

SEE Notice Below!

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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,

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Interim Town Administrator
Town of New Hampton
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Tel. 744-3559

February 27, 2020

**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office will be closed on
Friday, February 28th**

POSTING OF TOWN ROADS

Please be advised that the town roads within the Town of New Hampton are being posted, effective Saturday, February 29, 2020, for a **weight limit of 10 tons**. It may be possible for you, or a contractor, to receive a special permit to operate over posted roads for a job or operation for specific dates and times based on weather and road conditions. These permits are available from the Public Works Director Jim Boucher.

Please contact him to request a permit or if you have further questions at 744-8025 or leave a message at the Selectmen’s Office at 744-3559 and we will get a message to him.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2020 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 10th 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. Sample Town and Newfound Area School District ballots are available on the Town Website homepage.

**The Last Day to Change your Party Affiliation
before the NH State Primary is June 2, 2020.**

Be advised that if you want to go back to being “Undeclared” after switching to either Democrat or Republican, you need see the Town Clerk for this change.

Gordon-Nash Library Temporary Closure and Relocation

In an effort to improve the library experience for community members and students, New Hampton School has been consulting with architects and engineers to assess the facility to ensure the building meets today's standards, while also considering renovations that capture the historic nature of the building and address the needs of a modern library.

New Hampton School is excited to begin these projects, which will require the library to be closed for a period of time. We recognize that this will bring change to community members who regularly utilize the library resources; however, we want to assure you that we have a plan in place to provide for these individuals and families.

The school plans to begin this work as soon as possible, so that the library can reopen for the busy summer. The library will close at the end of the day on Saturday, March 7 and we anticipate the renovations will take 2-3 months.

During this time, a satellite location will be opening in New Hampton School's Academic Research Center on Tuesday, March 24. This satellite location, located at 88 Main Street, will operate under the normal hours of the Gordon-Nash Library and will remain open to the public.

The Satellite Location on the New Hampton School campus will include the following:

- Current selections of the new "14 DAY" offerings in Fiction and Non-fiction
- Children's books as well as continuation of the children's programs
- A selection of current DVDs
- Access to the Fiction, Non-fiction, and Young Adult books in the ARC catalogue
- Opportunities to borrow books through the Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
- On-campus meeting spaces for current Community groups (Yoga, Tai Chi, Garden Club, Historical Society, LEGO Club, etc.) will be provided

Thank you so much for your cooperation during this time of transition. New Hampton School will reopen the Gordon-Nash Library later this spring in time for a busy and successful summer season and look forward to bringing improvements to the community's experience! Please contact Library Director Jerrica Blackey via email at jblackey@newhampton.org, or call the circulation desk at 603-677-3740 with any questions.

The History Corner

Students Make Excellent Use of the Library

In my youth (long, long ago), the Gordon-Nash Library was filled with residents of the town and surrounding communities along with students from New Hampton School. We came here not just to check out books (although living next door for six years, I certainly did a lot of that) but so that wise and kind librarians like Barbara Shaw and Hope Swain could teach us how to do research and create bibliographies.

I cannot say, however, that we ever made such unique use of the library as the six New Hampton School students did on a wintry day back in the early 1900s. Pictured below are Stanley Erskine, Class of 1907, Clarence White, Arthur D. White, Class of 1905, Sidney L. Morrison, Class of 1904, Frank M. Morrill, Class of 1907 and Tom Pease. Note that their “ski poles” consist of a single stick.

It is very exciting to think of the town and New Hampton School coming together in the library once again – just as Judge Nash (New Hampton, Class of 1838) planned it 125 years ago.

A hearty thanks to Tom Diehl for gifting this priceless photo to the G-NL in 1996.



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
February 26, 2020

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