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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: Kenneth A. Mertz, Michael A. Drake, and Eric Shaw

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January 26, 2021

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Filing for Town Positions

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON RESIDENTS

1 Selectman	3 year term
1 Selectman	1 year term
1 Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund	3 year term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term

****Anyone wishing to run for any of the above openings must file with the Town Clerk starting January 20th to January 29th, 2021. ****

**** Please make an appointment by calling (603) 744-8454****
**** Office will be open 1/29/21 from 3:00-5:00pm****

The Town Clerk's office is located at 6 Pinnacle Hill Road. (603) 744-8454. Office hours are:

M-T-W 8:00am-5:00pm; Th 10:00am-7:00pm
Closed Fridays
Closed Daily 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Procedures for 1st Deliberative Session during Pandemic

After extensive consultation with Town Departments and other agencies and careful consideration of all the factors, the Board of Selectmen have decided to move forward with the Deliberative Session in person on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7pm in the Fire Station at the Public Safety Building, 26 Intervale Drive.

The Board carefully and seriously considered holding a “virtual” session, but decided against that option for three key reasons. First, the Board has been assured that an in-person session can and will be held in a safe, responsible manner ensuring appropriate physical distancing at all times (see details below). Second, a virtual platform would make it impractical to confirm the identity of participants to permit voting on the Articles or any amendments put before the meeting. Finally, the Board was advised that if any virtual participant were disconnected during deliberations, the session would have to be stopped until they were reconnected, and if that were not possible, the entire session would have to be suspended and adjourned.

Given those and other factors, the Board has decided to proceed with an in-person session.

The following protocols will be followed in accordance with established guidelines:

- The meeting area will be set up in the apparatus bay of the Fire Station by Fire Department personnel on the morning of the 2nd February in a manner to maintain physical distancing.
- The entire area will be decontaminated prior to the session under the direction of the Fire Chief.
- Masks will be required to enter the apparatus bay from the front of the building.
- Individuals unable/unwilling to wear a mask will enter from the rear of the building into a designated area with a physical barrier between the two groups.
- A copy of the presentation, printed in advance, will be on each chair to avoid congregating at notice boards or the passing of materials from hand to hand.
- At the adjournment of the meeting participants will be instructed not to congregate and to leave via their respective doors while maintaining physical distancing.

- Fire Dept. personnel will decontaminate tables and chairs prior to returning the bays to operational status.

The Board thanks you in advance for your cooperation, understanding and flexibility in facilitating this year's Deliberative Session.

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Public Safety Building for the First Session of the 2021 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Public Safety Building, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton on **Tuesday, the 2nd day of February next at 7:00 p.m.** The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

In the event of an emergency cancellation, the Deliberative Session will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Please visit the Town website homepage to see the 2021 Proposed Town Warrant, details on the Zoning Amendments being proposed, the Proposed 2021 Budget, Estimated Revenues and the Default Budget.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2021 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot Election of town officers, zoning amendments and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, **to be held at the Town House, 86 Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next.** Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

2021 Transfer Station Stickers

New Hampton's Transfer Station stickers have been delayed due to COVID-19.

The Transfer Station employees are aware of the situation. Last year's Transfer Station stickers will be honored until the 2021 stickers have arrived.

Master Plan Survey Results

The survey was created by the New Hampton Master Plan Update Committee. Its purpose was to gather the views of Townspeople on the issues facing New Hampton and to provide an important input to the formulation of upcoming revisions to the New Hampton Master Plan.

In 2019, the survey was made available to the residents, businesses and land owners of New Hampton in both hard-copy format mailed to addresses on file, available for pick up at several Town locations and as a download from our Town website. The overall survey response rate was 26%. The committee believes that the data contained in the survey results reflects the diversity of the full community.

The Master Plan update subcommittee thanks those people who took the time to complete this survey and to provide these valuable inputs to the Master Plan preparation.

The results can be seen on the Planning Board page of the Town Website under "Master Plan Update".

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The History Corner

Answer to the holiday puzzler from the November 20th New Hampton Connection.

"Build a better mouse trap and the world will beat a path to your door!" While this statement was supposed to have been made by Ralph Waldo Emerson (who, you may recall, spent the night in New Hampton in the summer of 1875), what he actually said was, *"If a man has good corn or wood, or boards, or pigs, to sell, or can make better chairs or knives, crucibles or church organs, than anybody else, you will find a broad hard-beaten road to his house, though it be in the woods."*

The item in the photos last month was a humane mousetrap designed not to do any harm. When the mouse attempted to take the bait (from the end of the hook), the spring-loaded lid snapped shut. The jar sat on its flat side - and the three air holes in the glass (as well as holes in the lid), allowed the mouse to breathe. It was made by the Otto Kampfe Co. in Newark, NJ. - and recently one sold on eBay for over \$100. Keep on the lookout... and, who knows?



Description

I am pleased to offer, a early I think Mouse Trap. This is made of heavy glass. The square side is marked Otto Kample Mfg Co., Newark N.J. This stands 5 5/16th inches tall. Has a screw on lid with a piece that is separate the goes inside the lid. Has a arm that you hook inside the top of the lid. Has 2 small square holes in the lip of the jar and the cover sets into them. Also has a small chip on the rim. The cover is marked patent pending. Quite a neat looking piece. I really haven't a clue how it works. Please see scans / photos for condition and content. What is scanned / photographed is exactly what you will receive. But please look closely at scans / photos and use your on judgement on condition and bid accordingly. This would make a welcome addition to someones collection. I mail 3 times a week. ?? please email me. Do Not wait until the last hour. I will gladly combine shipping charges. Feedback is left when I receive it. Good Luck Have Fun. Any over charge on shipping will be refunded. PLEASE wait for invoice.



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

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