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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 <u>www.new-hampton.nh.us</u> 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 <u>nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us</u>.

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

Neil G. Irvine Town Administrator Town of New Hampton 6 Pinnacle Hill Road Tel. 744-3559

May 24, 2022

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2022 Annual Public Safety Day June 4th from 10 am to 2 pm

Sponsored by the New Hampton Firefighter Association and Police Department

Event includes a walk-through of the facility, a free hamburger and hot dog lunch, and many demonstrations, including 4 dogs, an auto extrication using our new extrication equipment, and a drunk glasses demonstration with go carts. We have a bike course and will be giving away helmets and bike lights.

Other activities: New Hampton Garden Club plant sale and Fire Marshall sprinkler demonstration. Other organizations on hand will be Fish & Game, Public Health, VNA, NH DOT, National Guard, CERT and more.

First Issue 2022 Tax Bills

Property tax bills will be going out later this week with a due date of July 1st.

We will be sending them to the last known address so if you do not receive your bill contact the Tax Collector's office at 603-744-8454 to confirm the mailing address used by the Town.

Scholarships for New Hampton Students

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarships

These scholarships are available to students who reside in New Hampton. The 2022 scholarship applications are due to the Selectmen's Office by May 31, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Sarah Dow MacGregor came from Kennebunk, Maine to attend New Hampton School. After graduating from the school at the age of seventeen she was married, on the Christmas day following, to Walter R. Dow, a local boy. They lived on Old Bristol Road, in a home which they built and occupied for many years. The second floor of the house was purposely left unfinished so that the young people of the town could meet there for dances.

Although Sarah was a wealthy woman, they always lived very simply, preferring to use this inheritance for worthy causes. Always thinking of the needs of others, Sarah carefully planned the bequests in her will to bring happiness when she was no longer living. One of her largest bequests was made to the Town of New Hampton, to be used to receive education beyond what is furnished at public expense.

Scholarship applications for graduating high school students and for those students currently in college are available on the town website under "Boards & Commissions", Sarah Dow Committee", or can be obtained at the Selectmen's Office.

Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief

Taxpayer Assistance

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers. Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are accepted only during the statutory filing period - after May 1, <u>but no later than June 30</u>. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of receipt of your completed application.

Forms are available at the Town Office or can be filled in or printed from the NH Dept of Revenue website at <u>http://revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm</u>.

Offering Properties on Airbnb

It appears some property owners may not be aware of the regulations in the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance that restrict the offering of a property as a short-term rental on such websites as Airbnb, HomeAway, etc. Current regulations in the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance place this use under the definition of "*Bed & Breakfast/Tourist Home*" which states "*A single dwelling where transient accommodations for sleeping or living purposes for not more than six persons are provided for a fee....*" This is a permitted use by an Appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception. This is through an application process where certain criteria

must be met, a Public Hearing is held, and abutters are notified as required by State Statute, providing them the opportunity to express their support or any concerns they may have on this use. If your property is located in the "Village District" this is a permitted use without the need for a Special Exception.

In all cases, as this is considered a rental unit the property owner <u>must also comply</u> with NH Statute 153:10-a.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Notice of Public Session

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday**, **May 31st at 7:00p.m. upstairs at the Town Office**. This is your last chance to change your Party Affiliation before the upcoming Primary Election on Sept. 13th. We will also register new voters. To do so, please bring your birth certificate or passport, and verification of your domicile, e.g. a utility bill.

Cindy Ossola, Mike Dowal, MJ Vien Supervisors of the Checklist

Health of our Lakes

Save the Date Wednesday, July 20th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Meredith Community Center

Discussion on Cyanobacteria sponsored by The Lake Winnipesaukee Assn, the Windy Waters Conservancy the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

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