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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](http://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](mailto:nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us).

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

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**Zoning Board of Adjustment Needs More Members**

The Town of New Hampton is currently looking for one (1) Regular member and two (2) Alternate members to serve on this important board. State Statute requires that you be a New Hampton resident. We currently have a very solid board, with some experienced members and some new ones, that always engage in thoughtful discussions on the merits of each application. Please contact the Selectmen’s Office at 603-744-3559 if you have any further questions about this Board.

**Time Commitment:** Hearings (meetings) are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, when an application is received, and typically take 1 hour per application submitted. As

applications are typically not received every month, several months can go by without any meeting being scheduled. Occasionally, additional meetings are scheduled for site visits to an applicant's property. The Town also pays for members to attend workshops to learn more about the purpose and procedures of a ZBA, including case law examples.

The ZBA is quasi-judicial and can approve variances or exceptions in zoning regulations, by a majority vote of its members, upon an appeal filed with it by the owner of any such land, to grant a permit based on considerations of justice and equity for a structure or use.

Examples of the types of applications the ZBA has received more recently have been:

- Septic systems needing to be installed closer to a property line than what is allowed in the ordinance, due to constraints on the land;
- Review of applications to create an accessory dwelling unit (ADU);
- Applications to offer a property as a short-term rental on platforms such as Airbnb & VRBO.

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### **First Issue Tax Bills of 2023**

The Tax Collector will be issuing the 1<sup>st</sup> issue tax bills of 2023. We anticipate they will be sent by May 11, 2022 (to the last known address on record) with a due date of July 6, 2023. These will not reflect changes due to the upcoming revaluation of 2023. That will go into effect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue tax bill in the fall.

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### **2023 Revaluation of Property Values**

The assessing firm of Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC is completing their four-year data verification process. The last revaluation was performed in 2018 and are required every 5 years, as required by State of NH Department of Revenue. These values will be based on sales of properties in New Hampton, typically occurring two years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. These new assessments will be effective for the second tax bill in 2023 (November/December).

In the fall, Taxpayers will be notified by letter of their new property value(s). The letter will offer owners an opportunity to discuss their preliminary values with the assessing firm. Once this informal review process is complete, values will be finalized and sent to the Board of Selectmen.

Upon receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue tax bill, any property owner(s) who disagrees with their assessed value can file an abatement application, with the Selectmen's Office. These would be due on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024.

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## Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarships

Scholarships are available to graduating high school students and returning college students. The applications can be obtained from the Town Office, or downloaded from the Town Website ([new-hampton.nh.us](http://new-hampton.nh.us)). Go to "Boards and Commissions", and "Sarah Dow MacGregor Committee".

Applications are due on or before Wednesday, May 31, 2023 by 4:00 pm, when the Town Office closes.

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## Low to Moderate Income Property Tax Relief

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, [but no later than June 30](#). 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 <http://revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm>

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