHS in 1836 to be the “Teacher of English Literature.” She did so well that Martha Hazeltine, the highly regarded head of the Female Seminary, wrote to her good friend, Lucy Ann Griggs, “*Your successor, Miss Colby, does admirably. Quite a rival to yourself, we think, in stealing hearts.*”¹ Wanting more education and training, Susan left after a year and traveled to Troy, NY where she spent the 1837-38 school year at the Troy Female Academy founded by the

¹ May 26, 1836 as quoted in Sarah Sleeper’s *Memoir of the Late Martha Hazeltine* [1843], p. 177

famous educator, Emma Willard. The Troy Academy continues today as the highly regarded Emma Willard School.²

Now ready for a new undertaking, Susan, with the backing of her father, Anthony, helped found New London Academy. The Academy opened in May 1838 with Susan as first teacher and principal and fellow NHS alumna and friend, Martha Greenwood, as her assistant.



Clearly fond of her time in our fair village, Susan came back to New Hampton to be principal of the Female Seminary from 1846 to 1848. New Hampton School was twice blessed with Colbys during this time, as Susan's father, Anthony, was president of the NHS Board of Trustees. Obviously a multi-tasker, he was also serving as governor of NH (1846-47)!

In 1851 Susan married financier James B. Colgate and together they became benefactors of Colgate University. In recognition of its deep ties with the Colby family, New London Academy changed its name to Colby Academy in 1878.³ The next time you drive through the lovely town of New London and view the campus of Colby-Sawyer College, think of trekking back and forth by carriage to be able to attend, and then lead, the New Hampton Female Seminary.

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the newly updated New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/> If you have memories, photos or information on "the Grove," please share them with me at kbicknell@newhampton.org

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Curator of Special Collections
The Gordon-Nash Library at New Hampton School

² As we were writing this "History Corner" a letter written in February of 1837 from a close friend and classmate of Susan, Lucy Brown, came to light. Lucy had just transferred from NHS to the Troy Female Academy, and begged Susan to follow. Stay tuned for more on this letter ("Susan Colby: The Sequel!") in a future "History Corner."

³ From the "History of Colby-Sawyer College" on the school's website: <https://colby-sawyer.edu/about/history>

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