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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](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).

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Kenneth M. Mertz and Michael A. Drake

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Town of New Hampton  
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May 4, 2020

**Property Visits by Assessing Firm**

Beginning on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> the assessing firm of Commerford, Neider Perkins LLC will be visiting properties to re-measure and re-list assessment data. These visits are required by the NH Department of Revenue to ensure all properties within the town and the state are being fairly assessed.

The assessors will carry photo identification with them and will also leave a door tag. The field staff will announce their presence with a knock on the door, while practicing the social distancing that is recommended by the State and the DRA. If you are home and not feeling well please do not open the door to greet them, but rather acknowledge their presence through a door or window. They will not be performing any interior inspection until further notice.

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## Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarships HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you have been a full time New Hampton resident for at least 2 years, you are eligible for the Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship. This scholarship is renewable for your 4 years of college.

The application is available on the Town of New Hampton website. Click on Boards/ Commissions on the top bar, then scroll down to the Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Committee on the left side of the page. At the bottom are the links for the applications. Be sure to choose the correct application for your circumstances (high school student or college student).

For this year only we will not require the signature of principal or guidance counselor for the high school application. References and transcripts are still required. Transcripts do not need to be official.

**Applications are due to the town office by 3:00pm on May 29, 2020.** No late applications will be considered.

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## 2020 Census

Census 2020 is ongoing despite the State of Emergency, and during the Governor's 'Stay at Home' order there's no better time to go online and complete the handful of questions and help shape your future. Currently New Hampton's response rate is 43.5%, more than 10% behind the overall State and National response rates.

**The Census is more than just a count of the population, the results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.**

Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for public transportation systems.

The results will also inform how federal funding is allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for the elderly.

**Shape Your Future... complete the 2020 Census today** <https://my2020census.gov/>

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### *The History Corner*

#### **A Different Kind of Social Distancing**

We all know the Town Offices as a place filled with friendly people who work hard to support the infrastructure of New Hampton. One hundred and forty years ago that spot was home to one of the many schools scattered throughout the town. For the most part students living anywhere in New Hampton could walk to one of the seventeen schools our taxes supported. The photograph below was taken in 1883, as noted on the back of the stereoscopic card by Mary E. Huse, the teacher (standing, second from the right). Ms. Huse married the next year, and in 1885 gave birth to Anna Irene Shaw – a stalwart champion of all things New Hampton for her whole life. The next time you come to apply for a permit, attend a meeting, say hello, pay taxes, and/or renew registrations, ponder a minute to imagine the old school house filled with the sounds of laughter and learning.



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  
May 4, 2020

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