

**SEE Notice Below!**

- ***Rescheduling of the Annual Town Meeting - First Deliberative Session will now be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM***
- ***Transfer Station stickers have arrived***
- ***Reminder - Procedure for 1<sup>st</sup> Deliberative Session during pandemic***

**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).

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**RESCHEDULING OF FIRST SESSION**

**Due to the weather and the need for departments to respond the Selectmen have decided to postpone the First Session. It will now be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the New Hampton Public Safety Building, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton.**

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.

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.

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## 2021 Transfer Station Stickers Have Arrived

### How do you get a Transfer Station Sticker?

You can send a copy of your registration with a self-addressed stamped envelope - OR - call the Town Clerk's Office to make an appointment at 744-8454.

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## Procedures for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 now being held on the rescheduled date of **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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