

**SEE Notice Below!**

- **THE HISTORY CORNER**
- **History of the Dana Meeting House and the Next Chapter Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**
- **Red Cross Blood Drive – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 9am to 3pm**
- **Update on Village water system testing**

**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 [lucas@new-hampton.nh.us](mailto:lucas@new-hampton.nh.us).

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September 13, 2019

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**“THE HISTORY CORNER”**

**NHS Students Petition for Music in the School Program... 195 Years Ago!**

As we approach the 200th Birthday of New Hampton School (1821-2021), it is natural to feature some exciting pieces from the school’s long history. In 1824, the fourth year of “New Hampton Academy’s” existence, about two dozen students, “desirous of improving our selves in the Art or Science of Musick,“ submitted a petition to establish a singing school at the Academy. They were successful, as can be seen from the catalogue for the following year when the school hired, “Mr. Jeremiah Putney, Teacher of Vocal Musick.”

Below is a transcript of the petition, followed by its image. Note the many familiar names from the town’s history – Dolloff, Kelley, Hannaford, Sanborn *et al* – as townspeople eagerly sent their children to an academy that was already drawing students from as far away as Boston and Vermont.

*Musical*

*We the subscribers being desirous of improving our selves in the Art or Science of Musick do agree for our selves and with each other to house a singing school at the New Hampton Academy the ensuing winter, at least three months – two evenings in a week – to commence on Monday evening the Sixth day of Dec next at Six o’clock and end at Nine. And we further agree to have it one month longer if two thirds of the Scholars should be in favor of it. And we further agree to pay severally our equal proportions and defraying the expenses of the same. We also appoint Ira Gordon and Thomas Sanborn our Agents to agree with some suitable person to instruct the School and see him paid. Any Scholar may be dismissed by making a request the first night of the School.*

Nov 19th 1824

Men's Names: William Mallon, Nathaniel R. Mallon, James G. Flanders, Abraham Harper, Noah W [?], Joseph Dolloff, Daniel Fifield [?], Joshua L. Woodman, Simeon D. Kelley, Willis T. Chase, [?] Hannaford

Ladies Names: Hannah H. Sanborn, Lavinia Sanborn, Hannah Smith, Sophronia Harper, Lydia Ward, Mary Smith, Charlotte Smith, Abigail Dolloff, Elizabeth Kimball, Nancy Webster, Sally Hannaford, Betsy Harper



For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

Kent Bicknell  
Historian, NHHS  
September 13, 2019

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# NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

## History of the Dana Meeting House and the Next Chapter

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7pm  
Gordon-Nash Library, New Hampton



Please join us Tuesday evening at 7:00PM at the Gordon-Nash Library for our program: "Dana Meeting House, The History and The Next Chapter".

Presenter Tom Smith is a native of New Hampton and was raised in the home adjacent to the Dana Meeting House, that was built in 1800 by a Free Will Baptist congregation, and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Tom will cover the history and stories connected with the founders and participants including Simeon Dana, a physician who was the namesake of the Meeting House and Josiah Magoon, a Revolutionary War veteran whose son Stephen was the cabinetmaker who made the "sheep pen" pews and finished the interior. He will relate the Dana Meeting House's current status and the plans for future use of this historic building. It is a beautiful historic building – PLEASE JOIN US!

NHHS Program Brochures for September 2019 through April 2020 will be available at the presentation. Our programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Visit our website at [www.newhamptonhistory.org](http://www.newhamptonhistory.org)

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 9am to 3pm New Hampton Public Safety Building  
Fire Department 26 Intervale Drive (off NH Route 104) Sponsored by the New Hampton Fire Department.

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## Updated Information about Village Precinct Water

New Hampton Village Precinct's Water Department has provided another update to the recent reports of changes to the water quality.

### Status of Village Precinct Water

September 3, 2019

[Click here](#) for recent status, dated 8/29/19.

[Click here](#) for information on "Lead in Your Water".

[Village Precinct Lead & Copper Results](#)

[July - August Water Quality Testing Results](#)

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