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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: Mark T. Denoncour, Kenneth M. Mertz and Neil G. Irvine,

Neil G. Irvine
Interim Town Administrator
Town of New Hampton
6 Pinnacle Hill Road
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January 3, 2020

We are starting off 2020 with the retirement of Barbara Lucas

At the Selectmen’s meeting of December 12th, Selectmen Mark Denoncour read the following Commendation from Governor Christopher Sununu:

“Whereas Barbara Lucas is the Town Administrator of the Town of New Hampton and is retiring on December 19, 2019 after more than 28 years of honorable service to the Town, (Mr. Denoncour stated that it was actually 30 years)

Whereas Barbara has been an ardent protector of the environmental quality of the Town of New Hampton through her work in marshalling local resources and expertise in helping to implement an innovative gas extraction strategy in the closing of the New Hampton Landfill,

And whereas she successfully led the Town in the construction of the Central Street Bridge, a main access road from the town to nearby business areas, saving many residents from driving extra miles to work and seeking recreation in surrounding communities,

And whereas she served those most in need by insuring that every resource was available to our most vulnerable residents recognizing that she made a real difference in the lives of many,

Whereas she worked tirelessly and persistently in developing plans for a Public Safety Building that was adopted after several votes giving citizens of New Hampton a valuable resource that will serve future generations,

And whereas Barbara has clearly demonstrated her remarkable interpersonal and leadership skills as she guided 19 different Selectmen and women, 17 different Boards of Selectmen and women, over the course of her 28 year career,

Now therefore I, Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend Barbara Lucas for her service and dedication to the Town of New Hampton and wish her all the best for the future.”

Barbara started in New Hampton by assisting with the Planning Board and later helping the first Selectmen’s Assistant Elaine Seaver with the day to day tasks in the office. Eventually Barbara became the Town’s first Town Administrator. Over the years Barbara accomplished so much, as many individuals are aware of. In addition to the accomplishments noted in Governor Sununu’s Commendation, with many more that were not noted, she was very proud that she helped New Hampton obtain two grants, one to repair the original windows in the historic Town House and another to restore two old stage curtains. The Town House is part of New Hampton’s history and she recognized it as something to be treasured, while preserving its historic significance.

Doing what was best for New Hampton was first and foremost in Barbara’s decision making process. She enjoyed bringing all of the affected and interested parties together for the best solution on any issue facing the Town. It was as if she was born and raised in New Hampton, as she cared for our town that much.

Barbara Lucas will be greatly missed!

Neil Irvine has stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and assumed the role of Interim Town Administrator while the Board begins the recruitment process to find our next Town Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NEW HAMPTON PLANNING BOARD
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
Town Office, Second Floor Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH

First Hearing: Monday, January 6, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Snow date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Second Hearing (if necessary): Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Snow date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 7:00 pm

The New Hampton Planning Board will hold the First Public Hearing on Monday, January 6, 2020 to discuss the following amendments to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance. The full text for each of the proposed articles below can be found on the Town Website’s Home Page.

1. Amend Article V, Section E – to permit temporary signage, on-premise or off-premise, with landowner permission without time limitations and no required notification to the Town.
2. Amend Article VIII, Section F – to refer to New Hampshire Statute when describing civil fines for enforcement and penalties.
3. Amend Article XIV, Definition for Mixed Use – to clarify residential and non-residential uses in the same principal structure on a single lot.

If necessary, the second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, if substantive changes are made at the first public hearing.

The full text of the proposed zoning amendments is also available for public review at the Town Office and Public Works Department.



Public Notice - Budget Hearing
Town of New Hampton

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 40:13, on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM, to review and discuss the proposed 2020 town budget and warrant articles, at the New Hampton Town Office 2nd floor Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH.

If extreme weather requires a cancellation of the Jan. 9th hearing it shall be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the same location and time.

Second Hearing (if necessary)

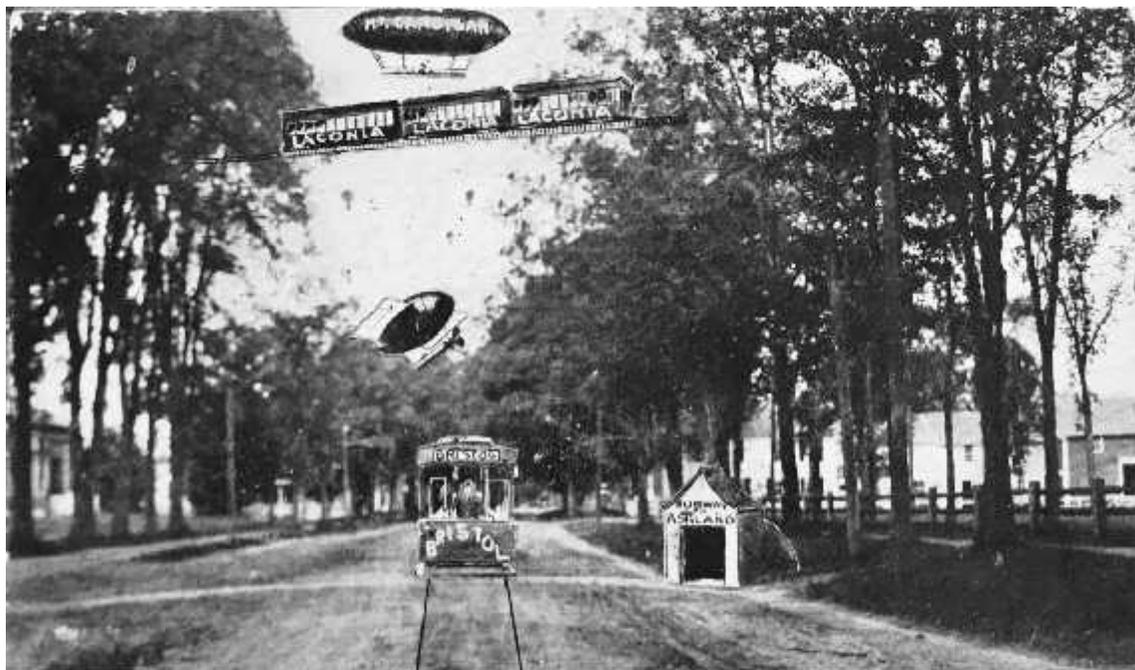
If necessary, a 2nd public hearing on the budget will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 PM to review and discuss the proposed 2020 town budget and warrant articles, at the New Hampton Town Office 2nd floor Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, New Hampton, NH.

If extreme weather requires a cancellation of the January 15th hearing it shall be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at the same location and time.

The History Corner

A Futuristic View of the Village – from 1909

The turn of a decade is a good time to take stock of where we are and make some predictions for the future. Pictured below is a popular postcard from the early 1900s, bursting with optimism for what lies in store for New Hampton. With any luck, a resident of 1912 would soon be able to take a trolley to Bristol, soar over Mt. Cardigan in a dirigible, shoot off to Laconia on the skyway, or even take the subway to Ashland. It is hard to know the destination of the UFO that hovers over the trolley to Bristol, but perhaps it would transport folks to Concord... or Manchester... or even Boston! Best wishes for 2020 and beyond!



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New Hampton, N. H., in the Future.

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
January 2, 2020

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